

## **AHS PFC Meeting January 20, 2016**

### **Agenda and Reports**

Welcome and Call to Order – Liz Cangelosi and Deborah Lopez, PFC Co-Presidents  
Flag Salute – Carole Gilligan, Parliamentarian  
Approval of Minutes – Debby Pattiz, Recording Secretary

AHS Admin and Staff:

Pat Brooks, Head Counselor  
Elise Aries, College and Career Center Clerk  
Kristen Marsilio, Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction  
Scott Foli, Assistant Principal, Athletics  
Marty McGrady, Assistant Principal, Activities  
Mr. Brian Mercer, Principal

Liz Cangelosi and Deborah Lopez, PFC Co-Presidents

- PFC Updates
- District Updates

Guest Speakers:

- Penny Sylvester and Sharon Russell, Knowledge Counts Summer School

Open Q & A Period

Committee/Booster Written Reports - attached

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## **PFC Committee Reports**

### **e-Scrip, Susan Nathanson**

Ralphs is donating \$1,936 for the quarter ending November 30, 2015. This is more than double from last quarter. There are 129 participating families in the Ralph's Community Contribution Program. Families with the Target REDcard can also link their card to AHS. There are 116 participating families in the Target REDcard Take Charge of Education Program. We have accumulated \$1,247 in Target donations so far this year.

### **Donation Drive/Membership, Anne Ting and Tien Campion**

Totals for direct donations so far are: \$107,245. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Fall Donation Drive. It was a great success!

Tax receipt letters were sent out via email on Wednesday, 1/13/2016, to those who made donation(s) between July 2015 and December 2015. If you did not receive your tax letter via email, please contact Anne Ting at [ating3@gmail.com](mailto:ating3@gmail.com) or Tien Campion at [datecampion@att.net](mailto:datecampion@att.net).

If you haven't made a donation, don't delay. Every dollar counts! Parents of graduating seniors, remember to look at the donation levels that provide you with reserved parking and seating at graduation.

To donate by check, mail in your check (payable to AHS PFC) to AHS PFC, Agoura High School, 28545 W Driver Ave, Agoura Hills, CA 91301. To donate online, go to [www.Pay4SchoolStuffOnline.com](http://www.Pay4SchoolStuffOnline.com).

### **Theater Boosters, Juliann Hartman and Robin Reilly**

The theater department is having auditions for "Once Upon A Mattress" February 1,2,3. Comedy Sportz game Friday, 1/15/16 and 2/12/16.

### **SAT/ACT, Liz Cangelosi**

We have had standard attendance to our classes offered in 2015. We have cancelled our February 13, 2016 Mock New SAT test, however Kaplan offers many opportunities for mock testing and we recommend anyone interested visit their website at [www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com).

The upcoming PFC-sponsored classes can be found on our PFC page, accessible through the AHS website, PFC tab.

### **Directory, Tracy Friedl**

All directories have been distributed. We did not get one complaint that someone who was supposed to get their book didn't get one. We have a few books left for late donations.

On another note, I will be graduating out after next year, so if anyone would like to learn the ropes with me before taking over, I would be happy to take on an apprentice.

### **International Baccalaureate, Stefanie Rosen**

IB is gearing up for our biggest fundraiser of the year, Agoura Munch Madness, which will be held on Saturday March 12 from 4-9 pm rain or shine! Last year was a booming success and we expect this year to even more fun. Delicious food trucks, top-quality musical and dance performances and more. Mark your calendars.

### **Charger Club, Dennis Ritterbush**

Charger Club continues to meet on the second Tuesday of the month, but because of the preponderance of Tuesday night sport events for the school, we are looking into moving our meetings to Monday night instead, still the second week, 7 pm, in A-1. This change is being considered starting with our March meeting and is up for discussion in February. Other than that, everything else is moving along for winter and fall sports as usual.

### **Hospitality, Roubina Vertanessian and Kristin Bonavida**

The PFC Holiday Staff Luncheon has held on December 16. We had our largest turnout with about 180 faculty and staff members attending. The incomparable Madrigals performed holiday songs. Heartfelt thanks go out to the wonderful parents who donated their time, food and money to make the luncheon a success. We have an amazing group of volunteers who step up for each function and they are such a pleasure to work with. Jenny Wolpert once again graciously and creatively handled the décor and Elise Shuben organized another impressive dessert table from the IB parents.

Our next event will be the year end luncheon, about the end of May or beginning of June.

## **Parent Education, Natalie Spiewak**

We had a great turn out at our Cyber Safety presentation Wednesday evening. Lori Getz spoke to more than forty people from across the district. She discussed privacy in social media, how our brains are affected by digital devices, and so much more. Our next event will be Wednesday, 6 April, just after Spring Break. We will be discussing "Pot, Prom & Promiscuity on Party Buses." Save the date.

