



Albany High School
Meeting of the **P**arent/**T**eacher/**S**tudent **A**ssociation



DATE: August 31, 2015

MINUTES

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Welcome, Introductions, Recognition, and Public Comment:

Welcome from Theresa Bittner for attending the 1st 2015-16 PTSA meeting and welcome to new Principal, Jeff Anderson. Introduction of Board and discussion of goals for the 2015-16 school year.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2015:** Motion by Theresa Bittner to adopt the minutes as printed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 3. Treasurer Report/Budget:** Authorize revenue and expenditures made August 31, 2015.
Action: Motion by Theresa Bittner to approve Treasurer reported expenditures as attached. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- 4. Student Report:** None. Student representative, Bird Hudson did not attend.
- 5. Principal's Message:** Excited about the new school term. Has worked in other similar schools, including Saratoga High School in the Silicon Valley who has a similar motivated community and student body; excited about learning. Will continue great work done previously that emphasizes not only academic, but also socio-economic balance. Knows staff are truly dedicated and encourages participation at all levels. Mr. Anderson answered questions regarding Common Core Test results (AHS preliminary results of 75% met or exceeded). Reminder, the common core test was not regurgitate data/info, but more contemplative/analytical. This was a challenging exam that forced students to utilize critical thinking and skill development. Will also continue to work towards achieving goals as outlined in the Single Plan for Student Achievement.
- 6. Preliminary Budget Discussion:** Reviewed the 2015/16 draft Budget (attached).
- 7. Site Council:** Reached out to PTSA requesting parent participation on the Site Council. The Site Council is a group composed of teachers, parents, students, and administrators that monitors the implementation of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. It is an oversight body to make sure the plan is implemented. Have three parent volunteers, Mike McDonald; Phillis Pennington-Kent; and Gina Tu. If anyone else is interested, please contact anyone on the PTS board.

Question regarding the Instructional Improvement Committee (IIC) and what it does. The IIC is also a parent/student/teacher committee that looks at changes to the Single Plan for Student Achievement. Items previously considered by the IIC include later start times and amount of homework.

- 8. Student Clubs and Academic Teams/Clubs Funding Requests:** Request for all Student Clubs and Academic Teams/Clubs wishing to be considered for funding grants by the PTSA should submit a funding request by or before September 25, 2015.

Action: Motion by Theresa Bittner to allocate \$750 now to the Science Olympiad Academic Team/Club and hold an additional \$250 in abeyance until after September 25, 2015. Motion passed by a vote of 13 to 6.

- 9. Parent Education Series:** Have received great recommendations for the Parent Education presentation topics for the 2015/16 school term that include such items as drug/alcohol use; college planning; driving requirements and consequences of driving under the influence; mindfulness and stress reduction. PTSA would like to receive more ideas so we can plan the new year. If you have any suggestions, please email the PTSA Board at ahs-pts@ausdk12.org.

Web Resources

eScrip: <http://www.escrip.com>
Secure site allows you to sign up or update your eScrip membership

AHS eTree <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ahsnews/>
Moderated list for official AHS and PSTA announcements

AHS PTSA: <http://ahs.ausdk12.org/committees/ptsa>

AHS Website <http://ahs.ausdk12.org>
Includes information from school, link to PTSA

AlbanySchools <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AlbanySchools/>

Aeries:
<https://abi.ausdk12.org/aeriesportal/LoginParent.aspx?page=default.aspx>

Calendar of Events

2015	2016
August 10, 2015.....PTSA Board Meeting	January 11, 2016PTSA Board Meeting
August 24, 2015..... Orientation	February 1, 2016Parent Education Presentation
August 25, 2015..... First Day of School	February 2016 16/17 Board Nominating Committee
August 31, 2015..... PTSA General Meeting	March 7, 2016PTSA Board Meeting
September 14, 2015... PTSA Board Meeting	April 1, 2016..... 16/17 Board Nominations Due
September 16, 2015... Back to School Night	April 4, 2016PTSA General Meeting/Parent Ed/ and
October 5, 2015..... PTSA General Meeting	Vote on new 16/17 Board
November 9, 2015.... Parent Education Presentation	April 18, 2016.....PTSA Board Meeting (15/16 and 16/17
December 7, 2015 PTSA General Meeting	Boards)
	May 2, 2016Last PTSA General Meeting (new 16/17
	Board)

