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Introduction

The PTSA, a national organization of parents, teachers, and students working together to provide quality education for all children and youth, encourages parents to contribute to and further their understanding of the school program. It provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, and students to work cooperatively to increase the schools' effectiveness. Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO's) provide a similar service in schools without PTSA groups.

Identification

The purpose of the Seattle Council of the PTSA is to promote the cooperative effort of the public, parents, and the Seattle Schools in providing quality education. The council is made up of representatives from each of the local building PTSA units. The functions of the council are to:

1. Gather, disseminate, and help interpret information about Seattle School District activities to the PTSA membership and the public.
2. Maintain liaison with the Seattle School Board and administration.
3. Gather and present parent viewpoints about school affairs to the School District and to interested community and governmental groups.
4. Sponsor and/or assist with activities which benefit students.

To assist and support the efforts of the PTSA to provide support for the District, the Seattle School District:

1. Maintains liaison with representatives of the PTSA and other recognized parent organizations through the School Board, the Division of General Administration and District Relations, Volunteer Services Office, and building principals and staffs.
2. Provides information about School District goals and activities to representatives of the PTSA and other recognized parent organizations.

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3. Enlists the assistance of representatives and members of the PTSA and other recognized parent organizations in developing District goals, policies, and activities.
4. Encourages its staff to become active members of the PTSA or other recognized parent organizations.
5. Encourages involvement in activities sponsored or co-sponsored by the PTSA or other recognized parent organizations.

Procedures

1. Parent Organizations
 - a. Distribute information about school goals and activities to parents.
 - b. Encourage parents to become actively involved in school affairs through parent organization membership.
 - c. Plan and implement activities of benefit to students.
2. Building Principals
 - a. Encourage staff to become active parent organization members.
 - b. Attend parent organization meetings, whenever possible.
 - c. Maintain liaison with building parent organization representatives to exchange information and resolve or refer matters which mutually concern parents and the school.
 - d. Meet regularly with the building parent organization Board to:
 - (1) Present information about school activities and needs.
 - (2) Advise and assist in planning productive parent organization school activities in accordance with the standards, guidelines, and procedures in the Student Activities Manual. (See "STUDENTS" section of this manual.)

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- e. Assure that parent organization building or student activities are consistent with District policy.
- f. Assist parent organization in use of school facilities (including office space), school mail, and school materials.
- g. Encourage citizen involvement in the development of building procedures and curriculum activities (e.g., participation on school instructional councils).