

PAC Kick-Off Meeting

August 27, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions- Mrs. Hatfield provided an overview of what PAC does at Access Charter.

PAC Overview –

What is PAC? PAC, as a collective group of parents, supports students and staff members with various school activities through yearly active volunteerism. PAC aims to help foster healthy communication and relationships among parents, staff, and students creating an overall thriving school community.

Ideas for future of PAC - what works – how can PAC improve

Continue to request a PAC Fee of \$20/year to support budget costs

Room Parents –

Role of Room Parent reviewed – discussed co-room parent options.

Contact List – what works best? – communication through Parent Square worked well

Staff information list – feedback was to continue to share w/ updated to information on website – share with parents prior to special occasions.

Planning meetings – how often - as needed for planning groups (room parents) as needed to include all volunteers for special events etc.

Expectations for members of PAC teams etc. – Mrs. K. Oakman

PAC Calendar

Event Ideas? Planning Committees? Brainstorm session – divided into groups to discuss ideas for this year.

Student Activities

1. **First Responders Day-** Fire department could come and teach the kids to use the water hose. They could run through with the kids in an obstacle course. They could also dress up as a first responders, so the kids cannot be scared of the officer or fireman. Another parent mentioned we did this in the past with having stations with different departments spread out for the kids to visit, and there was a horse. Suggestions were about having parent volunteers dress up in a costume like first responders too. If we have this activity, we could work with SAC.
2. **Animal Day-**We could have the wildlife preserve come out with turtles, reptiles, and the students could see the different animals.

3. **Halloween Trick or Trunk Day**-The students in each class could come up with themes for each vehicle they are assigned to. The class can make decorations for the vehicle. The kids can receive candy at each car.
4. **Bike Riding Day with Lessons**- The police officers could come out to help teach kids to ride their bikes. One parent said we could pair it up with the Health Fair since one year there was a booth giving away bike helmets. Also, the officers could help the parents with putting training wheels on the bikes, and the kids could bring their bikes and bicycle around the pavement.
5. **Holidays Around the World**- Due to COVID we could change it, and maybe have bags of snacks passed out with the theme of the country. Maybe, the teacher could do the rotations and have the students make a video of the country. That teacher can go around each class and can supply the video, photos, handouts, and activities for that country. Another ideal was to have it in the evening where the parents can come, and they could do it in the gym where there are stations set up for each country. We could pair up with UCF Card Family stations. Another parent like the ideal where we can write a Holiday Card and exchange it with either PHCS or with Highland Prep students (who we work with Best Buddies)

Staff Appreciation

As a group, we agreed that the Staff Appreciation Luncheons need to stay. They should be catered this year, as well.
Suggestions:

Oct. 24th: Honey Baked Ham Boxed Luncheons (Teachers can preorder)

Feb. 21st: Italian. It's a favorite! 😊 PAC Parent can get it free from Italian Rest he works at.

May 8th: Chili's. Or BBQ

We didn't talk about Teacher Appreciation Week.

Additional suggestions:

Provide a Snack Wagon in teacher's lounge 2x a month. An area church may want to provide this as part of their disability ministry.

Jen Mapp suggested an ice tea/lemonade/water stand hosted by a parent or two 1 a week to provide cooling relief to teachers at afternoon car pickup time.

Valentine day cards from each student to teachers encouraged

Perhaps, a monthly drawing of gift certificates given each month. Just a few gift certificates. Make it fun...like a trivia theme, Bingo, or something similar.

Keep the Teachers Favorites list, too. We as PAC parents should encourage personal communication often from parents to teachers. A kind note or two from a parent to teacher can help show support.

Parent Communication

Here are some suggestions given by the parents during the PAC meeting regarding parent communication.

- Most parents preferred form of communication is paper and email secondary.
- Parents and grandparents need assistance setting up Parent Square/ e.g. video tutorial
- Electronic (Tech) night was suggested for those who may extra assistance. (They would bring their devices)
- Create group in Parents' Square so other parents can help with technical issues.

Fundraising

Ideas shared:

- Krispy Kreme - <https://www.krispykreme.com/fundraising/home?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI8-69m8TR8glVF4eGCh2NrWJ EAAYASAAEgK4s D BwE>
- Book Fair –
 - Scholastic - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/news/fair-options.html?eml=SBF/ps/20210809/Google/txtl/SBF|Awareness|Fall21/SBF|Awareness/FallAd2&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIrab4xMTR8glVAqGGCh1tBwDIEAAYASAAEgIQIPD BwE>
 - Follett - <https://www.follettbookfairs.com/>
- Online/In Person Auction of donated items
 - <https://www.32auctions.com/>
- Restaurant give back night
- Casino/Bingo Night for parents & staff
- Kids Art into personalized gifts
 - Kids Kreations - <https://www.kidskreations.us/>
 - Original Works - <https://www.originalworks.com/>
 - Square 1 Art - <https://www.square1art.com/>
- Chocolate Bar Sales
- Car line raffles
- Tumblers (Travel Mugs)
- School magnets for cars – I think these already exist so maybe a reminder of availability
- Amazon Smile – also already exists maybe a reminder to support