Kansas PTA Knitting Group

Kansas PTA Knitting Group presented 50 knitted hats to the KCK Council at their last meeting on January 26, 2012. Debbie Lawson, Denise Sultz, Sarah Thomas (my daughter) and I presented these to Corey Cullins since the Homeless Liaison was unable to attend. These knitted hats were donated to Kansas PTA from the Trinity Lutheran Knitting Group in Mission, KS since we are just getting our group off the ground. We would love to give hats to all our homeless or in need children in the state of Kansas. If you have a contact in your area, please let us know so we can get knitted hats to them. If you know how to knit or crochet or if you want to learn how to knit or crochet, please come and join us! Some of us are making fleece scarves to donate, too. Currently, we are meeting in the Kansas City area. If you live in other parts of our state and want to help, start a group there. You can contact us for the simple hat pattern. We hope to show off our hats at the State PTA Convention in Wichita in April.

Marie Thomas
Kansas PTA Secretary
Kansas PTA Knitting Group Representative
Spring is here and we are on the down side of this school year with important times ahead for PTA. This is a time for celebrating the final events of the year, evaluating, and planning for the future.

Events coming up are:

- Your PTA should have its nominating committee in place to develop a slate of officers for next year. Just a reminder to send in your new officer’s form after your election.

- Spring is a time for recognition of your volunteers. The Honorary Life Membership and Marjorie Holwick Wall of Fame are two ways to recognize your volunteers. You can access the forms on the website under “resources”.

- The Call to Convention was mailed the first week of February. If you didn’t receive a copy of the Call to Convention, you can access it on the website. Click on the link to find info on the convention. The convention is in my area, Wichita. It is April 20, 21, and 22, 2012 at the Airport Hilton. Denise Sultz, VP of Member Services and 2012 State Convention Chair, and her convention committee have planned an exciting training event. It will provide a good foundation for your PTA. Mark your calendar and get your registration mailed in.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Wichita at the PTA State Convention.

Jackie Waters  
Kansas PTA President

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2012 Membership Contest

Attn: Unit Presidents, Council Presidents, Regional Vice-Presidents  

Congratulations to the local PTA units of Kansas. Membership has been coming in at a steady pace since we started the school year. We know that each of these voices for Kansas’ children contribute not only to our combined message but also contribute time and money to your local school. We have exciting news to help you go out and push for more voices before the end of our Membership year! Starting February 1st, and going through March 23rd, there is an opportunity for four Kansas PTA schools to win a fabulous prize for 1) the most members signed up between those dates and 2) the unit with the highest percentage of members that sign up between those dates. We will have a first place winner in each category and a second place winner in each category. So a total of FOUR units in the state will win. Now, I hear you ask, what can we win?? In partnership with our great friends at Lifetouch Photography, they have agreed to give the first place winners a Motivational Banner that you can customize for your school. This is a $200 value. Second place winners will receive a panoramic picture of your school, students, and staff framed for your hallway. This is a $125 value from Lifetouch. We are really excited about what Lifetouch has offered and hope that you will get excited about talking to your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and students about joining their voices with ours to speak up and speak out for the children of Kansas! Good Luck!

Diana Fabac  
Membership Chairman
How would you define Diversity?

Public schools today must respond to an increasing diverse student population. The nation's schools are being asked to address the issue of diversity every day. Where is one to begin this journey other than by attempting to examine a common language or definition of the term diversity? Does diversity refer to ethnicity? Gender? Age? According to Webster's Universal Dictionary the word diversity means "the condition or quality of being diverse; unlikeness, a difference, distinction; variety". The public schools are directing their attention to students who are more diverse in terms of a multitude of factors such as race, religion, socio-economic status and gender to name just a few. Schools need to investigate the pros and cons of addressing the issue of diversity in the public schools through a review that examines school policy, staffing, curriculum, and professional development.

Josefina Gutierrez
Inclusiveness/Diversity Chairman

If Time is a Barrier to Involvement – Consider the “Three For Me” family engagement program
http://www.three4me.com/

“Three for Me is a National PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in support of children and their education. Three for Me will help PTAs and parents find different ways to volunteer in the home, in the school and in the community, all of which support student learning. Whether parents have time during the day, in the evening or on the weekends, they can be involved in volunteering.

