

PTCA Board Report: September 2012

Recent distribution of additional PTCA funds:

We are happy to report that the PTCA began this year with a surplus of funds. The executive committee voted to distribute the funds into projects that would broadly support the school community on both campuses:

1. We donated \$1200 to the annual fund, and hope to make a second donation in the spring
2. We voted to support 5 teachers to attend the Coalition for Essential Schools Fall Forum. We budgeted \$5750 to come directly from the PTCA fund to support the airfare, hotel, conference fees, and per diem rates for 5 teachers.
3. We voted to purchase 50 new chairs to use for events on both campuses.
4. We voted to support the Middle School library with \$800 to purchase furniture and window blinds/curtains to enhance that space and make it more welcoming for students and teachers.

Event updates:

The PTCA has been busy with a number of events this month. In early September, we organized Grandparents and Special Friends day. Participation was up on both campuses—at the Middle School campus had a grand total of 118 guests which was larger than last year's 88. We also raised over \$800 in t-shirt sales, and the Annual Fund received many donations (approximately \$2600) at the elementary campus. On the elementary campus this event was lead by Elizabeth Carr and Laura Finch; on the middle school campus by Natalie Rossbottom and Vendredi Hardeman.

We are also in the midst of organizing the yard sale to be held on the elementary campus on Sept. 21/22. This year there will be a preview sale on Friday and then a one-day sale open to the public on Saturday. This effort is lead by Rebecca Earnshaw. Currently the yard sale committee is recruiting volunteers to collect donations and run the event, and they are publicizing through the courier, classroom announcements, public signs around the neighborhood, etc.

Looking ahead, we now are happy to report that the Health and Wellness Committee now has a parent coordinator (Lauri McKenna) to work with Kerri Hall for the ANCS 5K—scheduled for April 20, 2013

Committee updates: Committees have had their first meetings of the year. Among some of the elementary committee news: the Related Arts committee is planning curriculum night; Health and Wellness is working on new initiatives such as Health and Wellness Room parents, and Sustainability is focusing efforts upon composting and recycling this year. Committee chairs were invited to our first meeting on Sept 11. We asked them to provide an overview of their committee, and had sign ups available for potential volunteers and new committee members.

Current membership update:

Here are the current membership/dues numbers:

- 181 total active families as PTCA members; \$4,615 dollars collected in dues.
- \$8,610.11 in income to date: largest income from membership dues, \$1800 from school store sales.
- \$6215 in expenses to date: largest expenditure being \$3,000 for 8th grade trip and close to \$1250 for Grandparents/SF day; \$1500 for t-shirts purchased.
- Leaving positive balance of \$2,414.11 for '12-'13 PTCA budget to date.

We currently have representation from many elementary families, but are trying to boost membership at the Middle School campus.

Mini grant forms and deadlines:

The mini grant forms were updated this year with a few minor changes. All mini grants must go through the principals before approval from the PTCA and all grant funds must be used within 30 days of receipt. We hope this will make budgeting much more efficient and organized. Our deadlines are also a little earlier this year. The first deadline is Sept. 21. Later deadlines are January 25 and March 15, 2013. The PTCA Co-Presidents attended faculty meetings to provide an overview of the PTCA and to go over the mini grant application process. The PTCA Executive committee will be reviewing grants at a meeting on September 24 and plans to have decisions made that week.

Summer Shade Festival Booth:

The PTCA collaborated with the Annual Fund committee to set up an ANCS promotional booth at the Summer Shade Festival. School store items such as water bottles and t-shirts were sold at the booth, and tickets were sold for a raffle (an I-pad was the grand prize). This effort was organized by Grace Burley and Bill Turcotte, and they recruited many parent volunteers to work at the booth.

Curriculum Nights:

The PTCA membership booth was set up on the Middle School campus to encourage participation and membership. The PTCA continues to provide childcare for meetings and for curriculum night on both campuses.

PTCA Executive meeting schedules:

Executive meeting updates: The executive committee held its first meeting on Aug. 23. We also met after the first PTCA General meeting on September 18. As per our bylaws, our future meetings will be held on Mondays at 6pm. Our next meeting is Monday, September 24. Our agenda includes reviewing mini-grants as well as reviewing the yard sale proceeds.

Here are our meeting dates for the year:

Sept 24; October 15 (All ANCS Committee chairs will be invited to this meeting); Nov. 12, Dec. 17; Jan. 28; Feb. 18; Mar 18; April 15 (with Committee chairs again) and May 20.

Upcoming events:

Special Needs Coffee and School store sale: September 14 (Elementary campus)

Annual Yard Sale: September 21/22

Coffee with Principal Underwood: September 27 (Middle campus)

Related Arts Curriculum Night: October 3

ANCS Fall Festival: (PTCA booth and school store booth requested): October 20

First PTCA Dine Out at Doc Cheys: Tuesday, October 23