



Board Members present: Charlotte Vrba, Deb Rempert, Dawn Scheck, Marcie Mefford, Nancy Kerr, Jan Wright, Sue Sokolinski, Deb Nielsen, Kim Ambrose, Somya Bergman

Board Members absent: Laura Milhousen, Molly Haworth

PTO members: Diane Litow, Renee Culbertson, Kathy Papenmeier

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Secretary-D.Scheck

- Charlotte Vrba motioned for the December board meeting minutes to be approved. Deb Rempert seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Ways & Means-D.Rempert

- BoxTops: the 2nd collection is up and running.
 - First grade is currently in the lead,
 - Barrie McClain will be helping during the week of February 3rd while Dawn is on vacation.
- Trivia Night: there are no updates but we did agree on May 3rd but don't have a confirmation.
- Clothing Sale: Kathy Evangelista and Jill Stevens are making progress.
 - Registration is open
 - The event will occur on March 21st and 22nd.
 - Flyers have been made.
 - They are going to offer sellers 80% back as long as they work more than 8 hours.
 - Wayne Haworth donated racks.
 - Kathy's husband is repairing existing racks.
 - They need a volunteer for signs. This person would be preferred to be the replacement for one of the chairpersons.
- Flower Sale: Kathy Dremel will be giving update soon and will attend the February board meeting.
- Campbell Soup Labels: MaryAnne Callahan is looking for a competition between the classes type of event like BoxTops.
- Sunshine Math: Mary Stilin is still encouraging the math games. The program is still well attended.
- Cougars Night: Sue Locke changed the date from August 19th to August 12th.
- Skate Night: planning to occur in March even though a date is not set.
- Five Below
 - The event has currently generated \$105.01.
 - We should see a check around January 20th.
- Sports Clips contacted us about fundraising.
- Market Day:



- We received 2 flyers and seem to be doing great.
- Gordon Food Service bought Market Day. Items will arrive already sorted.
- Dine Arounds
 - We don't have one for January
 - Thinking about doing Chuck E Cheese for February. Possibly February 20th
 - Chuck can come to the school to promote during lunch periods.
 - From what we understand, a percentage from ALL sales benefits AGS not just AGS supporters.
 - There is concern about a conflict with FunFair being the next week. Going to suggest other dates like February 6th.
- Movie Night: the next movie night is February 7th and will be Despicable Me 2.

Treasurer-C.Vrba

- Diane Litow was introduced. She has a son in ECC and has offered to do our taxes, pro bono.
- We reviewed the latest report
 - \$110 was donated by the school board
 - Louise White Elementary donated \$300 to the ECC.
- Hoover Wood and J.B. Nelson Elementary schools need to be invoiced in order for the ECC to receive money.
- Grace McWayne's bylaws state that as a non-for-profit organization, they cannot donate to another.
- Gator Gold did great this week
- We don't have a final amount from the book fair.
- Kathy Papenmeier was introduced and formally asked for the AGS PTO to renew sponsorship and recharter the Boy Scouts.
 - An executive board member, Dr. Wright, and another member need to sign. Currently this other member has been Charlotte. Since her term is about to end, other member needs to sign. Somya volunteered.
 - Charlotte moved to keep the Cub Scouts and re-charter the organization. Marcie seconded. It agreed unanimously with board.

1st VP- K.Ambrose

- Send any school related pictures to Kim for the yearbook
- Sue is going to ask teachers to proofread class composites.

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- There is \$830.12 available for special appropriations.
- There were two applications for special appropriations
 - Dr. Wright asked for funding for the WATCHDOGS program; \$150 for the pizza party launch and \$350 for the starter kit, totaling \$500.
 - The Early Childhood Center (ECC) asked for 4 iPod Nanos to assist with music



- The committee agreed to fund the WATCHDOGS program but would use \$298 to purchase 2 iPod Nanos now and then purchase 2 more at a later date. The remaining \$32.12 could be allocated for iTunes gift cards for the ECC.
- The committee also asked if there was any other funding for the iPod Nanos. We can use the funds recently donated from Louise White and the school board to help with the purchase.
- Charlotte Vrba motioned to use \$500 for the WATCHDOGS program and the remaining to be used toward iPod Nanos and iTunes gift card for the ECC. Marcie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Charlotte motioned to use recent donation from the school board and Louise White to purchase the other 2 iPod Nanos. Dr. Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- We can report to BIC (Batavia Inter-school Council) how some of the funds were used.
- There will be one more special appropriations dispersement in the spring. The deadline will be in March. The actual date TBD.