Once you register for Three for Me, you will be able to access FREE online resources including:

- creative ways to connect all families to their child's school and education,
- ideas to strengthen home-school-community partnerships,
- resources to motivate parents,
- a forum for program and idea sharing

COMING SOON a great way to track volunteers and the impact they are having on student success.

With Three for Me, you will find

- creative ways to connect all families to their child's school and education,
- ideas to strengthen home-school-community partnerships,
and resources to motivate parents.” (copied from “Three for Me” website)
2011-2012 PTA Reflections Winners

Kansas PTA would like to thank all of our students who participated in this year’s Reflections Program “Diversity Means . . .”. The following students are this year’s winners:

**Film:**
- Griffin Keeter, Belinder Elementary, 5th, Excellence
- Elizabeth McElroy, Westridge Middle, 8th, Excellence
- Krista Hill, Shawnee Mission Northwest, 11th, Excellence

**Musical Composition:**
- Andrew Liu, Bentwood Elementary, 5th, Excellence
- Sara Holscher, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, 3rd, Merit
- Alexander Erwin, John Diemer Elementary, 5th, Merit
- Renny Ma, Westridge Middle, 8th, Excellence
- Christopher Ramsey, Mill Creek Elementary, 2nd, Excellence
- Regina Yan, Shawnee Mission South, 9th, Excellence

**Dance Choreography:**
- Rayshawn Thompson, Eisenhower Middle, 8th, Merit
- Hanna Parker, Westridge Middle, 7th, Excellence

**Photography:**
- Sara Holscher, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, 3rd, Excellence
- Nya Smith, Brookridge Elementary, 5th, Merit
- Miles Wood, Monticello Trails Middle, 8th, Excellence
- Jonathan Muirhead, Brookridge Elementary, 6th, Merit
- Coco Ridge, Trailwood Elementary, 2nd, Excellence
- JeriAnn Ward, Shawnee Mission South, 12th, Excellence

**Visual Arts:**
- Grace Edmonds, Lansing Elementary, 5th, Merit
- Emma Leonard, Starside Elementary, 5th, Merit
- Walter Hannold, Belinder Elementary, 4th, Excellence
- Jason Chen, Monticello Trails Middle, 7th, Merit
- Rachel Castro, Eisenhower Middle, 7th, Merit
- Trinity Miller, Eisenhower Middle, 6th, Merit
- Daniela Silva, Trailridge Middle, 7th, Excellence
- Palak Panchal, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, 2nd, Excellence
- Sarah Barlow, Lansing Elementary, 2nd, Merit
- Alyson Ramsey, Mill Creek Elementary, K, Merit
- Amy Hein, Shawnee Mission Northwest, 11th, Excellence

**Literature:**
- Madeline Clark, Lansing Elementary, 4th, Merit
- Erica Biven, Clear Creek Elementary, 5th, Merit
- Michaela Crowe, Briarwood Elementary, 4th, Excellence
- Ethan Grissom, Eisenhower Middle, 6th, Excellence
- Brianna Empson, Christa McAuliffe Elementary, 6th, Merit
- Rachael Mallozzi, Starside Elementary, 2nd, Merit
- Mason Close, Brookwood Elementary, 2nd, Excellence
- Gina D’Amato, Shawnee Mission Northwest, 11th, Excellence
Awards Ceremony Announcement

Are you curious as to what our students think about Citizenship or Reflections? Our students in Kansas participate in these two educational programs throughout the year.

Citizenship started in the early 70's to encourage our students in grades 5-9 to write either an essay or poetry on an issue or topic that is inspiring. The National PTA Reflections Program has been around for nearly 40 years and is going as strong if not stronger. The Reflections Program encourages students to express their artistic ability in Film Production, Photography, Dance Choreography, Literature, Musical Composition or Visual Arts. We have students from all over the State of Kansas participate in either or both of these programs.

Come join us on March 31, 2012 at Mill Creek Middle School in Lenexa, KS as we reward our students for their entries to the Citizenship and Reflections Program. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm.

The Kansas PTA Board of Managers looks forward to the great day of meeting our students, parents and district officials in honoring our students’ achievements.

