

PTA Meeting Notes 2/19/19

UPDATES

SUMMER CAMPS

Send out electronically through AVS; excited to have space available and a bunch of teacher who are interested in teaching; \$100 + supplies charges set by teacher; some are \$100-\$125+; generally offered \$20 discount for early bird; early April for early bird date; early bird discount takes away from PTA income because the teachers are all taught the same regardless of when they sign up; Group discussed offering a \$10 discount instead; all camps are ½ day camps - Mon-Thu 9am-12pm; can continue to add programs and offerings as we add

PTA SOCIAL

8-10 people came and were on the private porch; next one location is TBA

BOX TOPS

Just closed those and Alyssa sent a message to let her know who won the PJ and hot chocolate prize – Mrs Fortier's 4th grade 803 box tops; Mrs. Boucher in fourth grade was 2nd and Mrs. Prunier was 3rd place 7,500 box tops in all which was just since October 2018; this equates to approximately \$750.00

REFLECTIONS

Sandi received an email from Adrienne about results

26 students from AVS submitted 58 original pieces of art based on theme Heroes without me; 34 pieces of art are moving onto state level and had 4 pieces had 1st place on state judging and will be honored at luncheon in North Conway; All art will be on display March 6th 5:30pm at Hood School in Derry

COORDINATOR AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS

LITERACY NIGHT

Dawn Florino will be coordinator March 13th at 5:30pm with the theme 'Under Construction, building better readers'; she is a reading specialist so will have all kinds of great activities for grades K-2; will need student volunteers, will be sending out request soon; kids will receive a kit to take home to continue on work with their parents

PACK WEEK

Will be April 15-19, we will be setting up a sign-up genius; Nurse Ellen likes to get kids to eat different fruits and vegetables coordinated by color and so parents will help hand out samples; she will need volunteers to come in during lunch times; lunches start at 10:45am and end at 1:05pm; parents can come for one or multiple – may break up in hour blocks

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6-10, Mindy is coordinator and so will be doing heavy lifting; will be looking for volunteers for week; some could just drop off food in the morning – every little bit helps; in the past, we have done a

breakfast, a lunch, root beer floats, cheese and fruit trays, dessert and candy days, flower plants in pots, etc. The budget is only \$1500 so we need to make it stretch as far as possible. Suggestions was to have coffee cart go to each room or lounge for teachers; please forward any other ideas

ICE CREAM SOCIAL COORDINATOR

Still looking for a coordinator for next year

HOLIDAY FAIR

If there is anyone who could help with advertising, raffle items and signage (both large and small), Sandi and Mindy will plan to do the heavy lifting for even if re-elected.

FUNDRAISERS

Any feedback on fundraisers we have done or ideas on what we can do that may be more effective; possibly have a small committee of people who can look at what other schools are doing, what is effective, and explore other ideas

Will be doing a cash calendar; selling in March and then pulling prizes in April; Mei Hayes and Kendra are coordinating for our first time; Tiny Tots do the same time but make a lot of money; Chester is doing one, too;

BINGO NIGHT

Corinne Martin is coordinator now and will do this year and next, but then we will need a new coordinator; anyone interested could shadow her this year and next to learn the ropes; if we don't get a coordinator, this is the type of event that will go away; this year is March 28th 6:30-8:00pm

SPIRIT WEAR

Kind of have a coordinator but haven't firmed her up yet; could use help with it; would have like to have people at AVS basketball games selling shirts, etc.; having someone at the bingo night selling items; Lori volunteered to take orders or sell inventory during bingo night – she will put a form together if we send her the materials to make a flyer

AVS GARDEN

With construction, we will need volunteers in addition to the Scouts and Honor Society in the 2020/2021 school year; someone suggested that the summer school kids did some help in years past

