

ATC PTSC

Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2015

I. Call to order

Andie Manzanares called to order the regular meeting of the Academy for Technology and the Classics Parent Teacher Student Coalition at 5:30pm on September 22, 2015 at Realburger Santa Fe.

II. The following persons were present: Andie Manzanares, Susan Lumley, Rhonda Gardner, Lisa Lucero, Angelika Lucero, Rosemary Casados, Finley Stephen, Holland Shepherd, Tomas Moore, Laura Cooley

III. Principal Update – Susan Lumley

- a) The Seniors had a great time on their Glorieta trip. It was important for team-building among the Seniors, as they have a lot of group activities and decisions to make this year.
- b) This Friday, September 25th, is Game Night – a fund raiser for the Dance Committee.
- c) Jennifer is working on Prom already. The theme will be Bollywood.
- d) Susan is sorting out the survey results from registration. Once completed the list will be sorted by the PTSC activities parents' have offered to help with. Andie has already reached out to those who offered to help with Fab Friday sales.

IV. Teacher Update – Rhonda Gardner

- a) Clubs – the students and staff are creating new clubs this year: Skate Boarding club (Susan is working on insurance issues regarding this activity), Gaming Club and the Airsoft Group (which may be switched to archery tag so guns won't be brought to school). Some of the clubs are still looking for teacher sponsors.

Andie spoke with Performance Santa Fe about assisting with an ATC Glee Club.

Holland wanted to know if there was interest among the Green Team to work on the ATC garden. Finley assured him there is interest. Andie will get Holland in touch with Zina Jundi, President of Adverti-Zing!, one of whose

clients is Payne's Nurseries – to see if there can be a possible partnership with the ATC Green Team garden project and Payne's. Now is a good time to request bulb donations for the ATC garden – as this is the time to split your bulbs!

V. Student Council Update – Finley Stephen

- a) The Fiesta Parade was awesome – using the ATC bus was a great idea. Jaiden's Journey carwash went well, they earned about \$500.
- b) The Dance Committee is planning the Fall Festival. There will be a \$2 entry fee and \$5 bracelet fee good for all events. All proceeds from the Fall Festival will go to the Jaiden's Journey fund.
- c) There is a State Farm Insurance contest – they ask for a video submission from each participating school on a safe driving subject – this year the subject is “No Texting.” Voting will occur at the screening of the submitted films. The winning film earns \$100,000 for their school. One submission per school. ATC's submission will be from the Student Council.
- d) The Dance Club will be doing a Yule Ball theme for the winter dance (a nod to Harry Potter fans).
- e) The Ski Trip (replacing the New York trip this year due to conflict with the France trip) dates have been set. The location is still being determined.

VI. PTSC Update – Andie Manzanares

- a) State Farm Insurance has a “Celebrate My Drive” campaign – which offers safe driving tips to promote teen driver safety. PTSC will help to get the word out.
- b) Susan Lumley is working on the parent sign-up document (from registration). There have been three Fab Friday sales this month. They are going very well – a big shout-out to those who are helping with the sales! The PTSC has made about \$1200 this month from Fab Friday sales.
- c) Andie is working with Sam's Club to get a membership for the PTSC and to set up a date for farolito sales outside Sam's Club in November.
- d) September re-cap of PTSC events:

- a. Andie is updating and adding items to the ATC web page (please note the fabulous new and regularly rotating photographs). She will be adding all of the ATC sporting events to the calendar soon.
- b. Fab Friday Sales are going well – help with Fab Friday sales is needed on October 16th and 30th. Thanks to Lisa Lucero’s family for all of their help with the sales!
- c. The Fiesta Parade ATC school bus decoration and participation was a big hit. The bus was decorated with balloons and U.S. and N.M. flags and ATC students handed out candy.
- d. Andie will be on-hand at the Sept. 23rd ESL Night and France Trip meeting to sell drinks for PTSC.
- e. The food for Game Night (Dance Committee’s fund raiser – Friday, Sept 25th 6-8pm) will all be donated by the Olive Garden. Thanks to Christian Jones for making this happen. Entry fee is \$5/person.
- f. Flaming Chicken Run update – Mickey Fong and Andie met to discuss the race. The date is currently set for October 24, 2015. Mickey doesn’t believe there is enough time to prepare adequately for the race at this point and wants to re-schedule it for the spring. There was a discussion among members present – it is difficult to change the date on an established run as people expect it to be at the same time every year and work it into their running schedules. There is concern that the race route will not be as good in the spring as it is now – with ATC having just had a 31 school cross-country invite on the route. Also, spring is a very busy time for ATC, the weather is unpredictable and it would be difficult to find an open date – and the track and field season will be in full swing. Weeds will take over, ice/snow will damage the smooth path, etc. A major concern with having the race in October is that there isn’t time to get the sponsors involved. With overall support for keeping the date October 24th, Andie will do her best to reach out to the sponsors ASAP. She will set up a meeting with Mickey Fong and Holland Shepherd next week to see if Mickey will still organize it in October if she’s offered more support.
- g. Farolito sales – Andie will try to get bags, in piles of 12 each, to Rhonda Gardner (who will then distribute them to faculty who supervise Crew) by September 30th. Folding the bags is the most time-

consuming part of making the farolitos. Crew students need service hours.

- h. It is important to have a PTSC representative attend the Governing Council meetings and give them updates. The PTSC is on their agenda. Finley said she can't make the next meeting but would see if Lucas could do it.
- i. Funding Requests
 - i. Eric Carlson no longer needs a mandolin for Acoustic Americana. He would rather have steel string guitars. Andie is on the search (at home and with Mr. Borrego of Borrego's Guitars).
 - ii. Regarding Coach Host's requests for pole vaults – the ATC activity fund will cover one pole and the PTSC will cover the other.
 - iii. Ms. Gardner requested funds to get approximately 15 copies of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens* as she currently is short that many copies. Finley said she might be able to get students who purchased the book to donate some copies. Finley and Rhonda will work together on this. Up to \$150 was approved to cover the copies still needed after donated copies come in.
 - iv. There was concern expressed by a parent during the Open House that there were not enough geometry books for the students. Ms. Lumley pointed out that there are online books available for all students. While it is clear that students prefer actual books to online books (difficulties connecting to the websites being one common complaint), Susan pointed out that the state does not fund schools adequately to purchase books for all students. It is possible to use Ed Tech funds to access the online books, whereas text books cost too much to fit within the allotted book-budget offered by the state.

VII. Open Floor

- a) The Spring Break trip to New York was canceled this year due to a conflict with the France trip. There were not as many sign-ups due to the number of students going

on the France trip. The Spring Break Ski Trip is taking place instead of the New York trip (but only this year).

- b) Regarding PTSC funding being used for Jaiden's Journey. Andie would like to look over the PTSC By Laws to see what is acceptable. She wishes to keep things by the book and to have an (independent) audit of the PTSC budget come up clear. She is hoping that some of the funds from Light Up The Night can go to Jaiden's Journey.
- c) Movie Nights – more have been requested. How will the viewing rights be paid for? PTSC will ask students to vote for their favorite suggestions from a list at the Fab Friday sales table on October 2nd.
- d) Frito Pies were not sold at the Open House this year, but the Fab Friday sales are going very well.
- e) The Cross Country team made approximately \$1400 from parking, registration and concessions from the Cross Country Invite this month. There was a good turnout and all of the events started on time. It would be nice to have a starter-gun which works, however.
- f) Andie and Susan hope to get a list of businesses associated with the ATC community up on the website soon.

VIII. Adjournment

Andie Manzanares adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45pm.

Minutes submitted by: Laura Cooley, Secretary