Kansas PTA Awards Ceremony

Saturday, March 31, 2012
1:00 pm
Mill Creek Middle School
8001 Mize Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66227
### Family Engagement Resources from National PTA

#### Reproducible Handouts

Check with your principal first, but you may wish to share some of these with your parents and school community.

- [http://www.pta.org/2129.htm](http://www.pta.org/2129.htm)
- National Standards, Goals, and Indicators for Family-School Partnerships (PDF, 3 pgs)
- A Report Card for Parents (self-scoring, English only) – 1 pg
- 10 Truths about Parent Involvement (English only) – 1 pg
- Supporting Learning at Home – 1 pg
- 10 Things Parents Wish Schools/Teachers Would Do
- 10 Things Schools/Teachers Wish Parents Would Do
- The No Child Left Behind Act and Title 1 Schools

#### Additional Resources

- [http://www.pta.org/2129.htm](http://www.pta.org/2129.htm)
- The Power of Partnerships Family Survey (In Word & PDF)
- National Standards for Family-School Partnerships: What We Can Do Together to Support Student Success – in 2 separate PowerPoint Presentations (one for an audience of PTA and school leaders, the other for an audience of families and community members)
- Bridging Race, Income and Cultural Differences to Support Student Success – Powerpoint for an audience of families, teachers and community members.
- Power of Partnership Family Survey (in English and Spanish) [http://www.pta.org/national_standards.asp](http://www.pta.org/national_standards.asp) - Make sure you check with your Principal before distributing.
- Action Steps for Local PTA Leaders – 2 pgs (several ideas under each “Family School Partnership Standard for your school).  

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### Military-Connected Families in your school

please share these resources with those families. ([www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) – "Programs“ tab)

“The National PTA® Military Alliance for Parents and Partners is a group of organizations that work together to provide resources to and advocate for military-connected families. The alliance identifies and addresses the unique social and educational challenges that these families face due to issues of deployment and mobility, among others.

Specifically, members of the alliance work both jointly and independently with National PTA to develop a collaborative strategy to create awareness around serving military families and provide and develop resources for military families.” (text from Nat. PTA website).

Please make sure military-connected families in your school are aware of these resources on the National PTA website (listed above): Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Fact Sheet, “Time to Talk” Kit for Parents of Military Families (excellent), advice for military families in transition and the PTA Resolution “Educational Opportunities for Military Children.”
Since 1984, National PTA® has designated the first full week in May as PTA Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. PTA events at the national, state, and local levels celebrate the outstanding contributions teachers make.

Plan to host a teacher appreciation event in your school or community.

(www.pta.org Resources listed under “Programs” in the “Programs” tab).
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1: OFFICER ELECTION
ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES; SECTION 1
Amend ARTICLE VI by striking out “voting may proceed immediately by voice vote for that office” and inserting “the nominee shall be declared elected by the Chair” after “When there is only one nominee for an office,"

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shall be permitted between nominee representatives and those teams in charge of the ballot boxes. When there is only one nominee for an office, voting may proceed immediately by voice vote for that office. Officers shall assume the duties of their office July 1st. The President-elect shall succeed automatically to the office of President. Only an active member of a local PTA or PTSA and a resident of the state of Kansas shall hold office in any division of the Kansas PTA.

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Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised allows for the chair/presiding officer to declare a nominee elected when there is only one nominee for that position, unless otherwise stated in the bylaws (after ensuring there are no other nominations). Since any person wishing to run from the floor must give 30 days notice the chair would know in advance if there was more than one nominee. The voice vote makes no difference in the outcome and to streamline the meeting, it would be more time efficient for the nominee for that office to be declared elected by the chair/presiding officer. When there is more than one nominee for a position elections will proceed as directed in the bylaws.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2: NOMINATING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES, Section 12
Amend by substituting

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The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee shall report to the convention on the first day of business, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided consent has been obtained from the nominees. Nominations running from the floor must give thirty (30) days notification before the beginning of the state convention of their intent to run. This notification must be

committee shall represent at least two (2) different regions of Kansas PTA. The members of the committee shall not serve more than one (1) consecutive term. The president and president-elect shall not serve as members of this committee.