President-M.Haworth via K.Ambrose

- Let Molly know by the end of January if your position needs a replacement.
- Let Molly know if you may be interested in another position.
- We need a nominating committee by the next board meeting.
- Molly runs the nominating committee.
- Sue is going to ask teachers which parents may be good for the nominating committee and Nancy will ask the room parents if anyone may be interested to be on the committee.

Principal-J.Wright

- WATCHDOGS
 - January 23rd is the launch for the program
 - 10 people are already signed us to attend
 - We are going to use volunteer.com for dads to sign up for time slots
- Pat Brown, Building and Grounds director, sent a survey to complete regarding capital improvement for AGS. We filled it out.

Communications-M.Mefford

- Marcie is the PTO representative in charge of FS Direct. If anyone needs a room reserved for an event, contact Marcie to reserve it.
- Continue to send things that you want sent out to AGS families or posted on Facebook.
- Kim and Marcie attended the last BIC (Batavia Inter-school Council) meeting.
 - The next meeting is March 8th.
 - Steve Pearce, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, introduced himself and reported that substitute teachers are now required to have a



- degree in education and not just a college degree. Para-professionals are preferred to have an education degree as well even though currently, 2 years of college are required accompanied with a test.
- Dr. Hitchens asked for feedback regarding the new system for communication school closures. During the recent closures, not one school had a student show up and only one school had a phone call inquiring of the school's closing.
 - Kim and Marcie completed a survey regarding Internet filtering policy. For example, what age or grade is it necessary to filter personal emails, Google images or YouTube?
 - Emails send about special education
 - BSPN (Batavia Special Education Parent Network) coffee chats will be at Panera Bread on January 14th and at the library on January 17th.
 - SEL (Social Emotional Learning) roundtable meeting will be at the high school on January 21st at 6:30pm.
 - Gregg Hodge and John Gaspar will be conducting two meetings. 1) Charter schools on January 23rd at the library from 6:30-8:30 pm and 2) Virtual Learning on January 28th, the next school board meeting.
 - All elementary schools will be having FunFairs on February 28th except for Louise White. Their fair is on Saturday, February 22nd.
 - Grace McWayne and J.B. Nelson are starting WATCHDOGS as well.
 - MOVES and Prairie Gym submitted information for field day.
 - Stakeholders survey was emailed and parents are encouraged to take it.
 - Gregg Hodge asked how he or anyone could receive information about school activities like Dine Arounds or other fundraisers. He was wondering if there was a way to communicate activities to the general public. We could use BATV, or the Patch or press release.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr

- Teacher Appreciation week will be addressed after FunFair.
 - We are not sure whether to give one big gift or small gifts.
 - One suggestion was pencil sharpeners in every classroom.
 - Gift cards from office supply stores are good too.
 - Mrs. Jensen will be using the jungle decorations from the PTO closet for the January 30th concert.
 - There was a theft during the winter parties. It was from a teacher's purse. Concert tickets and gift cards were taken.
- FunFair
 - Our last sit-down is tomorrow, January 14th.
 - A poster contest flyer went out
 - Communication blasts are going out
 - Classroom basket lists are out
 - Wristbands will cost \$10 but we are also going to try a Family Cap of \$30/family. \$5 wristbands will remain for ECC.



- The committee has proposed a running of the torch. This could be the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) winners and occur before the fair on Thursday, February 27th at 3:15 p.m.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sokolinski for lending iPads for Square.
- Raffle items are trickling in. We've received 6 responses from 347 letters sent.
- We have 6 really good classroom baskets.
- Raffle will be in the LRC and will be a silent posting. Discussion occurred about posting on Facebook. The board decided that this was not a good idea due to privacy issues.
- We've asked teachers to enhance the décor on lockers and this is optional.
- The fair details will be put on bps101.net.
- Someone is going to talk to Sue Locke about throwing out the first pitch at Cougar's Night as one of the raffle items.
- A big packet of information will be sent home at the end of January.

Teacher Liaison-S.Sokolinski, D.Nielsen

Thank you from Deb for the supplying ECC with iPod Nanos.

Round Table

- Deb Rempert thought we should share who are on our committees. Please committee members to Deb and she'll make a list.
- Nancy suggested we have a major PTO closet cleanout after the spring clothing sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck