

## **PTSA Meeting Minutes January 11, 2012**

**Student Report** (Susan Sather for SGA) – SGA is selling Seahawk Strong bracelets. The profits go to the cancer society. Different types of bracelets sold for different types of cancer.

### **VP Programs** (Susan Brownsword) – **IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC)**

**Susan Brownsword (along with Marie Turner)** presented the new IB Career Certificate Program. South Lakes High School is one of the 5 high schools in the county that will be offering this certificate program. The course integrates life skills, community and service, language and communication, and career related ethical issues. The program at South Lakes includes Army JROTC, Auto Tech, Business IT, Culinary arts, and Market technology. The IBCC courses will be available to Juniors and Seniors – sequential 2-year courses in career related field. Candidates successfully completing the courses will also receive an industry recognized certificate and a seal on their transcript. There is a cap of 30 students per year into this program.

**Approval of Minutes** (Shashi Kuppa) – The November 9, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**President** (Susan Sather) – It is time to begin planning for the next school year. The PTSA is looking for 3 volunteers for the nominating committee. This is also the time for current board members to decide if they want to continue in their current position.

**Treasurer** (Jody Wolfe) – Treasurer's report was reviewed. There is approximately \$27,500 in the bank.

**VP Communications** (Sofi Cahoon) - Newsletter is on PTSA website. Next newsletter is in March.

### **Academic Boosters** (Kim Shoop, Joan Lynch) -

- 2<sup>nd</sup> round of mock tests will be in the last week in February and in March. SAT mock test on Feb 25 and feedback session on Feb 28. ACT mock test is on March 17 and the feedback session is on March 27.
- BUG (Bringing Up Grades) – fewer gift cards will be given out but with higher dollar values.
- FAQs – Request for feedback was sent out .

**Volunteers** (Sheryl Cosing) – Need 18-20 volunteers for Post Secondary Options day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also seeking volunteers for judging Odyssey of the Mind by January 19 (IB students are allowed to do the judging).

### **ANGP** (Joan Burkhart) – Fundraisers

- Funraisers - Merrifield Gift Cards and Papa Johns. Plant sale in end of March.
- ANGP ticket price - \$15
- Some committee chairs still need to be filled.

**Community Outreach** (Elizabeth Vandenburg) – Career expo on March 19, 2012 for sophomores. The YEA (Young Entrepreneur Academy) at the Reston Chamber of Commerce is going strong.

**New Business** (Sheryl Cosing) – Booze-Allen-Hamilton has numerous volunteer initiatives in Herndon HS. We need to tap into such companies for various volunteer activities at South Lakes as well – judges for science fair, mentors, tutors, ANGP, writers workshop, and others.

**Principal** (Bruce Butler) –

### **Upcoming dates**

- Jan. 18: PTSA Board Meeting, Susan Sather's home: 7pm
- Jan. 24: ANGP Meeting, Career Center: 7pm
- Jan. 26: Acad. Booster Meeting: 9:30am
- Feb. 8: PTSA Meeting: 7pm
- Feb 17: Honor Roll Breakfast
- Feb 24: Acad. Booster Meeting: 7pm – in cafeteria
- Feb. 28: ANGP Meeting in the Career Center: 7pm
- Mar. 1: ANGP Plant Sale Begins