The nominating process for the NLDC members shall be: the Kansas PTA NLDC Committee nomination forms shall be filled out by each person wishing to serve on the committee or those being nominated by others to the committee. The forms and required references shall be in the Kansas PTA office by November 1st of the year prior to being elected. All persons nominated to the committee must give their consent to be nominated. The designated Kansas PTA office staff will monitor the forms for compliance with the procedures listed in Kansas PTA Policies and Practices. The committee members shall be elected to a single two year term by the convention delegate body. Class A shall be three (3) members elected in odd number years and Class B shall be two members elected in even number years. Committee members shall assume duties on July 1. Members of the committee will select their chairman annually immediately following the close of state convention. Any vacancy on the NLDC committee shall be filled by majority vote of the executive committee of Kansas PTA.

Members elected to the NLDC Committee will be required to attend all meetings of the NLDC Committee unless excused by the chairman, know the positions of the executive committee and be willing to perform all duties of members of the committee not serve more than one (1) consecutive term. The president and president-elect shall not serve as members of this committee.

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given in writing to the state president and chairman of the Nominating & Leadership Development Committee.

The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall:
- Identify characteristics and skill sets needed in the leadership of Kansas PTA to accomplish the strategic plan;
- Recommend continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association;
- Screen and evaluate individuals, and nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each of the following offices or positions:
  1. President-elect
  2. Secretary
  3. Treasurer
  4. Vice President of Membership
  5. Vice President of Advocacy
  6. Vice President of Extension Services
- Advise the president on committee chairman appointments

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The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall develop strategies, activities and materials that encourage and cultivate PTA leadership at all levels of Kansas PTA. The committee shall be responsible for identifying characteristics and skill sets needed to encourage and develop leadership roles in the association.

It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate a candidate for each office to be filled at the next election year’s convention. The committee shall report a list of the nominations to the secretary in January of the election year, who shall, immediately send a copy to each member of the Board of Managers. These nominations and qualifications of the nominees shall be printed in at least one issue of the Bulletin, prior to Convention. The local PTA and PTSA unit president shall be responsible for informing their membership of the list of nominees.

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The Nominating & Leadership Development Committee:
- shall consider all candidates for elected positions whose submissions meet the requirements set forth by the state bylaws.
- Screen and evaluate individuals, and nominate one (1) eligible candidate for each of the following offices or positions:
  1. President-elect
  2. Secretary
  3. Treasurer
  4. Vice President of Membership
  5. Vice President of Advocacy
  6. Vice President of Extension Services
  7. Members of the Nominating and Leadership Committee
- No member of this committee (NLDC) shall be eligible to be nominated by this committee.
- may consider additional candidates during its deliberations;
- shall submit only one name for each position to be filled
- Recommend and provide continuing education that enhances leadership development for the association;
- Advise the president on committee chairman appointments

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Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee

Proviso: New members of the NLDC will be elected at the 2013 Kansas PTA Convention. In the interim the Kansas PTA Board of Managers will hold an election for the Class B NLDC members.
Proviso: The requirement that “No member of this committee (NLDC) shall be eligible to be nominated by this committee.” will not take effect until the 2014 convention slate of nominees. Rationale: The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee (NLDC) of Kansas PTA was formed in order to help build the sustainability of Kansas PTA through leadership development and the nomination of highly qualified individuals to serve as the officers of the organization. The model for the committee was National PTA’s NLDC. Having the members of the committee elected by the general membership at convention instead of by the sitting board of managers allows for more local level involvement and adds an enhanced degree of significance to being elected to serve on the committee. The work of NLDC is paramount to the future of Kansas PTA and the committee should be made up of individuals committed enough to the year-round purpose of the committee to participate in the election process.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES
ARTICLE VI: Officers, Their Election and Duties
Amend ARTICLE VI by inserting a “Section 15” after Section 14

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<td>Amend ARTICLE VI by inserting a “Section 15” after Section 14, the new Section 15 shall read: “An Officer may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.”</td>
<td>Section 15. An Officer may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting.</td>
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Rationale: National PTA has suggested for several years that state and local PTAs have a means to remove an officer or other member of the Board of Managers in their bylaws to help protect the organization. This amendment will meet that need.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #4: REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS, THEIR ELECTION AND DUTIES
ARTICLE VII: Regional Vice Presidents, Their Election and Duties
Amend ARTICLE VII by inserting a Section 6 after Section 5

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<td>Amend ARTICLE VII by inserting a Section 6 after Section 5. The new Section 6</td>
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shall read "A Regional Vice President may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the board members then in office. The request must be received in writing and come from the Executive Committee or at least ten members of the Board of Managers. Notice of the intended vote must be sent to all Board members at least ten days in advance of the meeting."

