

PTCA Meeting - Middle campus 3/6/12

Welcome - Anita & Melissa

Bingo night was a great success - many more attended than anticipated!

2/24 Masquerade dance at middle school was a success - student government planned and executed - the kids worked hard and are owed a lot of credit for this event!

Mini-grants - deadline was 2/3 - PTCA received over 27 requests for over \$16k in grant funds. We awarded \$5,728.62 to teachers, staff, and groups. Grants were given for iPads, books, lab equipment, etc.

The last round of grants will be awarded in April

Melissa briefly described the grant approval process - PTCA Exec. Committee (including 2 teacher reps) decides awards according to following criteria: Where is greatest need? How will grant impact school community? Can we fund fully or partially? Is there potential for requesting group to raise money through a Fundraising Friday? Is this a budget item that should be forwarded to principals?

PTCA is looking for new officers for next year - our last meeting will be May 8 (7pm Elementary campus) - we will vote on slate of officers - The PTCA officers are the Co-Presidents, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, and Volunteer Coordinator. Please let Anita or Melissa know if you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone

Please remember to attend our Third Friday coffees in March and April

Michelle Bowers spoke about Run with the Wolves 5k - Saturday April 14 starting at 8am. A health fair will run from 9-5. There will be an inflatable obstacle course, face painting - lots of volunteer opportunities! Website is up - Coach Hall will be registering folks this Friday morning

Maria Larson spoke about the Nutrition program at the schools - samples were available as attendees entered meeting tonight - nutrition is trying to adjust to government guidelines. Chef Mike got a round of applause. Our Nutrition staff uses no canned fruits or vegetables - all frozen or fresh. Check out the blog through the school website (Kelly Dennis or Maria Larson)

Storycorps Atlanta - Amanda Fox spoke - its mission is to give Americans an opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives. Bring a loved one and share a 40 minute story. Will receive a broadcast quality cd - stories will be shared with Smithsonian and National Archives. Every Tuesday an Atlanta story airs on WABE. This year is the National Teacher Initiative, so want to collect teachers' stories and celebrate them. We are requested to invite a teacher to Storycorps and interview them. Records on Thursdays and Saturday by appointment only. No cost, but donations

are welcome.

Special Needs Committee - Lisa Roberson and Amy Damiani are heading this up. Met with Board of Directors. This is broader than a special education committee. Wanted this committee to be a support for whatever challenge your child is having. Committee has started a facebook page - ANCS Special Needs - closed group so have to ask permission to join. PTCA sponsored 6 teachers to go to Dyslexia conference last weekend. Breakout groups tonight are devoted to addressing these issues. Speakers will last appx. 10 minutes each.

Breakouts - 3 rooms - each room will be 20 minutes, then rotate

Room 1 - ANCS Special Education faculty

Room 4 - Play therapy

Room 5 - APS Special Ed

Meeting adjourned at 8:25