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Reflections State Competition 3/6 at Hood School in Derry
- PTA Family Reading Night (K-2) 3/13 5:30-7pm
- Missoula Children's Theatre: Auditions on March 18th with rehearsals each day and performances on 3/22 and 3/23; permissions slips will go home on first day when we get back from February vacation
- PTA meeting in the Health Room 3/19/19 6:30pm
- PTA Bingo Night 3/28 6:30-8:00pm

- PTA Social April 3rd 6:30pm – location TBD if we want to try somewhere outside of Auburn
- PTA Spring Book Fair – 4/11/19 4-8pm at Barnes and Noble in Manchester and are booking entertainment (band and Mrs. Ouellette's chorus); good time to buy Easter basket stuff
- PTA Meeting 4/16/19 6:30pm; at this meeting, we will be doing officer nominations so we can vote in May; if you want to vote or nominate anyone for officer position, you have to be a PTA member (paid dues); if there is more than one person running for a position, we will do secret ballots otherwise a yay/nay vote
- Spirit Wear is ongoing
- PTA Color Run *DATE CHANGE* 5/19 at Cawley Middle School

AVS PTA FACEBOOK PAGE

Please continue interacting with page - starting to get good traction; when we put an event out, please take 2 minutes to invite people; if the person is invited, they will be grayed out so you won't be bugging them; Facebook is finicky and so sometimes people don't see them if you do not invite them directly

PRINCIPAL UPDATES

Library media specialist Alison DiPietro retired; Barbara Maddox is a long-term sub for rest of the year – today was her second day; she is enthusiast and has great ideas; stop by and say hello!

Lots of construction news -> 45 moves to do; 4th is staying but 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th will move in new construction space for fall school year; when they move back, the rooms will be renovated including the bathrooms; cafeteria will be able to feed 3 classes at a time which has some impact to consolidate lunch times; start at 11:15am so closer to typical lunchtime and still run to 1pm; Kindergarten looks like everyone is going to get their choice and won't have to do a lottery

March is Read Across America; a lot of book buddies and getting big kids working with little kids

Project Safeguard 3/15 for 7th graders at Assembly of God church

This week are Brave Rallies: 1st grade Minute to Win It and Faculty/Staff game on Friday 1:30pm

One of the major initiatives is practicing emergency drills; everyone will be getting email; finished brochure on off-site evacuation with bussing to a third party unification site and then home; doesn't have to be an active shooter but an unexpected issue; kids have practiced doing evacuation to safety complex; On April 14th, we will be doing a practice run to safety complex and then 2nd and 6th will be bussed from there to Assembly of God church where there is a plan for reunification to practice; they will go through plan to work out kinks and then be bussed back to the school and return to class

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

Has four goals for this year and are doing well with all

1. School construction is on target; framework structure is 95% complete; next benchmark is 4/15 when it should be weather tight; due to be finished in August 16th and available for fall; starting full day kindergarten in fall 2020

2. Targeted curriculum, steam, language and health middle school; training teachers and bringing them up through each grade
3. Affective use of school district resources and doing best to maximize schedule as much as they can; UA and Pinkerton distance learning
4. Advance and mature new student success framework; next meeting will receive a schedule from different standardized tests and which grades take them; some take every year and some certain grades; currently have 3 different kinds of standardized tests; how do we take feedback from these and change teaching methods and curriculum to best help students and challenge them

3 articles on March ballot: electing new board members, budget, putting money in school construction fund from surplus if it passes

Constantly short of a few paraprofessionals if anyone knows someone who wants to help out or is looking for a position

Communications with Pinkerton is improving; just received a newsletter about strategic planning, Dr. Collins received report cards for students there to see how they are acclimating

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Donated money for fleece to make blankets
- Remodeling the teachers room will be done over February break; new cabinet in STEAM is done; since these were not part of the construction, Dr. Collins and Scott Dube wanted to work on these areas
- PTA social spent \$37 on appetizers
- Earned \$15 in money market interest
- Reflections budget was for trophies and supplies
- Paid taxes for 2018 and send out 1099 for camp counselors who earned more than \$600

Closed 7:48pm; Sandi made motion