## **Music Boosters, Margaret Geesen**

The Music Program has a busy schedule for the next few months and the Music Boosters will be supporting them in many ways. We continue to pay for clinicians to come to AHS and provide students with exposure to amazing musicians and educators. In addition, we pay for all sheet music and repairs to any school-owned instruments. Our support is also necessary to provide volunteer staff and support at all events.

First, a big congratulations to Studio Jazz and Jazz A for once again becoming finalists in the Swing Central Competition. Both groups will travel to Savannah, Georgia during Spring Break to compete. This year Calabasas High's top Jazz Band was also selected. It is amazing that three of the twelve bands selected from the blind audition recordings are from the LVUSD! Both AHS bands and the CHS jazz band will perform at AHS's Celebrity Jazz Concert featuring David Berger and Ron Stout on Saturday, February 20th at 7:00 pm in the Agoura PAEC. Our Booster group will be working with the CHS Music Boosters to host a fabulous evening of Jazz. Please come out and support these groups.

Next month, both Orchestras will have a Master Class and perform with the New West Symphony at the PAEC on February 27th at 7:00 pm. In March, both choirs will have a clinic and perform with the Los Robles Master Chorale on March 20th at 4:00 pm in the PAEC. A group of Wind Ensemble students will be travelling to Chicago to take part in the Peary Grainger Festival March 10-13. They will tour the University of Chicago and Northwestern and attend the Chicago Symphony. In addition, all classical groups will be performing in the Spring Classical Concert on March 16th at 7:00 in the PAEC.

Please go to: <https://agourahighmusic.wordpress.com/> for more information on any of these events.

The AHS Music Boosters currently have a GoFundMe Campaign underway that is seeking to raise \$5500 for a new set of chimes for the music room. We have raised \$2000 so far and need your support! The current set of Chimes are falling to pieces and can no longer be repaired. Mr. Bloom and Mr. Hackett, the music directors, are offering some amazing incentives for donors. By donating today, you could take advantage of the following great donor gifts:

- Have the AHS Marching Band, a Jazz Combo, String Quartet, or the Madrigals show up to do a performance at an event in the Agoura Hills area!
- Free tickets to AHS Concerts!

- A Happy Birthday Phone-Call from our Madrigal Group to someone of your choice!

AND more.... just come take a look at the different donor levels at this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/gp84yjt6>

Please consider a donation today at this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/gp84yjt6> and a HUGE thank you in advance for your generosity towards the AHS Music Program!

### **Arts PTSA, Laura Leininger**

Agoura High School Arts PTSA is proud to announce TWO Agoura students who are advancing to the California State level of the REFLECTIONS competition: Mathew Kuperberg in Music Composition and Danielle LaCorte in Literature! Winners were presented at the January 4, 2016 12th District PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony at the Ventura County Office of Education. Other honorees included Dhriti Bolangadi, award of Merit for Visual Arts, Yasmine Kasra, Award of Honor for Dance Choreography.

The Conejo Council Reflections Winners announced on November 24th at Thousand Oaks High School were:

Literature - Danielle LaCorte, Olivia Schneider Nerdin,

Music Composition - Mathew Kuperberg

Dance Choreography - Yasmine Kasra

Visual Art - Dhriti Bolangadi, Evelyn Chang, Caitlin Gallagher, Dawson Klein, Gabriella Roseman

Photography - Evelyn Chang, Jenna Forston

We are anticipating Music Center Spotlight Award announcements, expected Spring 2015.

There's more to PTSA than just arts – Graduating Senior scholarships, continuing education scholarships for registered nurses, certificated teachers and counselors, and parent volunteers! Grants, leadership opportunities available to parents, teachers and students. Become a PTSA member with perks! See our website for discounts from many PTA national affiliates.

Join us for our next meeting Wednesday March 16 at 11:30 in A-I for Parents or at 12:30 in E-1 for Reflections Club Student meeting. All are welcome!

**Recording Secretary, Debby Pattiz**

**AHS PFC  
Minutes of General Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

The general meeting of the Agoura High School Parent Faculty Club (PFC) was held on the above date in the Community Room of the Agoura Hills Library, 30001 Ladyface Circle, Agoura Hills 91301. Co-President Cangelosi called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Parliamentarian Carole Gilligan led the flag salute. Minutes from the October 21, 2015 General Board Meeting were approved.

