

Council of PTAs

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is a Council of PTAs?** Councils are groups of member units that come together for conferences, leadership trainings and other coordinated area efforts.
- 2. Why does Petaluma need a Council when all PTAs in Petaluma are in a District?** Petaluma has several school districts, all which funnel students into the Petaluma City School District. In order to meet the needs of all students across Petaluma, it is important that parent and teacher advocates come together to share experiences – struggles and successes. When we are in the same room, we can truly begin to work as a community.
- 3. We already have trouble finding volunteers for our own PTA board, how are we going to be able to find enough volunteers to support the Council?** Just like all PTA units, the Council only requires three board members: a President, Treasurer, and a Secretary. While additional board members would be welcome, they are not a requirement. We currently have individuals willing to serve a term in these roles. PTA units wanting to join the Council need only send one representative to attend Council meetings.

One way the Council could support PTA units would be to maintain a list of past presidents/officers who are willing to answer questions that new PTA board members might have and serve as mentors for PTAs. Many of us have been in a position where we feel unprepared for the roles we take on in PTA.
- 4. Will Council officers receive training?** CAPTA will provide training directly to the Council officers.
- 5. How often will the Council meet?** Meetings will be held quarterly
- 6. How much will it cost to join?** Membership dues will be 25 cents per unit member.
- 7. Where is the Council in the application process?** We have completed our bylaws, engaged the community, and we are finishing up our application to submit to CAPTA. Once submitted, they state board must vote to approve the formation of the Council. We will then hold an election of officers.
- 8. Is there a website where I can go to for more information?** As the Council is still in the application process, there is not a website yet. This will

come when the Council is official. More information can be found on [CAPTA's website](#) or by contacting our CAPTA mentor [Deborah Johnson](#) by emailing djohnson@capta.org.