

## **Annandale High School PTSA Meeting – September 13, 2011**

**Attendees:** Debra Andrews, Asione Attyarra ,Georgi Barker, Dawn Barlow, Laurie Bejjani, Ashley Briggs, Carolina Caballero, Veema Chhehia, Courtney Collins, Michelle DeSignore, Brian Dunnell, Jerry Fairman, Barbara S. Fitzgerald, John Hawes, Jan Kaplan, Susan Labarca, Julia Lafferty, Kathleen Mahboob, Jeffrey McLean, Hassan Mimms, Evelyn O’Neill, Paula Palmore, Carol Pratt, Loretta Prencipe, Vincent Randazzo, Kathy Ryan, Ellana Sejas, Leslie Simmons, Emily Slough, Bryan Stout, Shehrazael Suddco, Maria Villanueva, Linda Winkler, Norma Jean Young

### **I Call to Order**

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

### **II Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (August 16, 2011)**

The August 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 presented the State of the School 2011-2012. His presentation will be posted on the AHS PTSA Website as well. Some of the key points presented were:

- There were many great accomplishments realized in the previous school year. For 2011-2012 AHS will continue to build upon these successes.
- The theme for 2011-2012 is “A Learning Community”.
- Enrollment is currently at 2510, with a projection of 2560.
- AHS is in sync with FCPS goals established. The FCPS goals are Academics, Essential Life Skills and Responsibility to the Community.
- Programs that are evolving with plans to implement during the upcoming year include:
  - creation of a testing committee;
  - Data Coach (help to understand and employ programs based upon data gathered);
  - In School Suspension Program (2<sup>nd</sup> semester).
- Newly Implemented Programs this year include:
  - Atom Time (during W-4)
  - Warning Bells (2 minutes before the start of classes)
  - Tennis Courts
  - New Handicap Spaces
  - Announcement Time during R-3 and W-4
  - No more manual bell schedules
  - NO NEW CONSTRUCTION!!!

### **Principal's State of the School – continued:**

- IB Diplomas – For the 2010-2011 school year there were 32 IB Diploma Candidates with 21 realizing the diploma.
- SOL Results were outstanding.
  - Overall – English 97.11 passed (+2.1%)
  - Math – 92.62 [assed (+5.13%)
  - Social Studies -8.37 (new test administered)
  - Science 93% (+3.95(
- Overall, there are a lot of accomplishments realized thus far, and AHS will continue its success by building upon those accomplishments, and tweaking programs where improvement is needed.

### **IV Committee and Activities Reports:**

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

- **Student Program Support:**
  - **John Hawes and Neal Jarvis – Social Studies and Science** – Requested funding of \$200 to complete the landscaping of the classroom courtyard. PTSA approved in full.
  - **Cliff Hickman – Guidance** – Requested funding of \$500 to provide pizza at 4 parent night evenings scheduled during the 2011-2012 school year. This is a new program and as such projected attendance is unknown. The PTSA has approved \$250 to cover the first event. Following the first event, the PTSA will consider the amount of funding needed for the remaining 3 evenings.
  - **Thomas Chorman – Science** – Requested funding of \$500.00 to cover the LearnServe International Fee required for 3 students. The PTSA approved funding of \$300 thus matching the funds raised by the students.
  - **Holly Miller – Social Studies/IB Anthropology**-Requested funding of \$165 to cover the purchase of 3 educational videos for Anthropology classes. The PTSA approved in full.

- **Budget and Audit Approval:**

Ms. Mahboob prepared the Audit of the 2010-2011 PTSA budget. The 2011-2012 Budget was approved by the Executive PTSA Board in August. The PTSA membership approved the drafted budget presented for the 2011-2012 school year. The 2011-2012 Budget again projects for a deficit,

- **Membership:**

Ms. Winkler reported that PTSA membership currently stands at 236 members (34 faculty, 135 parents, and 67 students).

- **Back to School Night:**

Ms. Young reported that all is set for the PTSA table at Back to School Night. The table will include sign up for membership in the PTSA, Directories for those who purchased in advance, sign up and pay for All Night Grad Party and sign up and purchase Memory Bricks. Our table will once again be across from the PSAT table.

- **On Line Text Books:**

Mr. Dunnell explained the introduction of On Line Text Books into AHS. The first department that will employ on line text books is the Social Studies department. The key reason for this shift from traditional bound text books to on line is to capitalize on the ways today's students learn – and that seems to be in an electronic and interactive format. Also, the electronic medium seems to lend itself better to ESOL students as well as students with disabilities. Enhancements such as the ability to highlight and make notes are being explored with plans to roll out this additional functionality in the not too distant future. The goal is to ultimately move over the core class texts to on line versions. Currently, publishers are supplementing electronic licenses with sets of print books (i.e. 30 print books for every 100 user licenses). This will help address some of the issues where students may not have access to the electronic format. This transition is an evolving process.

- **AHS's 5 and 10 year plan:**

Ms. Slough and Ms. Ryan met with Dan Parris to discuss AHS's well rounded education and to better gain an understanding of the School Board's mission for schools. It was agreed that the PTSA Board will develop goals towards this plan. The PTSA Board will also discuss how to better communicate with each other in view of the language barriers within the AHS community. All this supports the school's theme of "Building Community".

- **Upcoming PTSA Events and Plans:**

Ms. Slough reported on the following upcoming events and plans:

- **Teacher Luncheon** – Kudos once again to Ms. Caballero and her volunteers for putting together a fabulous start to the year Teacher Luncheon.
- **Packet Pickup** – There needs to be a bit more coordination with the packet pickup at the end of the summer. Counselors need to be made more available throughout the days.
- **Freshman Parent Orientation:** Run through the Guidance Department where parents gain an understanding of the goals of the academic progress throughout their child's High School career. Also, this is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's counselor.

- **Buses for After School Activities:** Exploring the ability for transportation to provide buses for after school activities for those students furthest away from AHS where transportation is an issue. PTSA to develop a survey to determine if providing such transportation would be used.
- **Home Coming Tail Gate Party** – being coordinated with home coming as a community celebration scheduled to be held on the field on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **V Miscellaneous**

- **Mandatory Driver's Meeting with Parents** –scheduled.
- **9/28 HOT Lane Information Meeting** – Waterford
- **9/24: Nicolodean's World Wide Day of Play.**

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 p.m.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Members and Candidates for the School Board will present and answer questions.**