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Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #5: COMMITTEES
ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES
Amend ARTICLE X by inserting a Section 6 after Section 5.

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<td>Amend ARTICLE X by inserting a Section 6 after Section 5. The new Section 6 shall read: Any committee member, including the chairman, may be removed from the committee by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee members then in office.</td>
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Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #6: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES
ARTICLE XII: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Section 5
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Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: The National PTA Convention delegates, not the Kansas PTA delegates, are the ones who can authorize a change in the National dues. It is not beneficial to include something in our bylaws that could be changed by National PTA between our conventions and is not under our direction (or control).
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #7: CONVENTIONS
ARTICLE XIV: CONVENTIONS, Section 1
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Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: With the recent decline in convention attendance it is becoming increasingly harder to find locations that are interested in hosting us due to our large space needs compared to our relatively low sleeping room and catering usage. This change will allow for more flexibility in scheduling convention to meet our members needs while remaining within budget.
Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT #8: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS
Amend Kansas PTA Bylaws by Inserting a new ARTICLE XVIII (following ARTICLE XVII and renumbering remaining ARTICLES)

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Proposed by: Kansas PTA Bylaws Committee
Rationale: Currently there is nothing in Kansas PTA Bylaws that addresses Electronic Meetings. This amendment will give direction for holding an electronic meeting, if the need should arise—specifically one in which all participants can hear and participate simultaneously.

Bylaws Committee Recommendation: Amendment BE adopted.
Putting the S in PTSA

If your PTA has become a PTSA and students buy memberships in your association, do they also have the opportunity to serve on your PTSA Board? This is a question that is being asked more and more with our high school and middle school PTSA units. So why have students serve on your PTSA…

*It’s beneficial to the PTSA
*It’s beneficial to the Student
*It’s beneficial to the School
*It can help to grow your Membership

It provides opportunities for students to meet and work with other students that they might not normally interact with. Students participating on PTA/PTSA boards definitely has its rewards.

Benefits to the PTA/PTSA

● Students bring new perspectives and new ideas to your meetings.
● Students make great Co-Chairs and can lessen some of the work load of planning and implementing events and activities.
● Students can help get other students involved in PTA or their service projects.
● Students serving today will help grow new PTA leaders & volunteers for tomorrow.

Benefits to the Students

● Students will develop the ability to communicate with others in a team setting, plan and implement projects, assemble committees and delegate tasks.
● Students will learn to think for themselves and become confident in expressing their thoughts and ideas around adults and other students in an environment that they feel safe to do so in.
● Students will gain valuable experience that can be applied in the workplace, college, school or other organizations in which they may become involved in.
● Students will become comfortable working with adults as an equal partner, a skill that is essential in today’s workforce.

● Students would be able to have a voice in what they want from PTA.
● Students can make new friends and build relationships with other students and adults.
● Students serving on the PTSA, allows teachers, staff and community members to see other positive aspects of their character.
● Students will also be able to receive community service hours for their participation.
● Plus, this looks great on College entrance and Scholarship applications.

Benefits to the School

● YAC can be another group within the school to address areas of need or a particular issue, through the PTSA.
● YAC is another group within the school to provide opportunities for leadership development with the students.
● YAC can bring about changes that reflect positively within the school and the community.

Helps to grow your membership

● Seeing students serving on your PTSA helps others want to get involved.
● Students may see joining the PTSA as a venue from which they can make changes within the school or community.
● Students may see membership in the PTSA as a way to save money, through discounts into PTSA sponsored activities, such as after event parties, or discounts offered by local merchants.

As part of the PTSA Board students will take part in the transaction of business, by voting, giving meaningful input, ideas & opinions and respecting the feelings and viewpoints of the other board members through democratic participation, such as shared decision making, cooperative planning and promoting a spirit of teamwork. All the while keeping in mind the purpose of PTA.