Present at today's meeting:

**Executive Board**

Brandi Roschko  
Carole Gilligan  
Cindy Olivares  
Debby Pattiz  
Deborah Lopez  
Liz Cangelosi  
Rebeca Golden  
Tien Campion

**Committee Chairs**

Daryl Albus  
Jemma Wildermuth  
Natalie Spievak  
Susan Nathanson  
Svea Knabe

**General Members &  
Guests (Please excuse  
spelling mistakes)**

Anna Murad  
David Lynn  
Ellen Gams  
Joy Harrison  
Karen Peterson  
Kim Koch  
Kim Templeton  
Kimber Salvaggio  
Kimberly Steinbach  
Laurel Bernt  
Lisa Courter  
Robin Reilly  
Tamar Nadell  
Tamara Kasra

**AHS Admin & Staff**

Brian Mercer, Principal  
Kristen Marsilio, Asst. Principal  
Lena Goryoka, Media Clerk  
Tina Johnson, LVUSD Librarian

## **I. AHS Administrator/Staff Reports**

- **Brian Mercer, Principal.**

- In the spirit of helping students be stress-free, Charger Chi Week has been declared for the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> with activities to help students relax. “Four-square breathing” technique was demonstrated by Principal Mercer. Therapy dogs will come in and hang out with the kids. Parents are encouraged to check in with students at home about stress levels.
- The Fall play “On the Razzle” will be performed December 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets and show time for this “must see” production are posted on the AHS website.
- It is tour season at AHS, most are coming from within LVUSD with 10-20 families per tour. Thanks to Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Cangelosi, and Mrs. Golden for helping with tours, as prospective parents especially appreciate current parent perspectives. AHS does not have an enrollment problem, but we do attract families from outside the district who want to come for IB, athletics, and special programs. Tours provide a nice opportunity to brag about our school.
- Expressed thankfulness to PFC and individual parents for all they do to partner with AHS to make is such a successful school.
- G Building was to be updated with new sound system and lighting over Thanksgiving, but the renovation is running behind schedule. Plan is to get it done over winter break so that dance classes are not pushed out.
- Number of students accepted via School of Choice varies from year to year and will be determined in January. For the most part, students who follow the process and do not have attendance or discipline issues will be admitted.

- **Kristen Marsilio, Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction.**

- 10<sup>th</sup> grade writing assessment was administered successfully. Only 24 students didn’t take it, 10 of whom took the make up. AHS teachers are partnering with CHS teachers to norm grading standards. 10<sup>th</sup> grade papers will be read by 3 different teachers, ensuring that regardless of which teacher a student has, his/her assessment will be evaluated consistently with those of other students.
- Final exam period is quickly approaching. The only major change is that world language will not be giving exams in December, but instead will move to January due to student needs for more time to adapt to new textbooks/curriculum/materials. Math finals will still take place the Thursday and Friday before winter break. 15-week progress reports will be available after December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Extended counselor hours are available daily for drop-ins and appointments from 7:00 – 7:50 a.m., as well as Monday & Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:00. Please take advantage of extended counseling hours.
- Governor Brown signed a bill suspending the CAHSEE exam for 3 years. Seniors will not be denied a diploma if they did not pass last year’s exam, and juniors and sophomores will not have additional administrations of exams. This is an across-the-board State decision.

## **II. Co-President’s Report.** Co-Presidents Liz Cangelosi and Debbie Lopez welcomed attendees and presented the Co-President’s Report.

- **District Updates:**

- Measure E passed, ensuring \$2.3 million in funding for LVUSD per year for the next 12 years.
- Linda Menges and Mathy Wasserman will be sworn in at the December meeting as new LVUSD School Board members.
- Currently, students must complete two years of math in order to graduate from LVUSD. The School Board is considering raising it to three years.

- **AHS PFC Updates:**
  - Today is the final meeting of 2015.

