

November 10,
Minutes



2014 Board

Board Members present: Kim Ambrose, Jen Meiring, Somya Bergman, Amanda Davis, Dawn Scheck, Deb Rempert, Marcie Mefford, Nancy Kerr, Jan Wright, Deb Nielsen

Board Members absent: Nicholas Davis, Matt Jeffrey

Other guests: Sue Minnick

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Secretary

- Approval of September board minutes.
 - Amanda Davis motioned to approve the minutes. Deb Rempert seconded. The minutes passed unanimously.
- Calendar: Cindy Rodriguez handles the school calendar for room rental. She would like to have our schedule by March for the upcoming year. We are going to ask if we could do 6 months in advance vs. a year in advance.

Treasurer-A.Davis

- Due to printer difficulties, we did not have individual reports to review. The report will be emailed to the board.
- We did review the budget report nonetheless.
- We incurred \$56.40 from a bounced Gator Gallop check.
- We filed an extension for taxes that will go through to February 2015.
- The letter from Rathje & Woodward has been addressed. A report was filed that includes all board member names. There was a \$10 filing fee and a \$3 penalty.
- A Gator Gold check was not cashed yet from October. The gift cards have been received but the return check has not appeared on one's personal statement yet.
- FunFair has submitted some receipts but the budget did not reflect any negative amounts for FunFair. The checks may have not gone through the bank yet.

1st VP- J.Meiring

- Yearbook
 - You can upload photos from your phone to the website
 - We need to turn in the pages by spring break. All of the year-end events are not in the yearbook. We are going to put a 2-page spread in the following yearbook highlighting the previous year's end-of-school kindergarten-4th grade events.
- Google Doc: add information and share the document as you see fit.
- Sunshine Math/Book Club
 - We haven't heard back from Mary Stilin in regards to a replacement.
 - Sarah Garcia will possibly do book club.
 - Enrichment idea is not going to happen since the parent willing to volunteer, Tammy Caltagirone, is a 5th grade parent. It doesn't make sense to begin a program when the volunteer is leaving.

- Spiritwear: 3 Penquins gave extra 10% on Spiritwear resulting in \$45.

2nd VP-S.Bergman

- The next special appropriations deadline is Thursday, December 18th.
- The committee will meet the first week after winter break to review the special appropriation requests.
- Tractor plow
 - Someone spoke with Mark Anderson, BPS 101 Assistant Director of Building and Grounds, regarding the broken down tractor Angel Baldaras uses to remove snow.
 - The district picked a tractor identical to what Angel is currently using. It would cost \$3000.
 - They are willing to go in ½ or more with the PTO to purchase.
 - Angel's plowing area includes around the school plus the new walkway from Hoover Drive to Morton Street and from Carlisle Road to Bernadette Lane. This is much more area than any other elementary school.
 - Dr. Wright will follow up and push for the district to acquire the tractor.

Classroom Support-N.Kerr

- Halloween parties went well. Most rooms did 3 things in 30 minutes.
- Winter parties will be December 19th from 2:45-3:15pm
- FunFair
 - All the planning is being done now and will hopefully be done by December 11th.
 - The iPads with Square on them are in 2nd grade. Instead of going through all the 2nd grade iPads, 6 new iPads will have Square installed on them.
 - Katie Carter, the games chair, is looking into interactive games using the classroom whiteboards. She is working with Steve Mefford on this. Any game that can be played on a PC can be played on the whiteboards.
 - We are going to solicit the GatorBytes committee to run the technology for the fair.
 - Looking into having a movie in a classroom.
 - We rent the cotton candy machine for \$150. We can buy one for \$250. When we rent, we receive all the materials. If we purchase a machine, then we have to deal with purchasing the materials, storage and cleanup. We decided to rent.
 - At least 4 teachers have agreed to go into the shower. Some are willing to do 2 shifts. We will try and recruit more teachers.
 - We are looking for someone to cook gumbo. If Renee Culbertson agrees, then we'd like to crown her Mardi Gras queen at the end of the evening.
 - A FunFair blurb will be in the next Gazette.
 - A wish list will be sent out. We'd like a metal canoe and other strange items.
 - We have an updated flyer with a better jester hat on the alligator
 - We will do one flyer that includes the ECC information instead of having 2 flyers.
- Freezer cleaning is still planned for Friday during the Movie Night.
- We had a "thank you" from Smashburger. They gave 20 teacher appreciation reusable coupons. We can give them to the teachers who volunteer for events. We also received 40 free kids meal coupons that will be used as prizes at the fair.

Ways & Means- D.Rempert

- Dine Arounds
 - Panera Bread sales were \$1571.97, which is \$100 more than last year. AGS earned the bagel pack. Our cut is \$314.40
 - Potbelly is on December 2nd to coordinate with the Barnes & Noble book fair.

