

## Annandale High School PTSA Meeting – May 17, 2011

**Attendees:** Diane Fernbacher, Barbara Fitzgerald, Charles Hookey, Laurie Lindberg, Kathleen Mahboob, Hassan Mimms, John Ponton, Emily Slough, Jaye Webb, Linda Winkler, Georgi Barker

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### I Call to Order

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

### II Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (April 26, 2011)

The April 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. Ponton reported the following as his last AHS PTSA Meeting as Principal of AHS:

- Vince Randazzo has been appointed Principal of AHS, following Mr. Ponton's retirement.
- The current student enrollment as of April was 2539 (409 over capacity). Class breakdown is as follows: 9<sup>th</sup> grade 664, 10<sup>th</sup> grade 653, 11<sup>th</sup> grade 637 and 12<sup>th</sup> grade 585. Peak enrollment for the year was 2600 at the end of September 2010.
- Projected enrollment for staffing purposes for the 2011 school year is 2529.
- IB testing will end this coming Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. SOLs will begin this past Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 4<sup>th</sup> quarter interims were distributed to students to be hand carried home on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Kudos once again to Carolina Caballero, Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee, and the Committee, for providing the Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast that was greatly appreciated by all.
- A two hour early release is planned for Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, to start the long Memorial Day weekend.
- Boys' Track and Field and Lacrosse realized Patriot District Championships.
- A dialogue on Discipline was held at AHS last Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Slough and Mr. Ponton presented the FCPS discipline process at the meeting.
- AHS' graduation will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> with the All Night Grad Party to follow.
- The Exam Schedule for 2011-2012 school year will be reviewed again with follow up in August to ensure that exams are not scheduled the day after graduation.

### IV Committee Activity Reports

#### Budget (PTSA)

Mr. Hookey reported that the fundraisers such as the Spring Flower Sale and Phantom Ball were outstanding. Specifically, the Spring Flower sales realized over 200% or, \$4167, of the \$2000 projected. The Phantom Ball realized over 139%, or \$5576 of the \$4000 projected. The Golf-a-Thon results were depressed probably the combined result of starting late in soliciting participation and sponsorships as well as the changing nature of the population at AHS. AHS just doesn't have the population that is that of a golfing community. In addition, having the event mid week also depresses participation. Ms. Slough suggested that other fundraising opportunities be explored such as a tail gate party tied to

homecoming that may be more appreciated by the students as well as the families. Also, explore a function during packet pick up times that would bring out the neighborhood as well as the student body and families.

#### **All Night Grad Party**

Ms. Slough reported Ms. Vu is proceeding with plans for the ANG party.

#### **Battle of the Bands**

Ms. Slough reported that the Battle of the Bands will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium.

#### **Safe Routes to School**

Ms. Slough reported that FCPS is continuing to explore ways to create safer routes to school other than driving. Routes that would allow for safe bicycle travel and walking. It seems however that the community as a whole is not yet ready to embrace these alternatives.

#### **Packet Pick Up For 2011-2012 School Year**

Ms. Slough reported that we will again offer evening times for packet pick up in August for the 2011-2012 school year. Forms will be available for access on line so that they can be dropped off completed. Early locker assignments will once again be given out to those that submit completed forms. We will be looking into adding staffing to cover the Clinic, KIT Sign Up, Gym Uniforms and Spirit Wear as well as Parent Liaisons to assist with translation. Ms. Slough would like to explore this opportunity to also have a neighborhood awareness campaign where stations are available for parents to find out more about the AHS Community, its offerings and how they too can participate. All brainstorming welcome here!

#### **Teacher Requests for PTSA Funding**

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

- **School Program Support:**
  - **Cliff Hickman – Guidance/Success Program**-Requested funding of \$500.00 to support four Parent Night events for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. This request was deferred until September, 2011, once the school year has started and the year's PTSA Budget has been approved.
- **Professional Development:**
  - **Kathleen Dion – English**-Requested funding of \$3750 (\$1250 /teacher for 3 teachers) to cover the application fee for each for National Board Certification. Consistent with previous requests for similar funding, the PTSA approved a total of \$350 per teacher to assist with further professional development.
- **Student Program Support:**
  - **Thomas Chorman – Science**- Requested funding of \$500 to cover the school fee required by LearnServe International for 3 students for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year. This request was deferred until September 2011, once the school year has started and the year's PTSA Budget has been approved.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m. The next general PTSA meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Library.**

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