### III. Guest Speakers

- **Lena Goryoka, Media Clerk @ AHS.** Thanks the PFC for generosity to Media Center over the years.
  - Agoura Hills & Westlake Libraries have joined resources with our AHS Library, providing students with broader access to library materials and support.
  - The Media Center has become standing room only, and there is now a Café Area where students can eat and talk with peers. Computers have been updated and are well-used, and Ipads are available for catalog searches. Newest addition is Presentation/Collaboration Room which provides space for students to practice public speaking/presentations with Smart TV to display from laptops and whiteboard access.
  - Genius Bar is now available for Tech Team students to support peers with Acer issues. Overnight loaners are available if repair requires more time. The Media Center also supplies calculators, library books, and textbooks. More charging stations are needed (looking into solar) and hoping for more relaxed lounge-type furniture for the front of the Media Center. Only 1 full-time staff dedicated to Media Center, so parent volunteers are relied upon and needed.
- **Tina Johnson, LVUSD Librarian.** AHS Library is a leader in terms of LVUSD libraries.
  - Painting taking place in Charger colors to brighten up the AHS Media Center. Seating arranged from lower in the front to higher in the back so that Mrs. Goryoka can manage/oversee students.
  - Research shows that having educated librarians in schools increases student achievement, but there is only one librarian at 70% for all of the K-12 schools in LVUSD. Agoura & WLW are both LA County libraries. Mrs. Johnson is bringing in County librarians to work with and train students on resources available in order to increase student access to trained librarians. The Calabasas Library is a city library that withdrew from the County system, so it can tailor programs to meet the school district's needs. The Calabasas Library provides funds to LVUSD to buy materials for students. Non-fiction materials are quite dated, so funding being used to update that collection.
  - A new initiative provides students on campus access to and download capability from the Calabasas Library database (which is the same as the database students will need to use in college), bypassing the need for library cards when at school:  
[http://galepages.com/calabasas\\_main](http://galepages.com/calabasas_main).
  - The Calabasas Library has purchased over 700 non-fiction e-books with unlimited simultaneous check outs, which are also tied in to Google classroom and can be downloaded to Chrome. Students are encouraged to get Calabasas Library cards so they can access these resources from home. All residents of California are eligible for Calabasas Library cards. Mrs. Goryoka will pick up library cards for students who turn in the signed form to her. LVUSD needs and encourages parent participation in the district libraries. Please contact [tjohnson@lvusd.org](mailto:tjohnson@lvusd.org) with any help or support.

**V. Committee/Booster Written Reports.** Documents (including Meeting Agenda, Minutes from 10-21 PFC Meeting, Treasurer's Report, and PFC Committee Reports) for today's meeting were available via link on the weekly PFC e-news blast.

**VI. Adjournment.** There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by Co-President Cangelosi at 10:08 a.m.



Respectfully Submitted By,

Debby Pattiz  
Recording Secretary

**Addendum:** The following motion was presented, discussed, and passed via e-vote on November 23, 2015:

**Motion:** *To approve up to \$3,000 from PFC reserve account to renovate the AHS Teachers' Lounge (Liz Cangelosi/Tien Campion; approved unanimously).*

**Treasurer, Cindy Oliveras**

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AHS PFC 2015-2016		Budget to Actual - December 2015 YTD		1/13/16
Category	Budget 2015-2016	Actual Thru 10/31/15	Variance	Comments
Comm. Sponsorship	\$8,000	\$4,194	(\$3,806)	
Direct Appeal - Fall	\$95,000	\$108,837	\$13,837	
Income Carry Over	\$15,500	\$694	(\$14,806)	Performing Arts Center
Interest Income	\$150	\$37	(\$113)	
Media Center Grant	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	WLV Grant
Other Income	\$500		(\$500)	
Planner Sales	\$16,000	\$14,012	(\$1,988)	
SAT/ACT Income	\$10,000	\$2,144	(\$7,856)	
Scrip (e-scrip sales)	\$8,000	\$7,392	(\$608)	
Spring Fundraiser	\$10,000		(\$10,000)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$165,650</b>	<b>\$139,810</b>	<b>(\$25,840)</b>	
Accountant & Tax fees	\$1,500	\$642	\$858	
Bank charge/NSF charge	\$75		\$75	
Campus Improvement	\$15,000	\$21,122	(\$6,122)	
Classroom Support	\$35,000	\$28,533	\$6,467	
College & Careers	\$250	\$195	\$55	
College & Careers Clerk	\$12,500	\$245	\$12,255	
College Knowledge Nite	\$250	(\$1,089)	\$1,339	
Common Core Training	\$8,000	\$1,410	\$6,590	
Counseling Office	\$7,500	\$1,412	\$6,088	
Data Bases	\$4,825	\$570	\$4,255	
Direct Appeal Exp. - Fall	\$2,000	\$1,871	\$129	
Directory Publication	\$2,000	\$1,978	\$22	
Hardship	\$2,000	\$1,905	\$95	
Hospitality	\$5,000	\$2,855	\$2,145	
Insurance	\$525	\$465	\$60	
Media Center Clerk	\$7,350	\$5,202	\$2,148	
Misc. & Discretionary	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Parent Education	\$750	\$380	\$370	
Planner Purchase	\$7,500	\$7,619	(\$119)	
Postage	\$50		\$50	
Principal's Fund	\$10,000	\$2,941	\$7,059	
SAT/ACT Expense	\$2,000		\$2,000	
Study Skills Seminars	\$250		\$250	
Section Support	\$20,935	\$3,740	\$17,195	
Spring Fundraiser Exp.	\$1,750		\$1,750	
Student Portfolio	\$500		\$500	
Sub Days	\$12,000	\$470	\$11,530	
Webmaster	\$4,140	\$2,482	\$1,658	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$165,650</b>	<b>\$84,948</b>	<b>\$80,702</b>	
<b>NET INCOME/EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,862</b>		