

***PAFIWA MUTASA HIGH SCHOOL (PMHS) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GROUND BREAKING MEETING***

DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2012

VENUE: SCIENCE BLOCK (EASTERN WING), PAFIWA HIGH

STARTING TIME: 1100HRS

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Talkmore Rondoza

Proceedings of the day;

Traditional opening in respect of traditional leadership (maoko)

Prayer (Mrs Sakupwanyana- Teacher, PMHS)

After the traditional opening and Prayer, the MC gave Mr. Munzara (PMHS head) time for welcome remarks

WELCOME REMARKS: Mr Munzara

- Honoured the former head of Pafiwa primary school, Mr Rondoza (Senior)
- Expressed gratitude towards Mr. B Njopera for the brains behind this day
- He welcomed the old students; sons-in-laws and daughters-in-law of PMHS
- He apologised on behalf of Chief Sanyamandwe who is attending a meeting at DC and he will join us later
- He welcomed Councillor Chadzingwa; Mr. T Saruvaka the Member of Parliament for Mutasa Constituency and his wife.
- The head invited some few students who are about to finish their studies at Pafiwa high to attend the PAA groundbreaking convene. Motivated by their participation in the meeting, these current students will in turn plough back into the school when they graduate from the school into different life endeavours.

After the school head's remarks; the MC gave Ms. Lydia Rondoza (the current Coordinator of the Education Assistance Programme) time to welcome other members of the house. She welcomed the following guests

- Mr. Dzoma (Pafiwa Primary head), Mr. Farai Mutondoro (former student), Mr. Blessing Nyagumbo (former student), Mr Tarumbwa, Village head Mawoyo, Mr. T. Nyamunokora (old student), Village head Hamunakwadi (representing Chief Makomva), Mr. Vivian Zamba (former student), Mr. Tendekai Sakupwanyana (former student), Mr. Brighton Mkupe (former student), Mr. David Nyamaende (former student), Ms. Vimbai Ngorima (former student), Ms. Myoline. Kutamahufa (former student), Mr. S. Nyamunokora (former student and current teacher), Mr. Tapiwa Tongoona (former student), Mr. Gorogodo (SDC member), Ms. B. Masanzu (former

students), Mr. C. Sakupwanya (SDC Chair), all teachers present and all parents present.

The MC gave Mr. Cosmas Sakupwanya (Chairman of the SDC) time to give a speech.

- The SDC chairman welcomed home, everyone in attendance.
- he gave a brief background of the school noting that he was in the second first stream of Pafiwa secondary.
- on behalf of the SDC and school he appreciated this call for the development of the school. He expressed his wish to see the fruits of the PAA groundbreaking convene.

After the SDC Chair, it was time for the House of Assembly Member for Mutasa constituency; Mr. Trevor Saruwaka.

MP honoured those present,

- He noted that big things start with small things. He related this to the attendance of the day. He said we are a small group today but as time goes on most people will appreciate the idea and come on-board.
- He said that we should be concerned about the development of Pafiwa. He noted that the President of Zimbabwe, R.G. Mugabe is concerned about Kutama school in Zvimba which is his former school; DPM Mutambara is concerned about the development of Hartzell, his former school as he was there some few weeks ago fundraising for Hartzell. Likewise, former students of PMHS should have the development of the school at heart.
- He honoured the old students and noted that they are the biggest stakeholders in the school development program and payment of fees for the disadvantaged students.
- He said as he was reading the Pafiwa School Facebook page he learnt the Education Assistance Program that the organisers of the day has in mind
- He challenged the stakeholders present and those in absentia to extend assistance to other underprivileged students
- He said that old students and well wishers should take the renovation of the school science laboratory as one of its first priority projects. The laboratory block needs furnishing into a proper science laboratory so that the school will give birth to renowned future Scientists.
- He emphasised that the former students should answer to the call of giving towards the underprivileged students. He said that every cent counts and every present no matter how small will go a long way in assisting these students. The smallest of all presents make a good difference to underprivileged students *“that small present will go a long way in changing the life of students at Pafiwa.”*

After the MP’s speech mini entertainment was provided by Pafiwa High School choir. The choir vocalised a sweet melody that was in tandem with the goal and objectives of the day. The song *“Ndakaiona favour ichiuya naMwari” (I saw God’s favour coming)* directly implied how God had bestowed his favour on the disadvantaged students and the school who were going to benefit from the outcome of the day’s meeting thus they saw God’s favour coming upon the school.

The MC gave the founding headmaster of Pafiwa Primary, Mr. Aurthur Rondozi time to speak

- He thanked God for the honour to be called and share his experiences.
- He gave the historical background of Pafiwa primary school from the liberation war struggle. Quite a number of schools were disturbed during this time and were forced to shut down. However, Pafiwa primary did not close because of political

instabilities of the time. Due to this perennial opening throughout the struggle they were granted status to open Form 1 classes thus Pafiwa High came into being.

- He moved around to sort out papers so that the school be located where it is right now instead of the DAPP area previously proposed by the Local Authority of the time; of which he succeeded.
- He briefed the house on the infrastructural development he undertook during his time.
- He also alluded that he got most support from his wife who unfortunately passed on before seeing the various developments that later took place at PMHS.

