

AVS PTA Minutes

Tuesday April 21, 2015

- Approval of minutes: Approved minutes from March meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – Christen Maher
 - Includes prepaid deposits for Children's Stage Adventures for 2015-2016.
 - \$675 has been raised within the 1st week with the Color run fundraiser.
- School Board Member's Report –
PTA and master planning meeting on Monday, May 18th at 630 at AVS. All are encouraged to attend. There are new officers, discussions about reconfiguring School Administrative Unit, and discussions about holding onto the 2nd Kindergarten teacher, there has been a lot of turnover with that position and we need to talk about how we secure the position, possibly a full time position?

Calendar committee: Anita Gildea (School board member) gave an overview of the calendar committee in concert with Mrs. Collins. They gave a brief presentation on the background & goals of the committee with respect to the calendar: the need for the committee, the survey results (parents, teachers and administration responded). Over the past year the committee reviewed the calendar, reviewed the recommendations and implications. Minimal state instructional hours is 990 hours for Middle school (requirements = 6 hours for middle and 5.75 for elementary). The committee agreed to exceed the expectations and have more instructional hours.

There were 228 responses to the survey. Majority wanted to start before labor day, 61% wanted to align with Pinkerton, 73% were in favor of attending Presidents day, majority were in agreement of eliminating a week of vacation (which contradicted alignment with PA). 68% were in favor of an extended day. 74% wanted a start/end day.

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Blizzard bags: there were a lot of write-ins for this item. This was addressed by the committee however the goal of the committee was not to address items outside of the calendar. If a viable option was ever proposed, it would have to address for K-8 and the board would look at that.

Recommendation: Hourly calendar, finite start and end day with 5 snow days built in. Increased instructional time to 1086 hours from 1040.75, which is 15.25 more hours of instructional time. 5 snow days is the average over the last 5 years.

Calendar is on the website at:

<http://auburn.sau15.net/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2015/04/Auburn-15-16-Approved-amended.pdf>

10 minutes earlier and 10 minutes later each day.

Impacts bus schedules and parent drop off/pick up times.

Buses will be 10 minutes earlier and later each day.

Kindergarten starts AM: 850-1140; PM: 1245-325.

Elementary: Arrive at 840 school starts at 850AM-325PM ends.

Middle school students arrive at 740AM for 740AM start, ends at 230PM.

The afternoon kindergarten did not have the full 10 minutes of instructional time built in with the new calendar because the extra time was factored in with the school delays, where the morning kindergarten is cancelled when there are delays. Morning kindergarten is always cancelled when there is a delay.

Sports will not be affected by the calendar.

Date on the calendar for the 2015-2016 to 2nd of September is the first day of school and the end of school is June 16, 2016.

Note of interest: They will also be implementing a "Day of service" on Martin Luther King Day; the entire day will be spent on a day of service.

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- Principal's Report – Lori Collins
Smarter balanced testing for 6th grade this week. The science NECAP testing, then NEWA, next week vacation. Mrs. Banner will be in.
3 honorable mentions for the 63 entries from the 3rd grade for PBS kids writing contest. Full list can be found at:
<http://www.nhptv.org/kidswrite/2015winners.asp>

Earth day is tomorrow. PACK week was last week- lots of fun thank you PTA. Variety show is Thursday 4/23 from 630-8pm and Friday 1-2 for the school. Spring sports are off to a start! Game schedules are on the website:

<http://teacherweb.com/NH/AuburnVillageSchool/Athletics/apt3.aspx>

Screen free week May 3rd-10th. Memorial Day assembly is scheduled for Friday May 22nd at 930. It will be out front as an entire school.

8th grade musical coming together and is scheduled for June 10th there will be a community show in the gym.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ouellette, they had a baby boy! Calvin Garrison Ouellette, 9 pounds, 20 1/2 inches!

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Report of Committees:

- Garden Club- Wendy Smith-
Earth day is tomorrow (4/22), the day is sponsored by the garden club and organized by the 7th grade. Every class has a block of time. There is a smoothie station, recycled games, presentation tree badges, face painting, chick petting station, worm races, Zumba, band and more- a fun packed day!
The Garden Club is also looking for new members.
The Audobon is looking to repurpose gardens; looking for families to possibly adopt a garden.
- Bingo – Corrine Martin- Bingo night profit was \$793 dollars and it goes on record as being the best Bingo night ever!
- Teacher Appreciation – Holly MacDonald- Has already received donations for baskets, but could use more. They have school supplies, chocolates, pampering items. They will be doing a yogurt bar, baked goods and a gift for teachers, as well as gift baskets. Thanks to those who have already donated! May 4th-8th is teacher appreciation week so she needs to know who the volunteers are before vacation is over.
- Box tops- \$1400 check coming in the mail! Thanks to all who donate and Holly!
- Monarchs night – Amy Lachance- April 10th 43 tickets were sold, we made \$129. Free tickets to AVS families for the play-off games for this weekend Thursday and Saturday. Email or web address.
- Field Day – Ami D’Amelio- no update
- Red Cross Babysitting – Mike- Tentative date for Saturday May 30th, one day 9am-4pm. Ages 11-15, (minimum of 8 per class) Cost is \$85 per

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student, PTA pays \$250, minimum of 8 to teach the class. 15% discount for 20 participants. We will try to get \$250 waived- looking to see where the fee came from and where does the money go?

- Color Run – Sarah Lawrence- June 6th.
We had the kick off! Looking for donations for water. Advised to go to local grocery stores and request donations. Looking to get WMUR here and the local Banner. Still need a definite route for the race (3K). Looking for volunteers as well for race day.
- New Business
 - Open Positions for 2015-2016: Still some positions available.

New Business: Dollars for scholars (PO Box 142 Auburn NH) Miss Mary from Griffin library came to talk about donating to Dollars for Scholars Auburn Chapter. This is a scholarship for the students from AVS and also current residents in town. They currently have 9 scholarships in which they need sponsorship and support. Education, nursing, etc. They are presented in June- the money goes to the school for tuition- not the students- everything is anonymous when a student applies- they are assigned a number. <http://auburn.dollarsforscholars.org>

This is a great local scholarship. The Auburn chapter is part of a national foundation, not limited to high school it is also for continuing education. PTA discussed whether or not we should form our own scholarship- or donate a predetermined amount, to the 9 scholarships through dollars for scholars. We agreed to proceed after a vote to donate. Discussion as to whether or not to establish our own, as AVS PTA. \$500 to general fund and Carrie Peabody will represent the AVS PTA in June.

Next meeting Monday May 18th.

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