



November 15, 2016 – AGS PTO Meeting

Attendees: President - Fatiana Stobaugh, 1st Vice President - Melissa Dempsey
2nd Vice President - Kevin Preas, Director of Classroom Support - Sue Minnec
Director of Ways and Means - Mary Anne Callahan, Teacher Representative -
Kristin Green, Early Childhood Teacher Representative – Ally Bielski, Early
Childhood Representative - Paula Lindeman, Assistant Principal - Cheryl Curry

Absent: Director of Communications - Becky Paulin, Secretary - Perry Devaney
Treasurer - Andy Mareska, Principal - Tim McDermott

Guests: Renee Culbertson, Pack 103

Fatiana called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Welcome back to Fatiana.

Minutes from the October 2016 General Meeting – motion Kevin, 2nd Mary Anne;
all in favor.

President: nothing to report

Secretary: nothing to report

Treasurer: nothing to report

1st Vice President: nothing to report

2nd Vice President: Fall Grant not applied for, will submit for the Spring Grant from Batavia Foundation for Excellence.

Classroom Support: Halloween Parties were a big hit. Christmas Party – 12/21 – same format 30-45 minutes.

Ways & Means:

5 Below – November 25 – December 24th – have to bring flyer in person

Dine Arounds - Nancy's Pizza – November 17th – this is not a dine-in; this is ongoing and will be the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Movie Night – December 2nd

Fun Fair – save the dates have been sent in the backpack and well received

Top Golf – TBD on results

Keurig – reimbursement for Mr. Cronin: motion for \$80 check to Mr. Cronin to cover the difference. 1st – Mary Anne; 2nd – Kevin; all in favor.

Fundinco – was Amazon; now it is Target Online – this will be sent out via communications for Christmas

Book Fair – November 28th – December 1st. Tuesday – during school day & 6-8pm, Thursday during school day until 8pm which is the same schedule as last year.

Mrs. Ashby will be reaching out to staff to see if they would like to read on Thursday. Choir will be singing on Thursday night. Asking Principal & Assistant Principal to dress up on Thursday & theme is Pirates. Cheryl is in as dressing up & reading to the kiddos. PTO members are asked to help when available. The kids will shop during their LRC time. EC will be invited outside of the school schedule.

The funds received from the Book Fair is TBD on how it will be distributed within the PTO. The suggestion is to take the cash equivalent & use it for the general PTO fund. Motion to take the cash value over the Scholastic Credit – 1st Kevin, 2nd – Sue; all in favor. Asking Cheryl to see if we can get some WatchDogs to help with the Book Fair this year. She will putting out a schedule to see if we can generate some additional interest. Setup for the book fair – 11/22 is 11:30am-1:30pm. For next year the idea that other PTOs in the district have done “Dads & Donuts” which has been a success in the past.

Spiritwear – Sarah Gorr is starting an online market to sell the Spiritwear. She has already started with EC Staff Wear. There are some obstacles with this approach since there is a credit card fee and taxes. If this is the case, the items would cost more to cover these items. At this time this on hold as this is a new launch.

Teacher Reps: Kristen Green

A to Z Directory: Diane asked if there was a way for the parents to update themselves, the answer is yes via desktop. Diane and Becky can have a conversation to ensure that the information is fluid via PowerSchool & A to Z.

App: updates needed to staff list – this will be sent to Becky.

Climbing Wall: Mr. Parks has asked to replace the climbing wall mats. He has asked the district, but it is a low priority. The mats are district responsibility but likely not going to be replaced for awhile. Asking Mr. Parks to price this out & report back to the PTO.

EC Reps: Fall Festival in the courtyard, it was a success. Batavia Foundation of Excellence has approved to fund the Family Literacy Night in the Spring for Early Childhood.

Vice Principal: WatchDogs – 29% of the year filled. Any promotion & communication with PTO is appreciated. There is a WatchDog video that the district made that maybe shown to the kids to help get more WatchDogs in the classroom.