The Master of Ceremonies, who is a PMHS 1987 form 4 graduate, shared his personal historical background of the school including the stones and bricks they ferried for the building of the school. He saluted his hey days class mates Mr. Cosmas Sakupwanya (now the SDC chairman) and Mr. Lazarus Kunatsa for their involvement in the infrastructural development of the school when they were still pupils at the school in the mid 80's. As a motivation to the current students and parents present, the MC took a swipe on how they economically struggled to attain education and how they would be chased out of classes for non- payment of fees. However, against all these setbacks they soldiered on and managed to seat for form 4 examinations and made it.

The MC gave Mr. Tafa Nyamunokora and Ms Rondozaï who are some of the school's oldest students time to share a bit about their experiences at Pafiwa. Ms. Rondozaï echoed the MC's words on how as students they were involved in the infrastructural development of the school.

Thereafter, the MC called up the Guest Speaker. The Guest Speaker was China based Mr. Believe Njopera. He also happens to be the big brains behind PAA.

- He asked for a song "*Apa ne apa zvakadai senyanza... rudo rwaJesu rwatisanganisa (the love of God has re-united us)*" to be sung for him and for the day. The song was a dedication to God for time and opportunity He has accorded PMHS old students, teachers and parents to meet for the first time on the day's agenda since the school was established.
- He honoured PMHS head for his administration and programming leadership of the school
- He gave his personal background. He said he was at Pafiwa secondary in 1986 (form 1). His mother passed away that same year. He struggled to attain education because his father was not employed. In 1989 he had economic challenges in registering to write his O'levels. He was allowed to write without paying school fees. He finally wrote and passed 8 subjects (they were only 2 students out of 200 who scored highest). He had challenges in going to Advanced level. He went to Wattle Company to do menial jobs so that he advances his education. He tracked his education and career from Pafiwa to Wattle Company; Marymount teachers college as a student and a teacher at Hartzell. He later got an opportunity to go to England. He taught at a school in England where he was the only black teacher there. He is now in China. His lifetime of a struggle as a student was emotional, however it was punctuated by a success story of his stay and achievements in England and now in China. Through his life testimony, it was realised that disadvantaged students can make it in life if supported.
- He highlighted that he is not a donor but he get assistance from International well wishers so that he fulfils his dream of assisting underprivileged students.
- He appreciated the efforts of Ms. Lydia Rondozaï the Education Assistance Program Coordinator.

- He has been mobilising education assistance for students at Pafiwa in China and assistance has been reaching students through the program coordinator.
- He advised former students to come together and assist needy students. He advised professionals who graduated from Pafiwa to assist the school not only with financial assistance but even software assistance in form of knowledge.
- He asked for a plate to be circulated and that money will go towards the payment of school fees. USD79.00 was raised on the day in cash. Mr. Makombe blessed the offering
- Mr. Njopera said that love should express itself through works. He challenged all stakeholders around to express love through giving.
- He highlighted that on the day, participants around were going to come up with Pafiwa Alumni Association (PAA) and develop a website.
- He said that one of the major objectives of the day was to come up with the Association's committee.
- He informed the house that one of the major projects is Education Assistance which revolves around paying fees for needy students.

The MC gave Mr. Farai Mutondoro time to speak a bit and lead in the formation of the PAA Committee.

- He shared his background and the difficulties he faced after his father passed on in 2003.
- Through the video he played, it was learnt that most students at PMHS are left in custody of guardians like grandparents and aunts after their parents would have succumbed to HIV and AIDS among other death causes. The video that was recorded 6years ago captures hard hit life experiences of students at PMHS after their parents dies.
- He appreciated assistance that has been offered by Mr. Believe Njopera since years back in supporting needy students at Pafiwa. He expressed his gratitude in Mr. Believe for his support of needy students thus fulfilling one of the child rights which is "Access to education"
- He noted that the Association need transformational leaders. Those who are dedicated to the development of Pafiwa.

Before selection, every attendee who is a former student of Pafiwa was asked to introduce themselves. This process facilitated for easy nomination of committee candidates. At the end of the exercise, herewith are the selected committee members;

- Mr. Believe Njopera (President)
- Mr. Farai Mutondoro (Vice President)
- Mr. Blessing Nyagumbo (Secretary)
- Ms. Lydia Rondoza (Treasurer)
- Ms. Betha Masanzu (Committee member)
- Ms. Vimbai Ngorima (Committee member)
- Mr. Gift Mvurumi (Committee member)
- Mr. Tafa Nyamunokora (Committee member)
- Mr. Talkmore Rondoza (Committee member)
- Mr. Cosmas Sakupwanya (Ex- Officio-cum-SDC Chairman)
- Mr. Morris Munzara (EX- Officio-cum-school head)

Attendees proceeded to a tree planting session. The tree marked the planting (formation) of the PAA which is to be watered by joint efforts from all interested stakeholders.

All present had group photos taken.

All attendees had some snacks

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1330HRS