



## Chief Sealth International PTSA General Meeting 9/27/11

### **Welcome/Introduction**

Amy Daly-Donovan, PTSA President, opened the meeting and introduced members of the PTSA board who were in attendance. There were approximately 82 people in attendance. Translators in Somali and Spanish were provided throughout the meeting. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

### **PTSA Leadership Team**

New leadership team members Nancy Swenson (treasurer) and Pam Lang (secretary) were elected through unanimous approval.

### **PTSA Budget**

The attached budget was reviewed and questions answered regarding several line items. The 2011-12 PTSA Budget was unanimously approved.

### **PTSA Standing Rules**

The attached PTSA Standing Rules were unanimously approved.

### **PTSA Goals**

The PTSA Goals for 2011-12 are attached. The four main goals are: (1) Increased family involvement and participation in PTSA and school events. PTSA membership last year was at 220 and the minimum goal this year is 300; (2) Financially support programs and activities that impact as many students as possible with equal attention given to academics, athletics, arts and other projects & activities; (3) Strong relationships with and support of CSIHS staff, teachers, and other school programs and organizations; and, (4) Contribute to the positive image of CSIHS within the W. Seattle community.

### **Audience Ideas to Promote Goals**

Audience members were asked to write their ideas for how to best go about implementing the goals on post-it notes and place them on charts posted on the wall. Each of these ideas will be reviewed and discussed by the PTSA Leadership Team at the next meeting on 10/3 and updates regarding these ideas will be provided as the year progresses.

### **Address by Interim Principal Chris Kinsey**

Interim Principal Chris Kinsey addressed the meeting and provided information about the status of the school and his goals for this school year.

- School is slightly over capacity with 1,247 students. Due to the number of students, the school will be hiring 3-5 additional teachers. He is still working out classroom space for these new teachers

- The waiting list remains in place and is controlled by the District Headquarters
- The "no show" rate is down to 3%, a great improvement over 4 years ago when it hovered at approximately 17%
- New lockers to accommodate band equipment has been ordered which will help alleviate overcrowding in the band room itself and provide security for the instruments
- All administrators are leading a study hall period, including C. Kinsey to help lift some of the load on the teachers
- Concerns raised by several in audience re: verifying addresses of students attending CSIHS will be taken by C. Kinsey to the District

### **Comments by Sam Reed, CSIHS Activities Coordinator/Athletics Director**

Sam Reed provided insight into steps being taken by Interim Principal C. Kinsey to learn about, connect with and communicate with students and teachers at the school. Mr. Reed identified a goal of getting every student at CSIHS to find at least one activity outside the classroom to participate in and excites them about being at CSIHS. Mr. Reed provided information about Spirit Week, which is underway now, and introduced ASB President Cecilia Silva and VP Leslie Tran. The ASB leaders asked for help from the parents in planning and organizing the Grad Night for the Class of 2012 as well as identifying the ASB goal of "inclusion". This means bringing more students into school activities and are planning a Day of Service in which all the clubs and students will perform one service project. The ASB leaders also talked about a new Spirit Club called Hawks Nest which will provide support for the sports teams during games.

### **Comments by Noah Zeichner, Teacher**

Mr. Zeichner provided updates on the upcoming Northwest Teachers for Social Justice Conference being held at Sealth the weekend of 10/1-2. He also provided information about the service program provided by Global Visionaries which involves travel by students to Guatemala.

### **Teen Health Clinic**

The two nurse practitioners, Lisa Krogman and Lib Kratz, spoke about services provided by the Teen Health Center which is run by Neighborcare Health (not the school district). This is a full service clinic provided vaccinations, flu shots, physical exams, routine health care, health counseling, and confidential health services as mandated by state law. No child will be denied services for inability to pay. If a child has private insurance they will bill the carriers. The nurse practitioners noted that the Families and Education Levy is up for a renewal vote this November and provides the funding for the Teen Clinics. It was also noted by Allison Enochs, the school nurse, that the school nurse positions also receive a substantial portion of their funding via the Families and Education Levy.

## **Wrap Up**

Optional building tours were provided by the ASB leaders. Tours of the Teen Health Center were provided by Ms. Krogman and Ms. Kratz. Sealth T-shirts were handed out as door prizes.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The next PTSA General Meeting will be Thursday, Dec 1

Open House/Curriculum Night is Thursday, Oct. 13, 6-9 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Lang  
PTSA Secretary

Attachments:

- (1) PTSA agenda for 9/27/11 General Meeting
- (2) PTSA budget 2011-12
- (3) Standing Rules; PTSA Goals and Strategies