



DISTRICT 1 News

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Deb Wensel Named District 1 Director

Greetings from chilly Kane, PA. This is my first newsletter as acting District Director. My name is Deb Wensel. I have been a teacher in the Kane Area School District since 1984 and a Middle School Student Council advisor since the late 1990's. Since that time my students have attended District and State Conferences. We have travelled to LEAD Conferences in Connecticut and Chicago. Students have attended the Blue Summer workshops in Grove City. Over the years, two of my students have been selected to serve on the State Executive Board. One of those students, Patrick Moore is currently serving his 1 year term. Part of my duties as District Director will be to attend the meetings of the PASC Executive Board and post a newsletter. I hope to be a connection between you, as District 1 advisors and student council members, and the PASC Executive Board. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can assure you that your concerns will be shared with the board.

PASC Executive Director Holds District 1 Meetings

In an effort to determine how PASC can better serve the needs of our District, PASC Executive Director, Jim Finnemeyer and his wife, Barrie visited two sites in District 1 on February 28 and March 1. On the first night, we met in Kane. During dinner, students were asked what they thought could be done to better meet the needs of schools in our area. One suggestion was to offer low or now cost one-day leadership training for incoming officers and advisors. The Advanced Gold Workshop will be given the task of developing and then facilitating this new training. I will keep you posted on any developments. The second meeting was held in Erie at Villa Maria Academy. Thank you to Aniko Walker for hosting this meeting. Discussion centered on getting more Erie area schools as active members.

NORTH CLARION HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST REGION A CONFERENCE

If you are new to student council, you may not realize that District 1 and District 2 make up Region A. The District 2 Director is Rose Ann Fulena from Union MS and HS. She has been very gracious and included us in many of the District 2 activities. One of the activities is the District 2 Spring Conference at North Clarion High School on Wednesday, April 20 which will be expanded this year to include our District 1 schools. The cost per person is \$25. If you are interested in bringing students to this 1 day workshop, contact me ASAP and I will send you the forms. At the beginning of March all District 1 schools were mailed a conference registration packet and forms to select student workshop leaders.

DISTRICT 1 ADVISOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS ARE DUE

Each year, District 1 selects one high school level and one middle school level advisor as Advisor of the Year. The advisors selected at the district level are then nominated for the State Advisor of the Year Award. Student Council officers and/or School Administrators are encouraged to nominate outstanding Student Council Advisors for this special recognition.

1. Letters of recommendation should demonstrate the nominee's commitment to students, student organizations, and the school program.
2. Advisors must have at least **three (3) years** of student government experience.
3. The District 11 Advisor of the Year is ineligible for nomination in the calendar year following his/her recognition.

Rose Ann Fulena, District 2 Director has also offered to take care of Advisor of the Year applications. Student leaders and administrators, I urge you to take the time to nominate your advisor. Applications are available at www.pasc.net. Click on District 2 info and use the forms provide at that site. Due date is: March 30, 2011

Link to these sites:

www.pasc.net

PA Assoc. of Student Councils –website

www.nasc.us
National Assoc of Student Councils website

District 1:

Serving the high schools and middle level schools of

Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Venango, Warren Counties

District 1 Executive Board

In an effort to **provide support** for conference host schools, to **facilitate better communication** in District 1, and to **develop quality student council programs** in our seven county areas for high schools and middle schools, we designed a board structure consisting of advisors and student leaders in District 1. This group would be made of advisors and students. We will meet three times during the year to discuss issues concerning District 1. If you are interested in serving on this board, please contact me at dwensel@kasd.net or call my home at 814-837-9765.

PASC Summer Workshops Provide Training For Officers and Members

These excellent workshops provide a unique learning experience. Advisors are invited to visit the sites to see the program in action. Look for forms soon. Brochures and applications can also be found at www.pasc.net. You can also review the curriculum guidelines and sample daily schedules on line as well.

Grove City Gold (Grades 9-12)	July 10-15
Susquehanna Gold (Grades 9-12)	July 24-29
Grove City Blue (Grades 7-9)	July 17-21
Lebanon Valley Blue (Grades 7-9)	July 24-28
Advanced Gold (U of Pitt at Johnstown) (Grades 11-12)	July 17-23

	BLUE	GOLD	ADV GOLD
Early bird registration (Postmarked 5/13)	\$335	\$360	\$445
Postmarked 6/10	\$360	\$385	\$470

*Parents might consider the cost of the camp as they would a sports camp. (In the past I thought that our council had to pay. That really limited our numbers.) There is a \$10 per student delegate discount if 4 or more students come to any combination of PASC Summer Workshops

PASC State Conference In Altoona

This year the State Conference, "With a Little Help from my Friends", will be held in Altoona on November 10-12. The cost is \$110 per person. If you have never attended a State Conference, this one is close by. Check out the website www.pasc75.org. The website shows the background of three outstanding speakers, the schedules for both advisors and students, and highlights the components of the program including entertainment and meals which are all include in the price. Advisors are encouraged to house student in host homes at no cost or if school policy requires, students may be housed in one of the six conference hotels. (Schools housing there own students will incurred some additional meal costs). The conference promises to have something for everyone. If I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. dwensel@kasd.net

What Does Your School Do As Charity Projects?

Each year the school hosting the State Conference picks a charity for the state to support. This year, Altoona has taken a different twist to that event. They are asking each council to take a charity they already support and increase the amount of effort, time or money involved. At the end of the season, they are asking each school to display their work on an 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper. These papers will be displayed at Altoona High school for all schools to see. Even if you can't attend the conference, please feel free to document your work and send it to the Altoona Conference. I will be happy to take your work if you would like. PASC's goal is to showcase all the volunteer hours and financial contributions students from across the state provide as they reach out to help others close to home or far across the country and the world. I know District 1 schools do great things here in Northwestern Pennsylvania. This is a wonderful opportunity to share what we do with others.

Mark Your Calendar for Tuesday, September 27th or Wednesday, September 28th for the 2011 Principal -Advisors-Leaders (PAL)Conferences

School teams consisting of an administrator, advisor(s) and four student leaders per school will converge on the following sites:

**Tuesday Sept 27
Wednesday Sept 28**

**Wexford
Williamsport**

Watch you mail in mid-April for the registration forms. These programs will provide adult and students leaders to network with their peers; be inspired by our facilitator, Ann Postlewaite who works with students, activity advisors and principals on a daily basis in Minnesota; and work as a school team to develop a positive school climate in their schools. The early bird fee per participant will be \$45 with a regular fee in August and September of \$50 per person. PASC last sponsored PAL Conferences in the fall of 2008.