AHS PTSA Officers and Committee Chairs - 2015-2016

Position	Name	Email
Executive Committee:		
President	Theresa Bittner (P); Bird Hudson (S)	t.bittner.ahsptsa@gmail.com
Treasurer	Erika Black (P)	erikablack@yahoo.com
Secretary	Margarita Zamora Esmaili (P)	mzesmaili@gmail.com
Vice President	OPEN	
Income:		
Membership	Laura Driussi	laura.driussi@gmail.com
eScrip	OPEN	
Programs:		
Career Day & Job Shadow Day	Marianne Fisher	Mariannef811@sbcglobal.com
Campus Beautification	OPEN	
Career Day	OPEN	
Dance Volunteer Coordinator	OPEN	
Emergency Supplies	Jenny So & Karene Yong	
Grad Night	Lara Heller/Margarita Zamora Esmaili Chloe Mosqueda	mzesmaili@gmail.com ;
Job Shadow Day	OPEN	
Library	OPEN	
Parent Education Series	Kendra Knowles	knowlesclan@comcast.net
Instructional Improvement Committee (IIC)	Beth Thomsen Kendra Knowles	beththomsen@gmail.com knowlesclan@comcast.net
Senior Awards Ceremony	Becky Hopwood	
Senior Celebration Reception (June)	Fr.; Soph.; Jr. Parent(s) OPEN	
Site Council Representative	Mike McDonald; Phyllis Pennington-Kent	m.mcdonald23@yahoo.com phyllispk@gmail.com
Staff Appreciation	Lisa Kirkby Alice Ely Sonja Ross	breadandcake@comcast.net ajely@juno.com haneyross@sbcglobal.com
Teacher Treats (monthly)	Sonja Ross Alice Ely	haneyross@sbcglobal.net ajely@juno.com
Test Proctoring	OPEN	
Web Maintenance	Laura Driussi	laura.driussi@gmail.com
Communications & E-Tree	Laura Tannahill	tannahill@sbcglobal.net

Date	Type	Number	Description	Amount	Totals
Mechanics					
Balance On Hand 7/1/2015					\$ 24,701.77
Deposited Income					
07/13/2015	DEPOSIT		deposits from statement	\$ 512.51	
07/31/2015	DEPOSIT		membership	1,465.00	
08/31/2015	DEPOSIT		Membership	5,035.00	
				TOTAL	\$ 7,012.51
Total Deposits					\$ 7,012.51
Checks					
07/14/2015	CHECK	1	Proof adjustment incorrect amount on deposit, Proof adjustment for incorrect amount on deposit	\$ 55.00	
				TOTAL	\$ 55.00
Total Disbursements					\$ 55.00
Balance On Hand 8/31/2015					\$ 31,659.28
Other Information					

AHS PTSA 2015-2016 BUDGET**ROLLOVER ACTUAL****Star****Income**

Membership	\$7,000.00
Scrip	\$7,000.00
Donations	\$800.00
Grants	\$0.00
Senior Events Donations	\$100.00
Grad Night Loan Payment	\$4,000.00
Total Income	\$16,900.00

Expenses

Mini-Grants/Teacher's Wish List	\$2,000.00
AHS	
Emergency Supplies	\$500.00
Library	\$1,000.00
Mail Summer Information	\$820.00
Staff Appreciation Event	\$1,000.00
Teacher Treats	\$500.00
Campus Beautification	\$0.00
Peer Help Program	\$150.00
Parent Tea & Teas with Jeff	\$85.00
AHS Subtotal	\$4,055.00
PTSA	
Albany PTA Insurance	\$205.00
District/Council PTA Per-Cap	\$600.00
Parent Education	\$2,500.00

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Club: Model UN	\$500.00
Club: Robotics	\$150.00
Club: Science Bowl Teams	\$500.00
Club: Science Olympiad	\$500.00
Club: Spanish Club Outreach	\$100.00
Club: Yearbook	\$500.00
Health & Safety	\$0.00
Mock Trials/Debate Club	\$300.00
Newspaper	\$750.00
Mock Election	\$0.00
Senior Grad Night (Loan from PTSA)	\$4,000.00
Senior Lunch/Celebration	\$4,000.00
Senior Scholarship	\$500.00
	\$13,900.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$23,860.00**PROJECTED ROLLOVER LESS EXPENSES \$23,076.74****Checks to be approved from last school year**

Check #1065	Kendra Knowles: PTA	\$ 21.04
Check #1072	AUSD: Library	\$ 500.00
Check #1073	AUSD: Mountain Bike Club	\$ 200.00
Check #1074	CT Mosqueda: Senior Awards	\$ 459.90
Check #1075	21 Fun Inc: Grad Night - casino tables	\$ 546.00
Check #1076	Eric Larson: Grad Night - photo booth	\$ 350.00
Check #1077	143 Photo Booth: photo booth	\$ 330.00