<u>CONSTITUTION OF PARTNERS-IN-EDUCATION</u> <u>a.k.a. (M-PIE)</u>

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be (Partners-In-Education") an affiliate of Meridian Public Schools.

Article II – Objectives

The objective of Partners-In-Education shall be:

- 1. to support and contribute to the school's needs and to the school's programs.
- 2. to provide an additional avenue for parents to take an active role in their children's education.
 - 3. to enhance the parent-teacher relationship.

Article III – Membership

Membership in Partners-In-Education may include:

- 1. the fathers, mothers, and guardians of students of Meridian Public Schools.
- 2. The administrators and faculty of Meridian Public Schools.
- 3. Interested residents of the Meridian School District.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1: The elected officers shall be the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2: These officers shall be elected at the May meeting, which shall be the final meeting of the school year.

Section 3: No officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4: The vice president shall always succeed to the presidency after the president's one year term has expired. The vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected each year.

Article V – Amendments

This constitution may be amended at a regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice was given of such a vote at a previous meeting. It may also be amended at a regular meeting by a unanimous vote without previous notice.

BY LAWS

Article I - Officers

<u>Section 1:</u> The president shall preside at the meetings of this association and its Executive Committee, appoint the chairman of committees with the approval of the Executive Committee, approve the payment of bills, and perform such duties as are incumbent on this office. The president ex office is a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2: The vice president, in the absence of the president shall perform all the duties of the president, chair the Program Planning Committee and such duties as are assigned to this office.

<u>Section 3:</u> The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the organization, shall keep a list of all members of this organization, shall notify members of their appointment on committees, and discharge such duties as are incumbent upon this office.

Section 4: The treasurer shall receive all monies of the organization, shall keep an accurate account of same, and shall pay bills only on the approval of the President.

Article II – Finances

Membership dues shall be <u>none</u> for each family unit. The organization shall not engage in any moneyraising projects without express approval of the Superintendent of Meridian Public Schools.

<u>Article III – Meetings</u>

Section i: The regular meetings of the organization shall ordinarily be on the SECOND TUESDAY of the following months: September, November, January, March, May

Section 2: Special meetings may be called any time by the President.

Section 3: Meetings shall start on time and not be prolonged over an hour and a half. The following order may be changed by the President but should ordinarily be observed.

Call to order

Program

Minutes of the previous meeting

Statement of treasurer

Reports of Standing Committee

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

Article IV – **Committees**

Section 1: The standing	g committees shall be: Pro	gram,	

Section 2: Special committees may be appointed as are needed.

Section 3: Chairman shall ordinarily make their reports of the general membership.

Section 4: The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers.

Section 5: Suggested activities for Partners-In-Education involvements are:

Room Mother Program
Nebraska Theatre Caravan
American Education Week
Ticket-taking activity for events
Scholarship program.

Others:

Article V – Nominations and Elections

Section 1: The members of the Nomination Committee, having been appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be announced by the President at the meeting prior to the May meeting. It shall consist of three members.

Section 2: The Nomination Committee shall give its report at the annual meeting, presenting the name of at least two candidates for each office, according to Article IV of the Constitution. Nominations may also be offered from the floor.

Section 3: The President shall appoint a committee of three to act as a Committee on Elections at the annual meeting. This committee shall conduct the annual elections, count the ballots, and report the results to their chairman, who will announce them to the organization.

Section 4: Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of qualified members voting.

Article VI – Rules of Order

All meetings of this organization shall be conducted according to Roberts RULES OF ORDER Revised, when not inconsistent with the Constitution and By Laws of the organization.

<u>Article VII – Quorum</u>

Section 1: The quorum of the organization shall consist of at least a number present so that a simple majority of the members are represented.

Section 2: The quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of a majority of the members present.

<u>Article VIII – Amendments</u>

Amendments to the By Laws shall be made in the same manner as amendments to the constitution.