

PTO Working Minutes

March 31, 2011

Called to order at 4 pm

Held in Spanish Room at ACS

- **Board Attendance:** Misty O’Leary, Janet White, Stephanie Weeber, Meredith Jacobs, Laura Hesse, Michelle Barrette, Allyson Ford and Jeannie Reddan (a quorum of at least 5 executive members was present).
- **Additional Attendees:** Dean Persichina, Dennis Desormeaux (Dad’s Club), Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Delimont, Clayton Watson (GB), and Kelli Wojtkewicz (PTO 2011-2012 applicant).
- *Minutes from the February Working Meeting were unanimously approved.*
- **President’s Report:** Misty O’Leary reported that the revisions to the PTO Guidelines and Procedures have been completed. It was also mentioned that the PTO Bylaws are up to date.

A unanimous vote was recorded to accept the newly revised PTO Guidelines and Procedures.

Applications for the 2011-2012 PTO Board have been sent out, along with a copy of the code of ethics.

- **Communications Report:** Janet White reported that the PTO website is up and running. Any information to be included on the PTO website will need to be emailed to Janet. The website address is www.acs-pt.org. A PayPal account is in the works for the PTO website. Laura Heese will be handling the PayPal account.
- **Social Report:** Laura Heese stated that the next teacher breakfast will be on Friday April 1st and hosted by the 1st grade. The teacher dinners were fantastic. The potluck idea was appropriate and functional. More parent help is needed for setup and cleanup. Teachers are encouraged to bring storage containers from home to take home leftovers.

Enrichment Report: Meredith Jacobs stated that the Colorado Kid Prove class will start on Wednesday April 7th. Kid Prove will donate \$3/student back to ACS. A reminder email will go out on April 1st.

- **Fundraising Report:** Allyson Ford reported that the 80's Dance was more of a community success rather than a fundraising success. We were able to net about \$6,000.

Since the 80's dance was not as profitable as we had hoped, the PTO will need to host another fundraiser before Field Day. We are currently about \$50,000 short of our \$80,000 goal. To meet that goal, we would need about \$150/student in donations. ACS is trying to get the school up to date with 21st Century Technology. In order to encourage higher direct donations, the PTO needs to be able to advertise specifically what the money will be used on, not just a broad category as previously agreed upon. It was discussed to have the Deans write a brief explanation as to what the funds will be used for. This explanation will be advertised during the new fundraisers.

A new fundraiser was decided upon by the Board. "Kiss the Pig" will be our new Spring Fundraiser. Each teacher will have their own piggy bank outside their classroom. Students, families, and faculty are encouraged to stuff the piggy bank with money. The teacher with the most money in his or her piggy bank at the end of the fundraiser will have the honor of kissing a real live pig. The fundraiser will run from April 11th through May 13th. The kissing ceremony will take place during Field Day. If the school raises over \$30,000, both Deans will also kiss the pig. It was discussed to put the leader list on the website for all to see. The staff will promote throughout the fundraiser. It is suggested to have a \$5 minimum bid per student. Any donation over \$100 will receive a tax donation letter.

- **SAC Report:** No SAC reps were present at the meeting. Going forward, SAC reps will only attend the General Meetings.
- **Teacher Representatives Report:** Stephanie Weeber, Elementary Teachers Rep, stated that the teachers were grateful for the dinners provided by the parents. Mrs. Bigbey's class submitted a thank you letter to the PTO for the funding of their Ameritowne field trip.

Michelle Barrette, Middle School Teachers Rep, reported that the material for the new Spanish Curriculum is coming in next week for viewing.

- **Dads Club Report:** Dennis Desormeaux reported that Phil Murray's friend has volunteered to take on the building of the trophy case. This will most likely take place over the summer. The trophy case will be

- **Dads Club Report, cont'd:** displayed in the front of the school under the PTO bulletin board in place of the old couch.

It was asked of Dennis to have him write up a section regarding the Dads Club for the PTO website, as well as advertising in the PTO newsletter.

The Club is planning a Spring Girls Football Day.

Volunteers are needed to power wash and stain the preschool fence.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bonnie Buckley was unable to attend the meeting. However, it was reported that the PTO made \$286.05 from the Domino's Pizza Night. 69 families participated in this fundraiser.
- **Dean's Report:** Dean Persichina reported that ACS was awarded the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award by the Colorado Department of Education. This award acknowledges the school with the highest rate of student longitudinal growth on the state assessments for 2009-2010.

It was noted that until the GLE's are determined for next year and how they will align with the core knowledge, ACS will hold off on purchasing the Social Studies curriculum.

ACS will be looking into the purchasing of Maps Software versus pull down maps for updating the classrooms, as well as piloting iPads for each classroom. Airliners or Slate boards, Smart boards, iPads, and Discovery Streamlining are all being considered for Tech purchases.

Challenge Day will be held on April 11th and is fully funded by the PTO.

Dean Persichina will look into the possibility of podcasting the PTO meetings. She will also have Mr. Goody podcast an advertisement regarding the need for direct donations and what the money will be used for all put on by students.

- **New Business:** There was no new business to report.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm. End of meeting minutes. The next General PTO meeting is scheduled for April 28th at 5pm in the Science Lab.

- Minutes prepared by Jeannie Reddan, Secretary. Hard copies of all minutes are available for viewing in the PTO Minutes Book in the ACS office or on the PTO bulletin board.