

ATC PTSC Meeting October 14, 2014

Location: India House on Cerrillos.

In attendance: Julie and Holland Shepherd, Lisa Lucero, Sam Lewis, Sadie Cooley, Finnley Stephen, Diana Rawson, Mickey Fong, Laura Cooley, Vicki Hutchison, Jamie Duke, Melanie Smith, Jennifer Trujillo, Angelika Lucero, Andie Manzanares, Susan Lumley

1. Meeting came to order at 5:39pm
2. **Welcome & Introductions – Andie Manzanares:** Welcome to our fabulous new meeting spot this evening - India House and to our gracious host, Pawan Dhindsa – ATC parent. Presentation of a gift to Susan Lumley for all of her ongoing hard work and for helping ATC to purchase the property. The PTSC will also present a gift to Tannis Fox for her contributions (Susan will present it at the Governing Council Meeting tomorrow night). Thank you for making our dreams come true!
3. **Principal Update - Susan Lumley:** Thank you for the lovely vase and flowers. Loves doing things for ATC, it's such an amazing school with great synergy, very inspiring. It takes lots of different groups to make things happen; Governing council, foundation, student council, etc. ATC now owns our building! In two days Susan witnessed the culmination of 3 years of work. She turned in ATC's charter application to SFPS to reauthorize us for another 3 years – it goes before the board in November. The last charter application made promises to do certain things – in the application she discussed how they had been addressed, and she submitted a plan for the next 3 years. ATC closed on the purchase of the building. Because we are now a public building we are entitled to public funds for upkeep of the building. It has had no maintenance since 2006 when it was built. Susan sent a letter to SFPS requesting \$150K for our building on Ed. Tech. Note tax. The money will go to rewiring and hard wiring the school. Parent teacher conferences are Friday Oct. 24.
4. **Student Council Update – Sam Lewis:** Fall Festival is this Friday – Student Council is working in collaboration with Coach Host's Health classes to raise money for childhood cancer research. Beverages and food will be provided by health classes. Costume contest this Friday.
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Halloween Festival and Dance is being planned by the Student Council. There will be a costume contest, fund raisers to purchase prizes for it = maybe PTSC could help with prizes, too? For the pumpkin carving contest Andie recommends going to shops to get donations of pumpkins from local businesses.

PTSC will sell pizza on Halloween and caramel apples.

Andie to student council – will the Student Council participate in the food drive for Adelante in November? Possibly Junior National Honor Society will be doing it this year.

6. Presentations

A. ATC Green Team: Sam Lewis – The Green Team is focusing on two main projects: energy and recycling at ATC (waste reduction is also being contemplated). Recycling - Green team will get in touch with someone at Nina Otero and Amy Biehl who pay a group to pick up their recycling. Solar: The team is working with Postive Solar to find the most efficient system for ATC (budget and energy). Ground mounted panels seem best. They recently created a map of best areas to place the panels around campus. It's not easy to budget for solar panels – as they are very expensive. It turns out there are many organizations who work with schools for such projects. Susan Lumley says Wednesday night is the Governing Council meeting wherein they will approve a sustainability committee headed by new Courtney White (he founded the Quivira Coalition - an organization brings ranchers and environmentalists together) and Caleb Raymer - a great resource for technology and sustainability who will have good ideas for funding for Green Team projects. This could open many new doors. Sadie Cooley says the Green Team also has a smaller group who is trying to get the ATC garden working again. They are talking to Coach Host about returning the green house for plants growing as he is currently using the space for storage. Andie inquired about the solar panel already on campus. Susan said it needs repair, ATC still gets credit for the energy it creates, but it needs a new panel and they're not available any more. To fix it one would have to scrounge for out of date parts. Holland Shepherd wants to know if the discussed ground mounted solar panels are like the ones at Chavez Center or Tomasitas. Sam said those parking courts include cost of entire parking structure and would be very expensive. The Green Team is looking at panels which mount on posts on the ground (18 panels, 3 feet from ground with 30 degree incline). Holland says that if the recycling pick up costs \$130-160 a month, is there a way to make the costs up? Sam - yes, there is a student working on this. Recycling is picked up for Amy

Biehl Community School – there are several connections with the school at ATC. Andie said Amy Biehl is getting a U. S. Department of Education Green Ribbon award next week. The people from Green Ribbon schools in Albuquerque will be at the ceremony. This would be a great opportunity for a person from ATC to show support for Amy Biehl folks at the ceremony and to make some connections. The ceremony is Thursday Oct. 23 at 2pm and will take about 20 minutes. Andie said ATC wants to be a green ribbon school - they can help guide us on the way.

Melanie Smith pointed out that the national Sierra Club is financing solar projects on a rent to own basis.

B. Boys Soccer Team - Trais Kliphus was unable to attend and present, but he is trying to get a boys soccer team started at ATC.

