

**Chief Sealth PTSA General Meeting**  
**Ideas Collected from Participant re: 2011-12 Strategies**  
**September 27, 2011**

- Plan and hold interesting, inviting, & accessible general meetings
  - Continue to involve student presentations at every PTSA meeting
  - To draw members, have great guest speakers on relevant topics (teens, sex, Facebook, etc.)
  - Bring in resources - “how to talk to your teen” for example – Ron Feinberg, social worker on Mercer Island is great!
  - Mandar informacion en idiomas que se representan en las escuela, a la casa. (Send home information in languages represented at school)
  
- Develop sustainable fundraising processes
  - Used book sale at an event where parents and students are attending (Chris Panganiban 206-491-4422)
  - Pot luck dinners to introduce other cultures to each other – fundraiser?
  - Woodshop/ACE will donate for auction again. Would like to do a large playhouse. Need to talk about getting materials, tools.
  - I love the idea of combining the auctions. Our kids are in many activities and its hard to fundraise and be involved in all of them. combined fundraising is appealing. Especially if the funds are divided fairly. (Robin Westler)
  - Advertise for auction items now.
  
- Develop and maintain a diverse and enthusiastic volunteer base
  - Do outreach to Filipino families; give me a list and I can try. (Leo Lazo [leomlazo@yahoo.com](mailto:leomlazo@yahoo.com)).
  - I hope you continue sending emails to keep people informed and solicit volunteering and donations, etc. I can’t always make meetings but I was able to participate and volunteer and be more aware of what’s going on (Robin Westler)
  - Multi-Cultural Night planning committee
  - Good communication/”advertising” for volunteer opportunities. Would be happy to volunteer but not really suited to lots of meetings/organizational “stuff”
  - Develop non-traditional PTSA models to use the talents & skills of the immigrants/refugee students. They want to help. Find ways for involvement.
  
- Provide consistent and timely PTSA-related communication
  - Use community network to impact more students (Somali, Latino, Asian, etc.)
  
- Support teachers, staff, and school activities
  - Staff appreciation has been fantastic. Keep up the good work.
  - New lunch boxes for teachers for new school year kick-off
  - Teacher appreciation week – provide buffet of cookies & treats with treat bags for teachers to take a dessert home to their families
  - I’d like to expand student recognition via more photos of students who excel or are recognized other than just Student of the Month – and I’d like to do this (Laura Martin)

- Break barriers by helping the staff and faculty at CSIHS to develop leaders with higher levels to mentor younger students/lower grades
- There are many opportunities for kids that qualify for free & reduced lunch. How do we share in these opportunities when we are simply in “the middle”?
- With J. Boyd gone, concerned about the continued upward trajectory of the school.
- Connect with West Seattle community and continue building CSIHS’s positive image
  - Sponsor some community service activities for student volunteer credit (WS or WC Food Bank, Habitat weekend, animal shelter, etc.)
  - Have students work closer with all the WS parks departments
  - Get the music groups out playing and performing more for WS events
  - WS Blog loves local news/photos
  - Joint fundraiser with WSHS – something like their fun run. Not necessarily a run but something for the whole community.
  - There is a waiting list of local students unable to get into Sealth who want programs not offered at WSHS. What can we do?
  - Monthly (at least) notices in WS Blog, etc.
- Other
  - Online FAQ for student resources
  - I would like to see the school form a relationship with a few 4-year colleges for recruiting (thinking WSU, Western, etc)
  - Work in collaboration with other city departments – parks, human services, neighborhoods. Let’s not work in isolation – it takes a village to raise a child.
  - Projects spearheaded by PTSA where kids can earn community service hours. Suggestion – Green Project.
  - Help open a chapter of Clearsky Native Youth Council (Sarah Kelly 206-937-2842).
  - We need a big spirit flag that a student can run back & forth with at sporting events.
  - Wish there was communicating with the athletic dept. the girls have one meet to qualify for district to go to state. Seems inherently unfair.
  - Update the football roster with the *right* height & weight and grade pt.
  - We need a bigger cheer squad, ours is small compared to other schools.
- What you need from us?
  - Help pay for Grad Night and help organize it! 😊