



AGIA SOPHIA ACADEMY

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PARENT TEACHER PARTNERSHIP AT AGIA SOPHIA ACADEMY

Our mission at Agia Sophia Academy is to educate the whole child by providing a rich academic curriculum, grounded in Orthodox Christian values, while fostering love of learning, personal responsibility and respect for each person.

Accordingly, we have set the following goals:

- To offer academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment.
- To teach students “how to learn ” as well as “what to learn.”
- To cultivate a life-long love of learning in our students.
- To act as an extension of the parental role of educating the child.
- To further form character in our students so they will become productive and good members of our communities.
- To draw families more fully into the life of the Church.
- To honor God and educate others in the Faith.

None of the above is possible without our parents partnering with us to fulfill our mission and vision and to reach our goals. Therefore we have created the Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP). The PTP seeks to formally incorporate our parents into ASA in a committed and supportive way. Some ways in which that will happen are:

- The PTP will serve as a conduit to Parents, Board, Teachers, and Staff of ASA.
- The PTP will be an avenue for effective communication and support
- The PTP will be responsible for spreading the “good news” to others who have not yet heard of ASA.
- The PTP will be the voice of parents and teachers
- The PTP will provide volunteer support
- The PTP will foster community building
- The PTP will fundraise on behalf of the Board
- The PTP will manifest support for the staff of ASA
- The PTP will manifest support for the parents of ASA
- The PTP will manifest support for the Board of ASA

The Principal, with support from the Operations chair of the Board, will oversee the PTP on behalf of the Board. The President of the PTP, or other designee, will also be an ad hoc non-voting member of the Board and be invited to the Board meetings. The president of the PTP may be excused from the meeting by the President of the Board, at the Board President’s discretion. The PTP is accountable ultimately to the Board and cannot act independently or unilaterally. All things will be done for the glory of God and the benefit of ASA.

Approved Bylaws

- Name:** The name of said organization shall be Parent/Teacher Partnership.
- Purpose:** The purpose of the Organization shall be to provide support to the students and faculty of ASA and to promote open communication between parents, teachers, staff and the ASA Board.
- Membership:** Parents, legal guardians and extended family members of students currently enrolled in the school are eligible for membership. Members who have paid their dues shall have the right to participate in all meetings and be nominated and, if elected, serve as officers.
- Meetings:** Regular meetings shall be held monthly with the time and place to be determined by the members.
- Special meetings may be called by at least two (2) Officers or by a petition of at least ten members. A notice stating the time, place, and purpose for the special meeting must be sent to all members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.
- A majority vote of those members in attendance is required.
- Officers:** The members shall elect a President, a Vice-President, and Treasurer and a Secretary. In the event of a vacancy, the membership shall, at the next meeting, elect individuals to fill the unexpired term.
- Duties:**
- President shall schedule and preside over all meetings, shall co-sign all checks and shall coordinate all committee activities.
 - Vice-President shall fill in for the President as need be.
 - Treasurer shall keep financial records, receive and deposit all income, acknowledge all contributions and co-sign all checks.
 - Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings, maintain a directory of membership and insure all notices are mailed to members.
- Elections:** The election of Officers shall take place during the last regular meeting of the school year (May). The nominating committee shall present a slate of Officers to present for election by the members. The committee shall contact all persons who will be nominated to confirm their willingness to serve.
- A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. Should no person receive a majority of the votes cast, a run-off between the two (2) persons who received the largest number of votes shall immediately be held.
- Officers**
- Powers:** The elected Officers shall manage the affairs, activities and operations of the organization. The Officers shall transact business during the interval between meetings and appoint committees as required to best serve the Organization.
- Dues:** The Organization shall authorize and collect membership dues. Any change in the amount of the dues shall be approved by a vote of the voting members acting in the manner prescribed in the Section entitled, "Meetings".
- Amendments:** These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the voting members at any regular or special meeting.
- Authority:** If any of the Bylaws shall conflict with the decisions, policies or procedures adopted by the ASA Board, they shall be deemed null and void and the decision of the ASA Board shall, in all cases, control.