C. Celebrate My Drive - State Farm Insurance Campaign, Andie & Susan: State Farm Insurance is sponsoring opportunity for up to 10 schools to split a prize of \$100K - when parents and kids sign up to pledge to drive safely. Take the survey at Celebratemydrive.com Jason Morgan is heading this up. This opportunity is only available for one week. Sam suggested providing ATC students the opportunity to take some time at college Crew for students to sign up. Anyone 14 and older may take the survey.

6. Flaming Chicken Run - Mickey Fong, Shannon will be the Chicken and Susan will be the flame (you'll have to come to the event to see what this means). Saturday, Oct. 25th is when the run will take place at ATC. Banners have been placed around Santa Fe, a notice is on the marquis at the School for the Deaf, there is a banner at the Rodeo grounds, and one at ATC. There are 4 sandwich board banners, Mickey's husband built a-frames to support them. ATC families please post the banners at your businesses. A PTSC eblast will go out about chicken run shortly. Event t-shirts will be ordered tomorrow - going on last year's numbers. First Aid will be provided by the Atalaya Search and Rescue – in exchange they accept donations for their organization. Santa Fe Striders are doing the timing. Total costs \$1,201 to have the event. People are registering for the event – it is looking promising. Mickey says they need pre-race prep and race-day volunteers. ATC students can get community service credit for helping at this event. Volunteers are needed on Friday (10/24) from 4:30 - 7 to prepare race food (slicing fruit) and course prep (setting up tables for water and registration), assigning bib numbers and stuffing goodie bags. It is possible to sign up online. Event day (10/25) they need help from 6:30am to noon with

course preparation, corner marshalls, registration, packet pick-up, parking assistants, and finish and start lines. Susan L. says Coach Host charges to park in ATC parking (for a suggested donation). Sam - spoke with people in community who were upset by this practice. Mickey says people are already paying to race and she won't charge for parking. Jamie will do MC announcements. Andie suggests awards be given on the basketball court.

7. **PTSC Update – Andie:** The new table cloth is available with a beautiful ATC logo and there will be a 7 foot pop-up banner. Costs were \$500. The items will be ready for the recruiting event at the Rio Grande School – “7th Grade Options Night” October 16th.
 - A. **Fall Appeal with Progress Reports (10/22).** This year there will be a brief letter included with the progress reports - simple and to the point - asking \$25/student donations towards ATC's future science labs.
 - B. **Teacher Lounge Project - Teacher Wish Lists,** still asking for teacher input. Teachers are busy.
 - C. **Communications and Email Lists** – PTSC is trying to keep updates going out at least once a week. Contact Andie Manzanares to be added to the eblast list.
 - D. **CommUNITY Program & Weekend Warrior Workshops,** are on Andie's radar. These will be opportunities to bring the community into ATC. First Aid, etc. More later.
 - E. **Marquee** - Rancho Viejo Aomeowners Association approval is still needed. Andie is looking for a used marquee so we don't have to buy new one.

8. Events and Fundraising

- A. **Product, School Store, Fab Fridays:** Lisa Lucero reports things are still selling at ATC Fab Fridays. She wants to order black fleece jackets with the ATC logo. She needs a minimum # to make the order – and got enough promises from those present at the meeting. Andie thanked Lisa for organizing and coordinating Fab Friday sales. They make about \$300 - \$400 each Friday.

- B. **November/December** - Farolitos, Light up the Night: Andie says this year we are doing things a little differently. We will take orders and fill them – and not make extras. She said there is a possibility of working with Middle School students so they can get community service hours. There was talk of working with Rancho Viejo Homeowners Association to encourage them to purchase the farolitos, as R.V. would look so lovely all lit up with farolitos. Light up the Night will happen, work will begin on organizing it after the Chicken Run is over.
- C. **2015 - Bingo**: Bingo at ATC in January, maybe.
- D. **Coke Rewards**: An ATC student's grandparent donated her coke rewards to ATC – and they need to be used soon. Vicki will get catalog and give it to Susan L. to choose items for the school.
- E. **Treasurer Report** - \$1192 net for this year. \$12,500 in the bank right now. See separate Treasurer's Report.

Funding requests: Susan wants to do a push to get folks to access Amazon through the ATC website for gift purchases. A portion goes to ATC. Melanie said it is also possible to use Amazon Smile to select non-profit of their choice to donate to.

Ad for Open House - PTSC wants funds to place an ad in the Pasatiempo on 11/18 for ATC's open house. \$250. Motion approved & passed.

Prizes for costume contest for Halloween - spent about \$100 to \$150 last year. \$15 movie passes to Regal Theatres as prizes. Student Council has a committee to create prize categories. Student Council requested up to \$100 for this year's prizes. Motion approved & passed.

Door prizes were distributed.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 11/18. Location to be announced.