

ATC PTSC

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2015

I. Call to order

Andie Manzanares called to order the regular meeting of the Academy for Technology and the Classics PTSC at 5:46pm on October 13, 2015 at Realburger Santa Fe.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Andie Manzanares, Susan Lumley, Lisa Lucero, Vicki Hutchison and Laura Cooley.

III. Review of minutes from last meeting

Andie reviewed the minutes from the last meeting for outstanding agenda items: Game Night made approximately \$300; Prom will be May 14th; Jamie will speak with Andie regarding the ATC Glee Club; the Dance Committee is planning a dance the evening of Fall Festival – Friday, October 30th.

IV. Principal Update – Susan Lumley

- a) Wednesday, October 14th the 10th and 11th graders will take the PSATs. In the afternoon there will be an assembly for Celebrate My Drive.
- b) Thursday, October 15th is 7th Grade Options Night at the Rio Grande School from 6pm – 8pm.
- c) Thursday, October 22nd is the ATC Governing Council meeting from 5:30 – 8pm.
- d) Friday, October 23rd Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled.
- e) Preliminary results from the 2014-2015 PARCC assessments – looking very positive for the first year of the tests.

V. Teacher Update – Andie for Rhonda Gardner

- a) Student donations of the book Rhonda Gardner had requested, *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, did not happen. She still needs 15 copies. PTSC voted to purchase them in such a case. Andie found the copies on jet.com for \$85 (free shipping if you spend a certain amount). [10/15/15 Update: the jet.com copies were the mini gift books. Andie returned for credit and asked

them to improve their product descriptions. She will order 15 copies from Amazon].

VI. PTSC Support for Text Books

- a) There is concern among students and parents about the dearth of textbooks for students. Some students prefer to use actual books, as opposed to online books. Some are having difficulties connecting to their online books. Why is ATC relying so heavily upon online books? Is there a way the PTSC can offer funds to get more text books for the students? Susan pointed out that ATC gets \$18,000 from the PED for all instructional materials. Textbooks cost an average of \$125 each. For example, there are currently approximately 30 class copies of the Geometry book. It would cost ATC \$8,700 to purchase enough additional copies to have one available for all students of Geometry this year. Used copies can be purchased but it is difficult to get the proper edition that way. The online textbooks can be paid for through the EdTech Note funds.

Every 7 years is an “adoption year” when new text books are considered. Only during that year are the adopted materials available for free.

Question about how to change this at the Public Education Department level of budgeting.

- b) After a lengthy discussion and great brainstorming the PTSC voted to enact the following plan: If College Crew teachers can get their class to sell a minimum of 35 dozen farolitos the PTSC will award the Crew teachers with a \$200 stipend each (in the form of a check) for classroom materials. Teachers who are granted the stipend must return their receipts to the PTSC for materials purchased from that amount. The top selling Crew class from each grade will win a pizza party in January, courtesy of the PTSC. Andie will attend a staff meeting to announce the plan.

VII. How can the PTSC help Student Council with their fund raising?

- a) While the Student Council holds a lot of bake sales to fund various activities, they don't always raise sufficient funds. Ms. Lumley often provides financial support from the school for their activities when their funding falls short.
- b) Andie wonders if we could get more donations from parents if we ask – for example, Andie has some Halloween decorations she would be happy to donate to the Student Council for their Fall Festival Haunted House, and is confident we have

other parents who can also make similar donations to support future Student Council activities.

- c) Andie will try to get a calendar of Student Council fundraising events to add to the calendar on the ATC website.

VIII. Student Council Update – no representative present. Andie had Student Council minutes:

- a) The Student Council is recognizing a Teacher of the Month – starting this month. Andie will try to get dinner-for-two gift certificates from restaurants to give to the winning teachers.
- b) Talk, Walk and Dress Like a Pirate Day (spirit day) is this Friday, October 16th.

IX. Ski Trip

- a) Information is still being gathered. They have selected to ski at Wolf Creek. 10 – 15 people have confirmed they will attend. Up to 60 may sign up by the deadline. Lift tickets will be available for \$150 for 3 days. Rentals for \$40 for 3 days. Lodgings are still being investigated. Sonlight Camp in Pagosa Springs, CO holds good potential. Andie and Susan are working on it.

X. PTSC Update – Andie

- a) Jon will take over the two Fab Friday sales scheduled for November and December so the PTSC can focus on the two big fundraisers: farolito sales and Light up the Night.
 - i.) Farolito sales – Andie and Susan will create a video on how-to-fold-farolito bags which will be posted on the ATC website. Students who fold farolito bags will get community service hours (through Crew class); one hour of community service credit for every 2 dozen folded bags. Rhonda Gardner is handing out bags to Crew teachers. Students who are able to help with farolito deliveries will get community service hours for their labor.
 - ii.) November 22nd at Sams Club – ATC will be selling farolitos and Frito pies outside the store as a fundraiser. Andie will provide her wagon which will be nicely decorated. She is working on getting donations for the flats and sand.

- iii.) Andie will work on getting a Coke (sponsored) banner to advertise that ATC is taking farolito orders.
- b) Lisa Lucero's mother has been a tremendous help to the PTSC. She will be celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary on October 23rd when she and her husband will be renewing their vows in a special ceremony in California. The PTSC voted to give her a gift in recognition of her anniversary and all of the help she has been to the ATC PTSC.
- c) Andie requested that the PTSC start a Sparkle Cake tradition, wherein once a month we will provide the staff with a cake & balloon in the teacher's lounge to celebrate birthdays and other special events. Motion approved.
- d) This Sunday, from noon to 7pm, Cloud 9 Creamery (near the Regal Cinemas on Zafarano Dr.) will donation a percentage of each sale to the Jaiden's Journey fund. They are extending their regular hours that day.
- e) Flaming Chicken Trail Run – planning meeting will be Monday, October 20th at the Phoenix Center at 5:30pm.
- f) Funding approvals – Andie submitted receipts for \$166 for reimbursement for monies she spent in support of the ATC Historical/Hysterical Parade participation – for gas for the bus, candy to hand out, balloons for the decorations and the registration fee for the parade. Funding approved. Movie tickets (Violet Crown) as prizes for the Halloween contest during Fall Festival – funding approved.
- g) Movie night – Survey results show a tie in support for “White Chicks” and “Ferris Bueller's Day Off.” Movie night will be Friday, November 13th in the Phoenix Center.
- h) November 17th is the ATC lottery open house from 5:30 – 7pm. The PTSC will sell nachos.
- i) Andie will attend the next Governing Council meeting to represent the PTSC.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a) Fab Friday totals from 10/2/15:

Sold \$756.00

Expenses \$451.66

Profit \$ 393.59

Thanks to parents who help out with Fab Friday sales!

XII. Adjournment

Andie Manzanares adjourned the meeting at around 7pm.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Cooley