



Albany High School  
*Meeting of the Parent/Teacher/Student Association*



DATE: September 14, 2015

**MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

PTSA President thanked the 40+ parents who attended the morning meeting with Principal Anderson.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. **Minutes for Approval**

**Recommendation:** Approve the minutes for the PTSA meeting of September 14, 2015.

**Action:** Approved minutes as submitted.

3. **Treasurer Report/Budget**

**Recommendation:** Approve revenue received and expenditures made through October 4, 2015 as noted in Treasurer summary report.

**Action:** Approved by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

4. **Student Report**

Student representative Bird Hudson, unable to attend.

5. **Principal's Message**

Principal Jeff Anderson unable to attend.

6. **Student Clubs and Academic Teams/Clubs Funding Requests**

**Recommendation:** Authorize funding as follows: a) Conexión Latina Club (\$450) for Latino Graduation Stoles and Latino student outreach; b) Best Buddies program (\$350) for the Best Buddies Leadership Conference; c) Culinary / Venture Program (\$500) for the purchase of supplies for a muffin making business; d) Speech & Debate (\$300); and e) PAWS for Peers (\$540) to purchase gift cards as reward to recognize positive behavior.

**Action:** Approve funding requests as noted above.

7. **Presentation**

Peter Parenti, Director, Office of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, regarding the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, including the Smarter Balanced English and math tests results.

Questions addressed in presentation:

- Teachers use of scores?
- When will parents see their child's score.
- Worry about low scores?
- Changes from STAR?
- Message to students about test (from teacher)?

Peter: Scores are useful to assist in classroom instruction. California's new plan for college & career = new standards, new curriculum, local control (and yes, new assessments). Albany has done an outstanding job. This was an important test and students, and educators put a lot of energy into it. But, it is not the be-all. Got good scores. However, we need to be mindful that when we over emphasize something, we lose something. So have to recognize that everyone worked hard on this, teachers and students. In California, common core are California state standards. Some states are struggling with putting this forward, but we were ready because of what we already had in place (how we taught). Not every state started with that basic premise. 2010 adopted these standards and revised in 2012. New opportunities available for California schools, where now the district is allocated funds and teachers drive the decisions made in the classrooms. Albany teachers have high expectations and new curriculum being developed all the time.

California assessment includes English, math; early assessment for 11<sup>th</sup> graders; alternate assessments for kids with special needs; etc.

Priority #1: The social-emotional impact of results on students. Individual report coming soon (early sept); some students will be discouraged. Therefore, emphasize the whole child, their strengths, and the daily information you have that shows their learning. 25% to 30% did not meet standards so be mindful to say something else (academic) that the child is good at.

Priority #2: The professional and cultural impact of results on staff and schools. Soon, we will receive school & district reports (early Sept.). High stakes accountability culture can lead to a misleading measure of quality schools. Therefore, emphasize multiple measures, look for patterns and areas of growth. Celebrate that kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade get electives (they get 2). We have a robust music program; high graduation and college entrance rate; all teachers with credentials. All these other points of measurements that shows our schools are really good.

Next Steps: Be informed. 1. Celebrate your hard work in all facets of this change; 2. Understand how to read the individual student report. Know where to get more info. (old STAR test did not give Writing; Speaking and Listening; and Research/Inquiry ability – CASP does). In math (STAR, still had a 1 in 4 chance of getting answer correct), can type in answers and people could identify whether the algorithm was correct and would receive partial credit.) and most significant shift is expectation that communicate reasoning. Situation set up for them and they have to reason through a response. It is a written approach to show reasoning. Instead of communicating the exact algorithm (exact number sentence); in this case it might be a baseball stadium and have budget and have a team of people which ways would you divide the work and what geometry would come into play. Looking to demonstrate how they construct arguments and critique others.

Teachers have not received individual student reports yet. Teachers have been teaching towards this, but not sure if target revealed. Within 2-3 weeks may have the individual student reports and have 20 days to then send them to parents.

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Based on Albany's scores (showed scores), did very well. There are still similar patterns of small groups that need help (low-income, minorities) and we will continue to aggressively provide outreach and support. Continue to emphasize that these scores are NOT used in the college application process.

#### **8. Parent Education Series – October 5, 2015**

Tentatively scheduled Albany Police Department representative to address the issue of teen driving and DUI consequences. Both parents and students are welcome.

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

### AHS PTSA Officers and Committee Chairs - 2015-2016

Position	Name	Email
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Campus Beautification	OPEN	
Careert Day	OPEN	
Dance Volunteer Coordinator	OPEN	
Emergency Supplies	Joan Williams & Linda Howel	
Grad Night	Lara Heller/Margarita Zamora Esmaili Chloe Mosqueda	<a href="mailto:mzesmaili@gmail.com">mzesmaili@gmail.com</a> ;
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