- Chipotle is February 10th.
- We still like the district to figure out how to communicate all school's events to the community.
- Schwan's
 - Jill Stevens has coordinated with Schwan's to have the site open on November 12th with the first delivery to be on November 20th. Then deliveries will occur every other Thursday.
 - She has an idea to create teams to compete by grade level.
 - She has some catalogs to share but not enough to send to each family
 - Deb is going to follow up with the start time in order to maximize the first 30-45 days of sales, which is when AGS receives the most in return, and in order to advertise.
- Movie Night
 - *Finding Nemo* will be shown this Friday, November 14th.
 - Parent supervision needs to be improved.
 - No announcement or request for reminder has been given to Marcie.
- McDonald's McTeacher Night
 - A representative of McDonald's has proposed another fundraising opportunity.
 - Teachers volunteer their time to work at a local McDonald's doing various jobs at the restaurant including greeter, working the drive thru lane, cleaning the lobby, working the ice cream machine, etc. 7-10 teachers are required.
 - The owner would give back 15% of all sales.
 - The teachers would receive a "McTeacher" t-shirt.
 - We could set up a tip jar and get all the money in it.
 - Deb isn't behind it for various reasons and the board agreed. We have increased our food expectations for Dine Arounds.
- Trivia Night
 - There are 15 teams
 - 102 people are participating which 2 more than last time.
- Wolves Hockey
 - We pick a date and ticket level (range of \$19.50-\$39). \$7 from each ticket goes back to our PTO.
 - The Wolves organization will help create a flyer
 - Either we can or they will collect the ticket orders
 - They didn't mention a minimum order
 - The board would rather have this be a community builder rather than a fundraiser.
 - Deb will see if they can take \$7 off the ticket and we can advertise it as a discount price.
- Barnes & Noble Book Fair
 - Lisa Foydel reported to Deb that things are coming along well.
 - It is all day long at the store and on-line. The main events will be from 4:30pm – 7pm
 - There is a schedule for teachers to read.
 - The choir is going to sing
 - We are not interested in the baking aspect
 - SignUp Genius for volunteers will be going out soon
 - Mr. Park will be dressing up as whatever the students vote for.
- Market Day
 - This past month we earned \$136.07 and had 20 customers
 - We have earned \$312.51 year to October.

Communications-M.Mefford

- Marcie has a PDF copy of the directory. It's 15 pages long. We've had 3 requests for a paper copy.

- To make the directory less expensive, we can include our sponsors. The board deemed it unnecessary.

Principal-J.Wright.

- Fundraising Goal
 - Our goal has been about technology. Next year, each student will have a 1 to 1 device.
 - Before, Dr. Wright approached the teachers to brainstorm ideas for fundraising. They narrowed the list to 5-6 items. She did the same with parents. Remarkably, the ideas matched.
 - The board would like for Dr. Wright to start this process again.
 - Possible items to add include:
 - Outdoor classroom in courtyard
 - Vegetable garden
 - Future Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) opportunities.
 - Sponsor camps over breaks
 - Playground expansion/updating

Teacher Liaison- D. Nielsen

- No Report

President-K.Ambrose

- Junior Achievement: we didn't hear any more from them or any updates.
- Website
 - Kim perused other BPS school sites.
 - Some schools have free software while others do not.
 - H.C. Storm uses Live Site and AGS uses Square Space, both are free. Grace McWayne uses Word Press which isn't free but the site is appealing and user friendly.
 - It could be \$100/year to upgrade.
 - We'd like to check about hidden fees
 - We'd like to establish a timeline and to coordinate with our technology year.
 - Somya Bergman motioned to upgrade our website software for \$100/year. Dawn Scheck seconded. The motion passes unanimously.
- Batavia Interschool Council (BIC) meeting is this Saturday, November 15th from 8:30am-10: 30 am.
 - Deb Nielsen may attend and would like to speak about the Early Childhood Center (ECC) in case of personnel turnover.
 - We 'd like to ask if other PTO's would donate to the ECC.
 - Those in charge would like the meetings to be more efficient. If you'd like to speak, you need to be on the agenda. Deadline to be on the agenda is Tuesday, November 11th.
 - Before, each PTO would talk about what they are doing. This was extremely beneficial to the elementary schools but not to the middle school or high school.
 - At one time, Marcie organized a mini BIC meeting for the elementary schools only. Maybe it should be done again.
- Next year's board
 - We need to form a nominating committee for next year's board seeing as so many positions will be available
 - We will start around February.

- As a reminder, we change the by-laws elect the nominees at the April general meeting. The outgoing board member would still attend the May board meeting as well as the incoming board member.
- Per request, we'd like to revisit the possibility of an assistant treasurer or event treasurer.
- Current board members are to inform Kim of their intentions for the upcoming school year in regards to board positions.

Round Table Discussion

- The AGS report card is missing from the Tribune
- There's been word of a private high school starting at the old Campana building called Harbridge College Prep
- There was another theft at the school during the Girl Scout Halloween party. Contents were taken from a wallet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheck