

P4A Mission & Objectives

Our Mission:

The mission of P4A is to enhance the overall student learning experience by engaging and supporting PFAA parents and school administration with assistance in planning, coordinating, and execution of school related activities.

Our Objectives:

- To engage parents: encourage and increase family participation.
- To participate in effective communication between parents and PFAA teachers and administration.
- To support school programs and activities through fund-raising.
- To foster a strong sense of community between home and school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate effectively in the education of our students.
- To develop united efforts between staff, families, and the general public that will secure, for all students, the highest advantages in physical, mental, and social education.

Parent Hours Philosophy at Natomas Charter School

Natomas Charter School was created as a means of providing parents and students with an expanded choice in the type of educational opportunities available. The school is founded on the belief that active parental involvement in the school's program is a key component to student success.

Because the charter's mission is to provide unique learning opportunities to its students, the school needs committed parents who are willing to assist the staff and faculty in making this happen. To this end, the charter requires that all parents sign a contract stating that they will donate at least 30 hours a year to assisting the Performing and Fine Arts Academy in achieving its mission. Parents' active participation has been essential to this program's success and is one of the main ingredients that makes our program different. The parent commitment can be fulfilled in many fun and enjoyable ways.



Natomas
Charter School
PFAA

Volunteer Opportunities



Join us and see
how useful you
can be!!

Parents 4 the Arts

There are many opportunities to be involved as a parent and volunteer at Natomas Charter School. Sometimes that very fact can make it difficult to find your niche. Our hope is that by presenting a frame work of volunteer opportunities, parents will be better equipped to find an area where they can feel both comfortable and effective.

While the following descriptions are far from complete, they will at least help give an idea of what is involved in each area described.....

P4A Board Positions

- **President:** Coordinates the work of P4A officers, parent class representatives, chairs and committees in order that P4A Objectives may be promoted, presides at all meetings of P4A and the Executive Board, and functions as a member ex officio of all committees.
- **Vice President:** Acts as aide to the President, acts as a sub for the President in case of absence, coordinate speakers for the P4A meetings, and coordinates all communication between P4A membership and PFAA staff.
- **Treasurer:** Keeps the P4A books of account, receives documentation from the Financial Secretary of all monies for P4A, pays the bills as authorized by the Executive Board, secures two signatures on all checks, keeps an accurate record of receipts and disbursements in a ledger, keeps membership informed of expenditures etc. and gives an annual financial report to P4A, presides over the Budget Committee
- **Financial Secretary:** Collects deposits in the format defined by the Executive Board, conduct all necessary financial correspondence of P4A upon authorization of the President, Treasurer, Executive Board or P4A.



- **Records Secretary:** Keeps accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of P4A and the Executive Board in a bound book, is prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings, prepares a list of all unfinished business for the use of the President, records all expenditures in the minutes, keeps a current copy of the bylaws and standing rules, conducts all necessary correspondence of P4A when authorized by the President, Executive Board or P4A, and sends out notices of Executive Board meetings.

Parent Representatives:

There are 1 or 2 parent reps for each class. Reps from all grades (6th thru 12th) work closely with staff class advisors to coordinate class-level activities and fundraising efforts. They are also responsible for holding regular meetings with class parents, meeting regularly with Executive Board, helping to recruit co-chairs and volunteers as needed, and serving on the Budget Committee.

Committee Chairs: Chairs will present plans of their committee's activity to the Executive Board for approval. The committees they will oversee may include, but are not limited to: Parent Hours Committee, Speakers Bureau, P4A Website, PTO Communications, Hospitality, Concessions, and Special Events.

Fund-Raising Chairs: The fund-raisers to be chaired may include but are not limited to: Macy's Day, Wreath Sales, See's Candy, Logo Sales, E-Script/Raleys Cards, and P4A Raffles.

Booster Clubs: The following Booster Clubs have been established and are in need of leadership and parent support:

- Instrument Music Parent Support Group (includes the vocal department)
- Drama Mamas and Papas
- Visual Arts
- Dance



Booster Clubs provide the different arts departments with supplies and fund-raising events specific to each department's particular needs. Help with putting on shows and celebrations, including scheduling parent supervision during the events and rehearsals is also an important part of what the booster clubs do and is why these clubs need an excellent parent volunteer base.

Barbeque & Talent

Showcase: Each year, P4A hosts the BBQ & Talent Showcase in the Fall. It's a great way to start off the new school year as a school community and it's a wonderful opportunity for students to show off their talent. The project is huge! Volunteers are needed for everything from organizing the audition process and running the show to helping with food preparation and service.



Crab Feed: The Annual Crab Feed is P4A biggest and most successful fund-raising event of the year and there are many ways to help: Ticket sales, acquisition of auction items, serving teams, decorations, food preparation, publicity, and more.

Classroom Support: Supplies are always appreciated. Make sure the teachers know you are easy to reach and whether or not you are available to help during the day with special projects.

After School Private Music

Lessons Program: Parent supervisors are needed daily between the hours of 4 and 6 pm to supervise students who take private lessons after school on campus in rooms M1 and M2.

Duck Pluck: There are 100's of ways to support this very successful, community-wide fund-raising event!! Watch for e-mails!

ASB Activity Support: Parent Hour opportunities that support ASB include: Chaperoning dances, field trips & other school related functions and responding to calls for supplies for these events. Contact Lisa Landry, Student Affairs Director, at llandry@natomas.k12.ca.us.

NCS Library: Check out the wish list at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3OGS785NCU4SD>

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involvement and
participation is
greatly
appreciated!!**

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