

PTSA Executive Committee Meeting December 5, 2017

Attending: Josie Hughes, Arturo Guajardo, Leticia Marquez, Anah Sikorsky-Wiersema, Jane MacLean and Christina Merryman and Victor Villavecencio

Arturo opened meeting at 5 PM

Membership, Treasurer pended to subsequent meeting as officers not at meeting.

Enrichment Procedures, Logo Sales/PTSA College Savings Account/PTSA Graduate Scholarship

Discussion of proposal for 2018-19 to clearly separate the three categories of funds. Enrichment and general PTSA operating funds will be in RBCFU account along with membership fees. A+ accounts will be maintained separately for the Scholarship Fund and the Logo Sales /College Savings Account individualized for each student. Anah will send Jane the overview document to be added to PTAVenue and after discussion plan is to add all Plans of Work to PTAVenue. Restrictions can be set to make documents private to just Executive Committee or can include all members or just 'helpers' who have additional access to PTAVenue site.

Student Council Update

Nicole Perry, 6th grade Student Council representative updated on their activities. Recapped some Foundation Thankfulness activities and recent 6th grade tour.

By Laws Update

Review of updated By Laws drafted. Those here approve and support this moving forward. On agenda for next Executive committee with goal to put on agenda for approval vote at next general meeting

Events Report

There is a parent created ARS Volunteer facebook group that is focused on finding service opportunities for students but also has been used for cross posting for PTSA in addition to the ARS parent group and the ARS PTSA facebook group.

November events

Thanksgiving Feast for Teachers- event went well, only issue was space constraints due to the many large group activities occurring. There were 6 volunteers and we could have used a few more. One consideration is to make sure that vegan faculty get access to vegan food at both lunches.

Communication note- important to send separate email requesting volunteer participation

Foundation Appreciation – food and appreciation gifts for Foundation which now has 4 staff.

December Events

Appreciation Event is the 'gift card' give away for teachers, to be given out the last week of classes – last day is 19th. Christina will get email out for Anah to blast email for donations by Friday.

January Appreciation is tentatively planned to be a healthy lunch or breakfast on January 12th. Christina will get an email out at return from winter break with Anah's help.

Wellness Committee at ARS

Coach Tillerson is chair of the Campus Advisory Committees' Wellness Committee. They are doing several events and wellness initiatives this year and are planning a February event that would be afterschool and want to include parents and families. One idea is to do a wellness Fair with all the clubs, teams, and groups that are available at ARS. Unanimous consensus that this would be great for the planned February General meeting and we could move the currently planned 14th meeting date to whatever date the Wellness Fair happens.

Communications Updates

Josie is talking with ARS students and got several feedback and plans have been developed by our 2 student interns. They are following up on previous posts to try to ensure linkage on Facebook, and trying to support more Spanish posts. Current campaign to reach 200 members for ARS PTSA facebook page has worked – membership up to 196! Currently there is not much content on the twitter feed- lots of retweets and the student interns will work to increase our content. The intern who is going to curate the ARS PTSA Instagram account will take as it's theme working to document the bond and building progress and process.

Monthly Star Bulletin has been major tool for communication

New Agenda Items

Jane shared data from DAC on bond planning and AISD enrollment trends looked at by the District Advisory Committee. Ask her for copies if you want them

Remember for all to attend the Principal Hiring Meeting this TUESDAY December 12th at ARS. Approval for Jane to send out reminder email for members from PTAvenue.

Middle School Choice Fair –

January 20th – ARS Showcase from 9 to Noon Need PTSA representation at this event.

April 21st - Orientation – for new students

REMINDER: Next Executive Committee meeting is **January 9th** 2018 – second week of month not first

Arturo closed meeting at 6:30