

Committee Reports for Jan. 2007 meeting

### **Character Education**

We have awarded a total of 232 students during the first three months of the year. We will meet tomorrow to process the awards for December. We have gone "high tech" thanks to Cathy Zerbe and are now "tracking" the awards in order to recognize students in the Spartan Newsletter that receive nominations from more than one faculty member during the same month.

2nd Semester Plan of Work: Awards based on faculty nominations will continue throughout the second half of the year. All teachers will receive a "Kudos" in June for a character trait chosen by the Committee -- last year it was perseverance!

I have checked with each Committee member and there is no one that is able to take over as Chairperson this year. I would like to turn over this Committee to another Chairperson as soon as possible. I will be glad to continue as a Committee member but would like to recruit another Chairperson for 2nd semester. The program is well organized and documented if anyone is interested. Please feel free to give me a call if you have questions. In addition to a new Chairperson, a couple of additional volunteers to assist with processing the nominations on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. would be great!

Thanks!

Gay J. Brothers

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### **Reflections Report:**

- Four Sanderson students entered the National PTA Reflections Theme search.
- Sanderson freshman Danny Dove was named one of five state finalists in the National PTA's 2008-2009 Reflections Theme Search Program. North Carolina PTA has selected five entries that will be forwarded to National PTA for judging. They are:

*Will Arditti, Oakwood Elementary, Hickory - "When the Sun Goes Down...."*

*Meredith Simpson, Oakwood Elementary, Hickory - "If I could go back in time...."*

***Danny Dove, Sanderson High, Raleigh - "When time flies...."***

*Madison Menzies, Viewmont Elementary, Hickory - "How I'm different...."*

*Kadeisha Grant, Lake Wylie Elementary, Charlotte - "With You...."*

National PTA will select the winner in January 2007. Danny has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement from the State PTA.

The Sanderson entry is mentioned in the December/January N.C. PTA Parent-Teacher Bulletin on page 2. See at:

[http://www.ncpta.org/Bullitens/Dec\\_06Jan\\_07/Dec06.Jan07.pdf](http://www.ncpta.org/Bullitens/Dec_06Jan_07/Dec06.Jan07.pdf)

- With the help of faculty member Roland Green, we had about 20 students submit Reflections entries in the following areas: Literature, Film/Video, Photography, Dance/Choreography, Visual Art
- Co-President Anne Sherron signed on as Reflections co-chair and took charge of getting the judges.
- Judges have been contacted and judging is in process, completed for some entries.
- Anne and Judy will meet at 3:00 on Friday, January 5, to prepare the entries that will be moving up.
- An April reception is planned to celebrate the Reflections participants.

Judy Dove and Anne Sherron

#### **PTSA Scholarship Committee:**

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Posters, video skit announcements, announcements at College Information sessions and Financial Aid workshops, Yahoo newsgroup articles, and SHS Newsletter articles have announced the scholarship availability since September. All these have included reminders to seniors to become PTSA members by January 5, 2007 in order to be eligible.

Scholarship applications will be available in the Career Center January 8, 2007. Completed applications are due back to Ms. Low in Guidance by Monday, March 26, 2007. Applications will be evaluated in April by non-SHS community leaders; scholarship winners will be announced in late May. We are now recruiting evaluators, including a request to the SHS Business Alliance.

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Please call/email if you have questions, otherwise I'll see you on 1/2.

Thanks,  
Terri (676-0712)

**The Leadership Team** will be looking at Sanderson's Mission, Values, and Vision Statements that will guide our school for the next 3 years. A committee from this team will meet with interested parents in the media center on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to get parental input in this process.

Marty Munt

**No Fuss Fundraiser report:** As of 12/31/06 we have received approximately \$4,725. I have a few checks that I got during the last few weeks that need to go to the bank. (they are included in the total above.) Rhonda sent out the No Fuss letter to all students...that envelope was stamped with the school's address- I haven't checked the PTA box at the school yet to see if any money is in there...I think Anne said she has received \$25. I will check the PTA box regularly since that is where the money will be going now. I think as soon as we hit \$5,000 we should select the winner of the Angus Barn Gift Certificate- I have a record of everyone who has donated so far. (around 75 people-not including the people who donated with their PTA membership) A special thanks to Rhonda Allen for coordinating the mailing!! It was a lot of hard work and she did it herself with the help of her daughter Erin Morton.

Ellen Frick

### **Yahoo Group**

We have whopping 974 members to date (that includes all of the faculty and staff). We're getting a little bit of a routine going.... would love to see more information coming directly from the clubs and their advisors. Hope everyone is finding it useful!

Diana

**Lifesaver Awards** program is in full swing. We have been averaging 5 gift cards a month. That means about 50 awards cards filled out each month. The teachers seem to look forward to it at each the faculty meeting.

Pam Koretsky

### **PTSA Membership Report**

We currently have a total of 667 members. Anne has more forms to give me tomorrow night, so that number will increase. We have also received donations through membership for a total of \$2436.

The Scholarship Committee has been provided with a list of the PTSA members to determine scholarship eligibility. I will send them an updated copy with any memberships I receive through January 5th.

Tess

### **PTSA Programs report:**

Rebecca and I, with oversight from Ms Moore, are currently considering 3 programs ("writer in residence" inservice for English teachers, program to engage SHS Latino parents in the school process and "Alive at 25") with priority being given to the "Alive at 25" all day program. We are aiming to create SHS's Alive at 25 program so that it can be implemented before the Prom on April 28th.

Carolyn Scheick, Wakefield HS PTSA Character Education Chairperson, gave us a verbal description plus some "time-lines" that they used last spring. The script and idea originally came from Broughton HS. We will need to enlist a committee of at least 12 - 18 parent volunteers to work on all the planning, writing and coordinating that must take place in the next 3 months. This committee will meet weekly and communicate regularly; this is an ambitious effort so we would like SHS parents to consider how they might become involved. We will ask members to sign up for various committees at our meeting on Jan. 2. See you then! ~ Colleen Remein