Ideas for Filling Vacancies on Your Board

Tried everything and still can’t fill those last few spots on your executive board? Here are some things to try:

1. Get recommendations from the principal and even involve him/her in the asking

2. Ask the person face-to-face or if that’s not possible, on the phone. This can make all the difference!

3. Host a parent volunteer thank you breakfast and encourage people to take positions on the board

4. Play "We’re all in this Together!" from High school musical over the loud speakers as parents drop off their kids and have sandwich boards on as you shake hands and pass out "We need your talents on our PTA board!" cards

5. Elementary schools: Have a rep at the Kindergarten drop-in for parents to motivate new parents to get involved (they are always anxious to do that)

6. Middle and high schools: Contact the PTA presidents at your feeder schools and ask them to forward an email to their boards, with all the reasons they should join your PTA (do good for the school, get to know other parents, get to know the administrators, etc)

7. Ask the teachers who their super-involved parents are. Some may never have felt welcome in PTA, and asking them to join the team may make all the difference

8. If none of these things work, contact Palomar Council for assistance!