The Need for a Real Partnership

Today, there is an undeniable need for parents and administrators to work together to build strong partnerships in education. In PTA, parents and administrators work to improve education and the well-being of children and youth.

With nearly one million members in California, PTA is both the largest and the most active child advocacy organization in the state. PTA volunteers are part of a network unlike any other parent organization. As such, they have extensive resources and impact when advocating for improved education within a community.

Site administrator and PTA president: Partners working together

The site administrator and the PTA president represent two important groups in the school: staff and parents.

- Meet regularly at agreed-upon times. Discuss issues. Review plans for events. Keep each other informed.
- Work out problems or misunderstandings promptly in a direct, honest way—privately. Keep an open mind. Listen to each other.
- Be positive and enthusiastic about the school when working with parents and community
- Develop a win-win attitude. Celebrate each other’s accomplishments.
The PTA's role, responsibilities and authority, and the effective partnership with the PTA, are all critical. Effective partnership requires clear and consistent communication, support from the school administration, and the active participation of the school staff and PTA leaders. This partnership is essential for achieving the goals of the school and ensuring that all students have access to quality education and opportunities for success. The PTA should work closely with the school administration to identify student needs, develop programs and activities that address those needs, and promote parent involvement and engagement. The PTA should also work with the school administration to ensure that resources are allocated fairly and effectively, and that the school's policies and programs meet the needs of all students. Ultimately, the PTA's role is to support the school administration in its efforts to provide a high-quality education for all students.