How to recruit students to serve on your board.

You can form your own Youth Advisory Committee within your PTSA and invite students to serve on it or you can create Student Co-Chair positions on your board and recruit students to serve in those positions. Be sure to partner them up with an adult chairman for each Co-chair position so the students aren’t overburdened with too much work or responsibility. You can put information on the schools newsletter or website about the openings on your PTSA Board or you could put descriptions of the Co Chair positions and the duties that come with them, in the counselor’s office and let students apply for those positions.

For additional information including a SAMPLE Co-Chair Policies document, visit KSPTA website, YAC tab.

Submitted by Patty Jurich, YAC Sponsor
SAMPLE PTSA CO-CHAIRMEN POLICIES

Anyone wanting to serve on the Any School PTSA board, as a Co- chairman, MUST be a member of this PTSA. As a board member, you will attend monthly board meetings, and 4 General Membership meetings. If you are unable to attend any meeting, for any reason, you will need to notify the President before the meeting is held.

As part of the Board you will take part in the transaction of business, by voting, giving meaningful input, ideas & opinions and respecting the feelings and viewpoints of the other board members through democratic participation, such as shared decision making, cooperative planning and promoting a spirit of teamwork. All the while keeping in mind the purpose of PTA.

You may be asked :
• To attend training workshops and regional conferences.
• To prepare & present a report at executive board & regular general membership meetings of this PTSA.
• To approve the plan of work of the standing and special committees.
• To perform such other duties as may be provided by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, executive board or executive committee.

You will be asked:
• To develop a Procedure book of your activities. All chairmen are expected to turn over to the president, at the last executive board meeting, all official material and procedure books of each office or chairmanship.
• Co-Chairman will work with their Chairman to plan activities pertaining to their chairmanships.
• The chair of each committee shall present a plan of work to the executive committee for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive committee.
• As a Chairman or Co-Chairman, you may create special committees as it may deem necessary to promote the Purposes of PTA and carry on the work of this local PTSA.

You will be expected:
• To follow through on all actions for which you are responsible for.
• The term of office for a committee chair shall be one year or until the selection of a successor.
• If any member of the executive board shall at any time cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the board by resolution adopted by the executive board.
• Upon the end of the term of office or when individuals cease to hold the position that entitles them to be a member of the board, they shall automatically cease to be a member of the board and shall be relieved of all duties and responsibilities incident to such membership. All records, books and other materials pertaining to the position shall be turned over to the president and all funds pertaining to the position shall be returned to the treasurer within fourteen days.

Individual Student Co-Chairman Descriptions
The following positions are open to any student wishing to serve on the Any School PTSA Board of Managers. These positions are created to offer opportunities to students to develop leadership skills.

Activities Co-Chair
You will work with the Activities chairman to plan and implement student and PTA activities.

Arts Education Co-Chair
You will work with the Arts Education Chairman to implement the Citizenship and REFLECTIONS programs. This can include publicity, distribution of information to students & teachers, collection of entries, recruiting judges and developing certificates for participants and winners.

Legislation Co-Chair
You will work with the Legislative Chairman to coordinate different activities/events dealing with legislative issues. Examples may include: voter registration for seniors turning 18, letter writing campaigns to legislators, and attending the KSPTA Legislative Day in Topeka.

Publicity Co-Chair
You will be asked to write articles and announcements of PTA events for submission to various news sources. You will need to do this in a timely manner to meet the publication deadlines. You will need to coordinate with the PTA President for review of the articles before submitting them. Spelling, punctuation and grammar skills are required for these chairmanships.

Teacher Appreciation Co-Chair
You will work with the Teacher Appreciation Chairman to plan activities to show appreciation for our teachers and staff at Any School. We currently provide a lunch in April and help solicit parent or food items/snacks to place in the break room at both Parent/Teacher conferences.

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Please give careful consideration to serving on the PTSA.
If you are interested in serving as one of the Co-Chairmen listed above, please write a note with your name, grade, phone number, which position you are interested in and leave it in the PTA mailbox. Or you may contact this years PTSA President, Jane Advocate, 999-9999. Be sure to leave a name and phone number if you get the answering machine.
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