

CHIEF SEALTH PTSA
Ideas and Input from General Meetings
September 23, 2010 ~ Approximately 60 attendees

PTSA Strategy	Idea/Input Gathered	Status/Response as of 10/22/10
General Meetings	<p>If fewer PTSA meetings, how do parents provide feedback to PTSA?</p> <p>Work to get a diverse population of parents involved</p> <p>Spanish translators at meetings</p> <p>Student involvement – invite one student club (seeking support and/or doing fundraising) to present at each PTSA meeting.</p> <p>Have meetings during game times</p> <p>Potluck PTA and themes</p>	<p>Feedback is always encouraged and welcome – at our regularly scheduled meetings and through direct contact with the PTSA board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chiefsealthpts@gmail.com • www.chiefsealthpts.org • phone PTSA President Amy Daly-Donovan at 923-3234 • mail to the school (2600 SW Thistle, Seattle 98136) <p>We are working on a variety of strategies for this, such as reaching out to some other community groups. We would appreciate your ideas and help here!</p> <p>We are looking at resources and funding for this because we agree that this is very important.</p> <p>Great idea and we are planning to do this at each meeting throughout the year, perhaps with a panel of students at our final meeting. If you have specific suggestions, please let us know.</p> <p>Also a good idea. Our meeting schedule is set for this year but we will review the dates and see if any adjustments are possible.</p> <p>Thanks for offering! ☺ We decided for the remainder of the year we would like to have a multi-cultural focus for PTSA meeting refreshments. Stay tuned for requests for potluck participation!</p>

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<p>Fundraising</p>	<p>Parents and students donate things to sell – like clothes, DVDs, movies, all sorts of stuff</p> <p>Fund raiser idea – used book sale at an already scheduled event</p> <p>PCC Co-Op has a debit card program where the school can get a % of receipts</p> <p>Outreach to West Seattle businesses</p> <p>Grant writing</p> <p>West Seattle area public schools all in a joint effort with a 5K</p> <p>For fundraising in Mexican culture we have what is called <i>guermes</i> which is a mini-carnival that can bring in money</p>	<p>These are all great ideas and will be considered by our Fundraising Committee. If you are interested in helping/leading any of these efforts, please contact us at chiefsealthpta@google.com. Thanks!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p>Currently, West Seattle High runs a 5K in the spring. The first year they opened it up to other schools but have since changed their strategy. However, it might be worth opening a conversation with them again!</p> <p>This might be a fun idea to pursue for multi-culture night or in conjunction with another school activity.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>Put PDFs on the website for every form or hand out</p> <p>Consider creating a Sealth PTSA podcast</p>	<p>Done! If you can't find what you're looking for, please let us know and we will upload it immediately. Right now you can find the meeting minutes, handouts from meetings, a copy of our detailed goals & strategies, the current budget, and other documents.</p> <p>Sounds intriguing ... are there specific ideas about what/how we might do this? The November meeting will feature a speaker on the state of education funding, perhaps we can experiment with that.</p> <p><i>Just a reminder that the best way to stay informed is to join our Google group to receive email updates. Subscribe by sending an email including your first and last name to:</i></p> <p>SealthPTSA+subscribe@googlegroups.com</p>

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		<i>We also started a Facebook group (“Chief Sealth International High School PTSA”) and would love more activity there.</i>
Teacher/Staff/Student Activities	<p>SAT review course – could we have one?</p> <p>Can we have a list of student names, contacts, for communication about homework and parent coordination?</p> <p>Could each class start raising money early on for their senior year events? Over four years, they could raise more than just over their senior year.</p> <p>Rosters for sports teams with students/emails</p> <p>Support annual student awards</p> <p>Sell sweatshirts for all sports teams (i.e., soccer, baseball, football)</p>	<p>There is some support available in this area, we will look into it.</p> <p>We have a parent volunteer who is looking into providing a Family Directory. Stay tuned!</p> <p>We have passed this idea to Sam Reed (Activities Director).</p> <p>We have passed this idea on to Mr. Reed (Athletics Director).</p> <p>We would love to hear more specifics on this idea. Currently, the PTSA supports the Student of the Month recognition program.</p> <p>We have passed this idea to Mr. Reed, Athletics Director.</p>
Volunteers	<p>During lunches</p> <p>At dances</p> <p>When and where can parents volunteer during schools hours?</p> <p>Volunteers during school to assist if students skip</p> <p>Send out email request for volunteers for projects – state the amount of people needed</p>	<p>Lori Douglas, Dean of Students, manages all school-day parent volunteers. She has a pretty long “wish list” from teachers and staff. We will see about posting that list on the Chief Sealth PTSA website, and in the meantime feel free to contact her directly (ltdouglas@seattleschools.org).</p> <p>See above re: Lori Douglas.</p> <p>We plan to do this for PTSA-related opportunities. We’ll encourage Ms. Douglas to use the PTSA Google group to post school-related needs, or get on her list and she will send email when need arise.</p>

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	Is there a volunteer database or coordinator?	Right now, school-related volunteer opportunities are managed by Lori Douglas, Dean of Students. PTSA-related opportunities are handled by the PTSA Board, we do not have a designated volunteer coordinator. Let us know if you are interested in the job!
West Seattle Community	Have community-wide anti-drug and drinking efforts Student-led community service projects	Thank you for these ideas – there is an active group here locally that addresses anti-drinking efforts; we can look into this as well. We have also been in touch with Neighborhood House, a local agency that has thriving program in this area. There are currently many opportunities for students to be involved, and sometimes lead, community service projects. Mr. Reed does a great job of posting these opportunities regularly in his daily announcements. If there are more specific ideas around this, please let us know.
Other	Trim the tree trunk on the corner of 27 th and Thistle; it's hard to see the students in the morning. It would be good to fund things/activities that are inclusive of all students. Suggestions: "Challenge Day" refer to MTV's "If you really knew me" Support for the Science Department: materials, internships, equipment, scientist at Fred Hutchinson Do outstanding educator and Golden Acorn Awards (through the state PTSA)	We have passed this note to the school administration. We have made a specific effort to assure our budget supports all facets of student life at CSIHS and that the support is spread evenly across all groups /students. Will look into a Challenge Day idea ... and would like to have enough volunteers step up to manage such an effort! Our budget allocates \$3,500 for academic support and \$4,000 for teacher projects. CSIHS staff are encouraged to submit a proposal for funding. Good idea, we will look into this because we know we have a ton of qualified candidates here at Chief Sealth!

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