

CHAT Agenda

September 15, 2010

Theme: Beginning the School Year Right

- Discussion of Mission and Goals of CHAT
- Presentation of Field trips for the year
- Parent Relations Office Hours
- Staff Share Topic: Accessing PACT Resources to Support Your Student
- Parents Sharing Curriculum and Best Practices

Meeting Minutes:

Goals and Mission Discussion Points and Needs:

- The focus of the upcoming CHAT meetings will be supporting parent/teachers in their work with students. We discussed having a monthly topic and having half the meeting devoted to questions, concerns, and networking/sharing.
 - As topics come up small groups may be formed for more discussion (i.e. spelling)
 - A suggestion was made to have a curriculum fair and discussion in April.
- There is a need to separate the fundraising/booster section of the meeting from the parent support and networking discussion portion to allow time and focus for both.
 - A meeting time will be set up and nine of the attendees are interested in attending. At that meeting we will discuss and determine how access can be granted to those that cannot attend (Skype, conference call, etc.) and if voting via email, polls, or Survey Monkey would be beneficial or if only attending members vote.
 - We will discuss setting up the format of the fundraising group, policies, and procedures (i.e. PTA formats and forms, submitting proposals for utilizing funds, fundraising for specific projects, getting 10% of population feedback before decisions, etc.)
 - We will discuss setting up a communication/representative system (i.e. advisor groups, grade levels k-2, 3-5, 6-8)
 - A request was made to have time at the next fundraising meeting to discuss current annual fundraisers that are coming up and get them started for the year.
- Parents see a need for a place to address needs and concerns for the program (i.e. finding a quiet study area for families on campus)
- An idea was brought up about setting up a new parent check in mid-year to see how they are doing and lend support.
- A request was made to discuss websites and school spirit in future meetings.
- The CHAT page on the PACT website will be added to the popular links section on the main page for easy access. The agendas and minutes will be posted there and on a bulletin board in the PACT office.