

November 6 PTSA Committee Reports

Membership Report

We now have 634 members and have received \$2268.00 in donations. I continue to receive forms in the mail almost daily. I received forms in the mail for 75 new members in October.

Tess

Reflections Report

Faculty member Roland Green has agreed to be the on-site contact person for "Reflections". I have given him the entry forms and he has made numerous announcements for students to come by his room if they are interested, for forms and information. We are planning a celebration for all participants for the evening of April 26, in the auditorium and auditorium lobby of Sanderson.

Judy Dove

Character Education:

We processed faculty nominations for 95 students who demonstrated the character trait of respect during the month of October. The only student receiving nominations from two different faculty members, William Stephenson, will be recognized in the November Spartan Newsletter along with the 9th Grade Academy Student-of-the-Month, Ruben Garratt.

Gay Brothers

YaHoo report....all is well! Encourage people you know to join. Diana

The Lifesaver Award program is going well. We have given out over \$100 in gift cards so far this school year to teachers and staff. The next faculty meeting is on 11-6 where more gift cards will be given out. The most popular gift cards are from Target.

I still have not received any response from anyone who might be available to attend faculty meetings in case I am not able to be there. I see no problems coming up but it would be nice to have a couple of names I can contact just in case. The meetings are monthly usually the first Monday at 3:20 and I am always first on the agenda. The whole process takes about half an hour and it may never be necessary to ask anyone to stand in. If you can be available at that time please e-mail me your name and contact number. Thanks, *Pam Koretsky* My e-mail address is pamkoretsky@hotmail.com and my cell phone number is 605-3544.

Leadership Team Meetings.

I have now attended two Sanderson Leadership Team Meetings. The Leadership Team has reviewed the homework policy, the retention program for keeping Initially Licensed Teachers, vocabulary programs and writing initiatives, lunch duty for teachers, and whether parent focus groups are needed to discover parental concerns.

The team has also reviewed the Tuesday morning PLC program and ways to document student progress in each department. This team meets once or twice a month depending on the number of issues that need to be addressed. The next meeting is November 27, unless we need to meet on November 15th.

Marty Munt

School Directory - The options of the WCPSS Print Shop and Office Max were considered for printing after the "opt outs" were deleted and the student artwork selected (Erin Choplin and Ashleigh Pippen's artwork appear on the front and back covers). Office Max was chosen because of their service and efficiency; the costs were comparable. The directories were completed, picked up and delivered to the school on Friday Sept. 29th. The cost was \$1572.90. They were distributed during 2nd period to the students on October 25, 2006. Last year when they were printed in our SHS print shop the cost was \$481.41; well below our \$1000.00 budget. The average cost per year for the last two years was \$1027. We were very pleased to have reached our goal of having the directories printed and available for distribution before the end of September; much sooner than the 2005-2006 school year when they were not available until February .

~ Rebecca Martin and Colleen Remein

Programs - We are currently looking into the "Alive at 25" program that Wakefield HS has done for the last few years. It appears to be something that the PTSA developed under their Character Education Committee - please note web site <http://www.wakefieldhs.net/> however we have e-mailed Sandra Freeman, WHS PTSA president, and are looking forward to learning more about their program. We need to decide upon a date, arrange speakers and make the other necessary plans. We also need to coordinate plans for the Latino Family program at a community site.

MariaRosa Rangel, Senior Administrator for Hispanic/Latino Outreach Services For WCPSS is a resource that will assist us with these plans. The Writer in Residence and Career Development ideas have not as yet been developed.

~ Colleen Remein and Rebecca Martin

Online Spartan newsletter

We currently have 56 families choosing to read online (65 students). This is a very small percentage which we hope will grow over time. Nonetheless, this saves 56 x 6, or 336 newsletters that would have been printed and mailed this school year.

An added plus which should be recognized: the online version is posted the same time the paper copies are mailed, thus it can be read sooner. It is also in color with working links to the internet. Thanks to all who have opted out. Any board member who has not opted out can do so on Monday evening after the meeting.

Fran Holland