

ATC PTSC
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2016

I. Call to order

Andie Manzanares called to order the August 23, 2016 meeting of the Academy for Technology and the Classics PTSC at approximately 5:30 pm at Real Burger.

II. Roll Call

The following were present: Andie Manzanares President, Lisa Lucero VP, Zenda Vargas VP, Marcos Garcia Treasurer, Tara Eldridge Secretary, Rosemary Casados Honorary Grandparent, Dana Jose ATC VP Student Council, Jeff Gephart Director of Communications for SFPS, Susan Lumley ATC Principal, Rhonda Gardner Teacher.

III. Special Guest – Jeff Gephart/Director of Communications for SFPS

SFPS Back to School Bash:

- a) SFPS Back to School Bash will be August 23. It will be an informational meeting of schools and community. There will also be celebration of schools. Community, PTA and school staff will be present. The event will highlight students, and will highlight schools' partnerships with community. The media will be present.
- b) ATC will set up a booth which can be as interactive as possible to highlight great things happening at ATC. Discussed incorporating an ATC fundraiser into the event. The ATC Seniors will sell tamales. Andie has a pop up tent for the event. The media will be present.

IV. Principal Update – Susan Lumley

PARCC scores:

- a) ATC scored **90% proficient in 11th grade** English test. Incoming 7th graders – 53% passed, which is a significantly better passing rate than those statewide. By 11th grade, the percentage of ATC students passing increases to 90% in 11th grade, showing ATC closes the gap and brings these students up to proficiency.
- b) With PARCC scores, Levels 4 and 5 are proficient. Levels 3,4 & 5 count for graduation.
- c) Discussed the fact that the ATC PARCC scores are much better than the rest of SFPS scores, and that students from other SFPS school who did well were student who were previously at ATC.
- d) Discussed concern about number of students showing proficiency in Algebra I being low.

V. Teacher Update - Rhonda Gardner

NEW ER Mentoring:

- a) Discussed new changes to ER program. ATC staff noticed a need for mentors last year. ATC staff recognized some awesome peer mentoring last year and decided to start a mentoring program to take place during ER Thursdays.
- b) Title I money will be used to support the mentoring program. ATC hired 32 mentors who are ATC students in 10th through 12th grade. The mentors were trained Saturday 8/20 and PTSC provided lunch. Mentors are paid for the 1.5 hours of ER.
- c) Faculty will use student data to identify 10-15 students in each grade (for 7th through 10th grades) to pair up with a mentor.
- d) 11th and 12th grade students all may leave on Thursdays. They will be invited to come to the academic enrichment sessions if they choose.
- e) 7th through 10th grade students will continue to be required to stay for ER if they have a failing grade. These students will be assigned a mentor. If they are assigned a mentor, then they will meet with their mentor during the first half of ER, then during the second half they will go to the intensive.
- f) Discussed sharing information about mentor program on ATC website.

VI. Student Council Update – Dana Jose

Santa Fe Fiestas:

- a) ATC will have a float at the Hystorical/Hysterical Parade, which takes place September 11. Student council is working on preparing/making the float with Mr. Carlson and his Acoustic Americana class, who will be playing their music on the float.
- b) Student council is having a “Zozobro” event. They built their own Zozobro which will be burned September 1st at 12 noon. Students can buy a gloom to put in the Zozobro. If you buy a gloom you can have a chance to win tickets to see Zozobra. PTSC will have a Fab Friday on September 1 (it is really a Thursday) and sell pizza and Zozobra Dunkin Donuts.
- c) Students will be asked to bring a bag of candy to be given to parade spectators.
- d) ATC will also have the small bus in the parade.

Student Council “Street Teams”: Dana Jose agreed to have Street Teams from student council to assist with distributing flyers advertising PTSC events/fundraisers.

Senior Trip:

- a) Seniors are planning a trip to Puerto Rico to take place during spring break (March 18th) for a week. They decided not to use a travel agency. The airfare is determined to be \$430-600 per person for a round trip flight. Lodging would be approximately \$500 per student. Food and other expenses students would pay for on their own.

- b) They plan to use the metro system for transportation. Those planning have found a villa in San Juan, Puerto Rico that they are considering for lodging. Student council will be doing other fundraising dent council raises would go toward activities in Puerto Rico.
- c) Chaperones will be Mr. Devin Ayers and Mr. Jon Seyfried, and this has been approved by Ms. Lumley. The travel expense for the chaperones will be fundraised.
- d) Discussed putting together a "Class of 2017 Senior Trip" website with information on the trip and upcoming meeting. A GoFundMe page can be attached.

VII. PTSC Update and Business –

August and Fall Events:

- a) Wrap up of August events - All of the August events went well. The new teacher lunch was Olympic themed. PTSC was at registration and a lot of parents signed up to help. Tiki Tango was the best ever.
- b) Fall Calendar Events & Fundraisers- On September 1, Zozobro burning day, PTSC will sell Zozobro Dunkin Donuts and other goodies during lunch. PTSC will purchase four Zozobra tickets which will be used as the raffle prize from gloom purchases. Flaming Chicken Run planning committee will have a meeting Tuesday 10/22.
- c) Fab Fridays - PTSC requested that student council schedule their spirit days on Fridays, and the spirit day theme will dictate what PTSC sells on Fab Fridays.

General Fundraising Strategies: General fundraising strategies - Discussed having a product meeting to review and plan ATC swag, etc. Discussed having ATC school purchase product that PTSC currently has that can be used for cross country or another student group/sports team (hats, sweats).

Yearbook: Yearbook committee is asking students, teachers and parents to take pictures for the yearbook.

Athletics: Andie created a sign up genius online for Coach Tim Host to help him keep track of volunteers for the ATC Cross Country Everybody Invite.

VIII. Funding Requests –

- a) Funding of \$300 was approved to help Ms. Johnson start up a Shakespeare club at ATC. The Shakespeare Festival is December 3.
- b) Funding of \$40 was approved for four Zozobra tickets, which will be used as the prize for Zozobro fundraiser raffle.

IX. Open Floor –

- a) Dana thanked Ms. Lumley for allowing Ms. Muriel to chaperone students to France last year.

- b) Ms. Lumley explained that ATC is in an inequitable situation regarding funding for facilities.

Andie Manzanares adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00pm.

PTSC meeting for next month. Wed 9/7 5:30 at Realburger

Minutes submitted by: Tara Eldridge