

ANCS PTCA Board Report: January 2013

Recent and Upcoming Events:

Winterfest:

The PTCA Related Arts committee's Winterfest was held on December 13 at Ebenezer Baptist Church. The PTCA executive committee organized a social with music/complimentary warm drinks and treats before the show. The Wasted Potential Brand donated their time, the Grant Park coffee house provided warm drinks, and the Girl Scouts donated baked goods. We are beginning to research other possible locations for next year, since the cost of rental (\$3000) has increased. We would like to keep Winterfest as a free PTCA sponsored event for families, so the goal is to find ways to prevent further increases in cost and maintain the event as a holiday "gift" for our community.

Special Needs Coffee/Coffee with Principal Underwood:

During National Inclusive Schools week (December 2-7), the Special Needs Committee organized a coffee at the Elementary campus. The committee shared a reading list and list of websites that provide helpful information for families. The same day (December 7) the MS campus hosted a coffee with Principal Underwood.

Author visits/Assemblies at Elementary campus:

On the elementary campus, the PTCA sponsored "Environmental Epic Show," on December 10.

PTCA General Meeting:

Our general meeting was held on January 8 at the elementary campus. This meeting included a presentation from the faculty who attended the Coalition of Essential School's Fall Forum. The PTCA also organized a station for parents to have school registration forms notarized. The PTCA has notaries lined up for the two coffees later this month as well (Jan 18 at Elementary campus and Jan 25 at Middle campus).

PTCA Executive Meetings:

The Executive committee met twice in December (December 6 and December 18). Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28 at 6pm.

PTCA Promotional updates:

We are currently working on our second e-blast/newsletter of the year. The goal publication is February 5. This way the e-blast can include a listing of mini-grants supported. Along with event and committee updates the newsletter will include a summary of experiences from faculty who attended the Fall Forum and testimonials from teachers who received mini-grants.

The PTCA printed new thank you cards that we used as holiday cards for all staff.

Funding updates:

Mini-grant update:

The next mini-grant deadline is January 25; the executive committee will review applications and make decisions on January 28. Applicants will be informed of decisions by February 1. We have emailed all teachers and staff to remind them of this deadline. We are also reminding teachers to complete PTCA membership prior to applying.

Holiday funding:

The PTCA gave all ANCS teachers and staff holiday gift cards in December. Full time staff received \$50 gift cards and part time received \$25. In total, the PTCA supported \$4750 in Target gift cards.

We also helped to fund holiday parties for staff in December; each campus received \$200.

Amazon/Box Tops fundraising: We have been publicizing the Amazon link for purchases and Box Tops fundraising through the courier. We have also begun to distribute new Publix rewards shopping cards.

We are in the process of planning spring Dine Outs and are waiting to hear from Whole Foods in Midtown for a fundraising support shopping day.

School Store: The Executive committee is researching pricing for new inventory and encouraging the school store to use one preferred vendor. The Executive committee is also working with the school store on branding—we would like to see more consistent branding, and more items in the blue and gray school colors.

Basketball shirts: A number of extracurricular groups (especially on the Middle School campus) are trying to boost fundraising, and many would like to design their own group t-shirts. To keep fundraising within the PTCA or Fund development umbrella, we have encouraged extracurricular groups to work with the PTCA if they are planning fundraisers. The basketball team is in the process of doing a t-shirt fundraiser and has been in touch with us regarding the process. The shirts will be consistent with school colors/match the player shirts and sales will directly support the team. The school store plans to create an ANCS Wolves Athletics shirt that can be used by a range of sports teams for fundraising.

Spring Events:

Bingo Night: Planning is underway for Bingo Night to be held at the elementary campus on Feb. 8.

ANCS 5K: Planning is also underway for the Run with the Wolves 5K on April 20. The 5K committee is currently seeking a parent volunteer as Health Fair coordinator for the

committee. Sponsorship packets are prepared and final decisions are being made regarding the selection of a race company.

List of Events/Meetings:

Tuesday, January 8: PTCA General Meeting

Friday, January 18: Third Friday Coffee (Elementary campus)

Friday, January 25: Coffee with Principal Underwood (Middle campus)

Friday, January 25: Mini grant deadline

Monday, January 28: PTCA Executive meeting

Thursday, Feb. 8: Bingo Night (Elementary campus)

Thursday, February 14: Spirit day

Friday, February 22: Masquerade Ball

April 20: ANCS 5K