

Annandale High School PTSA Meeting – February 15, 2011

Attendees: Georgi Barker, Kathy Buckley, Carolina Caballero, Diane Fernbacher, Barbara Fitzgerald, Becky Hoisington, Charles Hookey, Berihuu W. Kiflu, Laurie Lindberg, Laurie McCann, John Ponton, Erin Scalley, Emily Slough, Cary Vu, Jaye Webb, Linda Winkler, Kim Wright

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7 p.m.

II Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (November 16, 2010)

The November meeting minutes were approved as presented. The approved minutes were forwarded onto Ms. Wright for posting on the AHS Website.

III Principal's Update

Mr. Ponton reported the following:

- There is a slight decline in the January student enrollment. Student enrollment is 2559. This slight decline is typical at this time of year and is generally comprised of students with special needs.
- Course selection catalogs were distributed to students for class selection for the 2011-2012 school year.
- The modular unit is scheduled to be open for classes on Monday, February 21st. The unit contains 14 classrooms that include Smart Board technology in each class room, 2 biology labs with running water and a computer lab. Also included in the modular will be a faculty workroom and conference room. With the opening of this modular, AHS will have over 1000 of its students at any one time outside the main building in classrooms housed in either the trailers or this new modular.
- Report cards were sent home with students on February 7th.
- The Science Fair was held on February 11th with over 400 students participating.
- AHS continues to excel in extracurricular activities and sports. 6-8 choral students were selected for All State Chorus; the Wrestling team moved to regional's as well, finishing 4th out of 30.
- The next collaboration day is scheduled for February 16th.
- The Principal's Selection process was outlined. There will be three meetings scheduled on March 1st and 2nd (with faculty, community, student leadership group) to outline the process and solicit input. The position will be advertised beginning March 9th. The 9-member Interview Panel will be selected to interview 5-7 applicants beginning April

13th. A formal announcement will be made during the first two weeks of May. Hopefully this will allow a transition period between Mr. Ponton leaving the position and the new Principal coming on board.

IV Committee Activity Reports

Budget (PTSA)

Mr. Hookey reported on the Income side that the upcoming three fundraisers: Flowers, Mulch Sale and Red & White Golf Classic are where the bulk of revenue from fundraising is projected to come from. Mr. Hookey also reported that membership currently exceeds projections. On the expense side of the budget, Mr. Hookey reported that we are continuing to project a year end deficit in the budget of \$16,575. However, in view of the cash reserves currently on hand, this deficit should still leave approximately \$43,000 cash balance in the budget for next year which is fine.

Communication

Ms. Wright reported that the deadline for the Courier was February 11th; however, she is extending the deadline in order to get additional copy, specifically copy for forthcoming fundraisers such as Phantom Ball, Mulch Sale and Bulb Sale. Ms. Wright also reported that a BLOG has been created regarding the AHS Overcrowding. The BLOG is accessible from the PTSA Website.

Boundary

Ms. Slough drafted a letter for the School Board stating her position on the overcrowding and possible redistricting solutions. The PTSA Board voted to approve to support and endorse Ms. Slough's letter. Upon approval, the Board members signed this letter in support of the recommendations for presentation to the School Board. It is the PTSA's hope that the School Board will come to better understand the success of AHS and look towards a solution that isn't strictly based upon redrawing boundary lines in order to insure AHS' continued success.

Teacher Requests for PTSA Funding

Ms. Slough put forth on behalf of Ms Gloninger the following requests for funding from AHS staff for review and consideration by the PTSA:

- **Professional Development:**
 - **Niki Holmes – English** – Requested funding of \$872 to cover substitutes for 8 days while attending an international teacher – mentor program. PTSA denied

the request and will follow up with Mr. Ponton regarding the fact that the PTSA cannot provide funding for substitutes.

- **Jessica Lardin – Performing Arts (Chorus)**- Requested funding of \$500 to cover fees for attending the American Choral Director’s Association National Conference in March. PTSA approved \$350 – the same amount of funding provided for other similar requests.
- **School Program Support:**
 - **Kimberly Susskind – ESOL** – Requested funding of \$3713 for 7 sets of “Beyond Question” remote control systems (7 sets @ \$499 each). PTSA approved \$499, funding to cover one set.
 - **Kathlyn Berry – History/BCAA**-Requested funding of \$225 for prizes to be awarded during Black History Bowl. PTSA approved in full.
- **Student Program Support:**
 - **Christine Gloninger – Culinary Arts** – Requested funding of \$195 to cover registration for three students to attend Skills USA (\$65 / student). PTSA approved in full.
 - **Ann Harper – Art Department** – Requested funding of \$300 to cover three subs while IB Visual Arts exams being given. PTSA denied the request and will follow up with Mr. Ponton regarding funding for substitutes.

Hospitality

Ms. Caballero reported the following:

- **Senior Breakfast** – Needs to be coordinated by the Senior Class Sponsors (this is not a Hospitality function). Perhaps a full breakfast is not necessary.
- **Teacher Luncheon** – scheduled for April 5th
- **Mulch Delivery** – Food will be provided to the Lacrosse team as they deliver mulch from the Mulch fundraiser.

Fundraisers

- **All Night Grad Party** – Ms. Vu reported that all entertainment and food for the All night Grad Party has been confirmed. The event will be held at the Audrey Moore Rec Center following graduation on June 16th. She is also in the process of confirming existing volunteers and will be soliciting for others. Only those parents who volunteer to help with the All Night Grad party will be allowed in.
- **Prom** – has been confirmed for June 3rd

- **Phantom Ball** – has been set up; but the snow days have delayed the actual start of soliciting for funds. Invitations will be mailed shortly. The “ball” is April 1.
- **Graduation Signs** – Will follow up with Ms. Maboob regarding the sale of Senior Signs.

It was suggested that advertisements be put in the upcoming A Blast regarding these fundraisers. Ads could be like a checklist for senior parents. Upcoming publication dates for the A Blast suitable for advertising are March 9, March 29, April 13, and May 18th. It was agreed to target advertisement for the Phantom Ball, Mulch Sale, Plants Sale and All Night Grad Party in the March 29th issue; and, to target the May 18th issue for advertisement of the Graduation Signs and the Bricks.

- **Mulch Sale** – Ms. McCann reported that the order forms are now on line and orders are beginning to come in. Advertisements / e mails/announcements will be made in the feeder Elementary and Middle Schools. Ms. Slough will be e mailing announcements to community associations in the AHS area as well.
- **Flower Sale** – Ms. Vu reported on behalf of Ms.Lindberg that plans for this event is in the works. Perennials as well as annuals will once again be available.

Membership

Ms. Winkler reported that current PTSA membership is at 462

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Library.