Renee Culbertson – Pack 103: The Scouts are chartered to the AGS PTO. It is membership renewal time for the scouts & the charter. The charter has a vested interest the development of the youth. Support from the PTO is needed to provide collaboration, leadership & a dedicated safe meeting place. This year there will 65-70 scouts. The Scouts have helped with service projects around town including the banks of the Fox River, courtyard cleanup, Fun Fair sponsored room (catapult) and several other community based projects. Motion to renew the charter with AGS PTO & Scouts. Mary Anne – 1st, Kevin – 2nd; all in favor.

Roundtable:

PTO Logo: a formal logo, using the AGS district logo has been created by Mary Anne. She has made logos to use based on the printing need (black & white, color, etc). Motion to implement usage of the AGS PTO logo if we are receiving funds or sponsoring an event – logo usage to be approved prior to use. Mary Anne – 1st, Sue – 2nd; all in favor.

BIC Meeting Notes: see attached notes from Mary Anne & Sue; 12/5 the PTOs are gathering for further discussion at Bar Evolution. January 28th – next BIC Meeting: Kevin & Becky.

Literacy Night: explore this again with AGS K-5 for next year. Discussion was had to kick this off for Book Club, One School One Book, Movie Night & book combination or Book Fair. Further discussion will continue on this topic.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08pm – Motion: Fatiana – 1st, Mary Anne – 2nd; all in favor.

Batavia Intercouncil Committee

Meeting Notes, November 12, 2016

School District Updates

BPS Communications

Sue Gillerlain, communications manager, shared an overview and update about BPS district-wide communication efforts:

- This year, a communications internship program was implemented with two seniors from Batavia High School.
- The web page, bps101.net/parents/communications, is an excellent resource for district-wide news, social media handles, board highlights, archived backpack mail, press releases and feature articles. This is also the place to find the request form for making submissions to the district Backpack messenger. The district also uses BATV and YouTube.
- Sue is always looking for interesting news about students and staff members. Submit ideas in the “Share Your Stories” tab on the web page or to suegillerlain@bps101.net.
- BPS Fast Facts were recently created, a one-page fact sheet for realtors, welcome wagons, and chambers for new residents.
- PTOs and other organizations can submit website urls to Sue for updating.
- Translating materials is an area that school organizations need assistance.
- AGS PTO shared information about its smartphone app.

SUGGESTED GETTING WORD OUT TO FAMILIES ABOUT THE PARENT/COMMUNICATIONS PAGE

School Calendar

On November 15, the School Board will discuss the 2017-18 school calendar. People had the chance to provide feedback about this year’s calendar at the meeting.

School and group discussion

Special Ed/Lee Ann Rodriguez:

- “Lights On, Sound Down Movie Event” will be held on December 28 at Randall 15. The new release, “Sing,” will be shown.

HC Storm :

- sponsors a Giving Tree, parents voluntarily grant the wishes of supplies that teachers need for their classroom.
- A new poinsettia sale will be held in December.

Hoover Wood:

- said Chili's has a month long dine around, but usually not as successful due to other side of river for them and people forget.
- had a Dad & Donuts event which was very successful.

Grace McWayne

- A Veterans Day celebration was held on Friday, November 11 with family members that are veterans attending.
- The Grizzly Gala will be held at Lincoln Inn on April 7.
- **21st century lab** kind of like stem
- **Suggested again McTeacher night at McDonalds**

CANDO:

- In January, incoming high school students can learn tips for resume building for college applications.

All PTOs:

- FF on March 3rd
- HW Pres secured Bar Evolution on December 5th. He will open the bar for us that evening at 7:00pm (It is normally closed on Mondays). He will provide apps for us and a bartender. We would be expected to pay for beverages.
- Please reach out to any of you PTO board members to see if they would be able to attend this. I'm hoping we can get at least 1 person from each school.