

Annandale High School PTSA Meeting – March 15, 2011

Attendees: Georgi Barker, Barbara Fitzgerald, Becky Hoisington, Charles Hookey, Laurie Lindberg, Kathleen Mahboob, Sharon Miller, Hassan Mims, Vincent Randazzo, Emily Slough, Kathie Turner, Laura Walter, Linda Winkler

I Call to Order

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

II Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (February 15, 2011)

The February meeting minutes were approved as presented. The approved minutes were forwarded onto Ms. Wright for posting on the AHS-PTSA website.

III Principal's Update

Mr. Randazzo reported the following on behalf of Mr. Ponton:

- Smart Pads have been purchased and funding provided by the PTSA is greatly appreciated.
- The new modular unit has been opened and has taken a lot of the strain of overcrowding off of the main building. There are still a few bottlenecks within the main building that will be addressed.
- For the first time in AHS history, the Boys' Basketball team made it into the Regionals.
- Intervention and Remediation program began March 1st with English being the first area to roll out since English SOLs are the first ones to be given. An Advisory Board comprised of teachers and Department Chairs has been created to develop intervention plans that help support the different defined groups within the remediation program.
- Student enrollment is currently at 2566 (438 above capacity).
- Just World Festival was held February 25th, and Bob Stevens was voted "Mr. Annandale."
- SOL Writing tests have been completed; other SOL tests will occur in late May/early June.
- Third quarter interims were given to students the week of March 7th
- Band, Orchestra and Chorus all received Superior Ratings, which makes AHS a Blue Ribbon School.
- March 17th is Heritage Night.
- A mandatory tornado drill will be held March 22nd; in April a mandatory lockdown drill is scheduled.
- Ahmed Bile placed 3rd in Nationals 500 meter race.
- The next Collaboration Day is scheduled for March 23rd.
- The Spring Pep Rally is scheduled for March 25th.
- April 4th is a Teacher Workday, marking the end of the third quarter. As such, it's a student holiday.
- Spring Break is scheduled for April 18th through April 24th.
- The latest A-Blast has been released.
- The Principal's selection process for AHS' next principal has begun.

IV Committee Activity Reports

Budget (PTSA)

Mr. Hookey reported that income from Directory Advertising is slow in coming, but is continuing to come in. Ms. Vu is continuing to solicit advertising. To date, mulch sale revenues are 75% of what was projected, but funds are continuing to come in for this. Because of Spring Break the delivery of mulch will be a bit later this year so funds coming in will probably be coming in later as well. Funds continue to come in for the Phantom Ball. Revenues for Senior Ticket Sales are beginning to come in because of sales made during the Senior Breakfast. On the expense side, expenses incurred for the Phantom Ball were dramatically higher this year because of mailing charges incurred. Previously, there were no mailing charges incurred by the PTSA. It is suggested that the Principal's budget be increased to allow for coverage of substitutes. Requests received thus far this year by staff to cover the costs of substitutes have been denied by the PTSA as this is something covered through the Principal's budget. Overall, Mr. Hookey reported that the PTSA budget is in fine shape.

Boundary

Ms. Slough reported that the School Board and Facilities staff seem to seriously be considering and evaluating the 3 of the 5 original "non-boundary" proposals offered by the Committee. Alternatives for Holmes Middle school are seriously being considered as part of the solution to alleviating the overcrowding at AHS and Poe Middle School. Ms. Slough presented the Interim Non Boundary Analysis produced by the Facilities staff for use by the Board.

Teacher Requests for PTSA Funding

Ms. Gloninger put forth the following request for funding from AHS staff for review and consideration by the PTSA:

- **Student Program Support:**
 - **Jessica Raynor – Marketing** – Requested funding of \$3600.00 to cover 4 students attending the International Career Development Conference in Florida. The PTSA approved \$300 /student (total of \$1200) for this request and will allocate these funds come from the PTSA School Program Support budget.

Senior Reflections

Ms. Miller reported that this program will continue in the same spirit that existed when it was called the "Baccalaureate Program". The name is being changed to Senior Reflections so as not to imply nor cause confusion that it is part of the IB Program. Senior Reflections will take place June 15th. Students who participate wear their caps and gowns, but unlike formal graduation can sit with friends and display their talents to their fellow seniors. The theme once again will be "Journey On".

Fundraising

- **Flower Madness** – Ms. Lindberg distributed flyers for Flower Madness. Orders are due by April 3rd with pick up scheduled for April 29th.
- **Mulch Sale** – Thus far, 900 bags of mulch have been sold. JV and Varsity Baseball teams will be delivering the mulch this year. It was suggested that the minimum cost for delivery of mulch be increased next year.
- **Senior Signs** – Ms. Mahboob now has signs available for sale. These signs can be put in cars or on display in windows.
- **Battle of the Bands** – scheduled for May 20th.
- **Red and White Classic** – Mr. Hookey has stepped up to chair this event. Solicitation letters with donation and sponsorship forms have been finalized and will be put up on the Website shortly. This event has relocated to Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton, Va.

V Speakers

John Cook and Penny Gross from the Board of Supervisors spoke on the current budget process and also addressed some questions regarding their positions on the boundary issue.

VI Miscellaneous

- **John V. Ponton Scholarship** - this scholarship is being created in honor of Mr. Ponton's retirement in recognition of the years of effort he put forth to making AHS the success story it is today. Discussion focused on what the scholarship recipient should embody – Mr. Ponton's love of sports was noted, as was his emphasis on the need to be involved in community. It was agreed that Mr. Ponton should give input about the scholarship.
- **Community Dinner** – Ms. Slough put forth an idea of reallocating the funds which the PTSA set aside for IB Testing to support a Community Dinner. The focus of the dinner is to open up the school to the neighborhood as well as welcome new/incoming students in a fun and informal event. An alternate idea would be to “beef up” Packet Pick Up which is right before the start of school – create a community fair atmosphere, increase the number of opportunities for parents to get “business accomplished” prior to the start of school (have clinic staff, gym staff there to receive medications, allow parents to order gym uniforms, etc). Thoughts are welcome regarding the specifics of such an event and we will explore the options and opportunities to roll out such an activity.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th at 7 p.m. in the Library.