



PTO Minutes – 5/22/2017

Attendees: Melissa Dempsey – 1st VP, Kevin Preas – 2nd VP, Tim Smith – Treasurer, Andy Mareksa – Outgoing Treasurer, Jackie Loftis – Ways & Means, Sue Minnec – Secretary, Ed Izenstark – Classroom Support, Kristen Green – Teacher Rep, Mike Park – Teacher Rep, Allison Bielski – EC Teacher Rep

Absent: Fatiana Stobaugh – President, Mary Anne Callahan – Communication, Paula Lindeman – EC Parent Rep, Dr. McDermott – Principal, Cheryl Currie – Assistant Principal

Meeting Call to Order 6:30pm

Minutes for the April 2017 Meeting were approved as is. Motion to approve by Tim & 2nd by Kevin, all in favor

Treasurer Report –

- Home Room Parents Expenses must be in my end of June 2017.
- Budget be finalized & presented for August meeting

1st VP –

- Bylaw Review Committee will consist of President, 1st VP & Treasurer – meeting to be set soon with review & updates completed to be voted on at first meeting in August.
- Goal Setting Committee – 1st VP is the chair of this committee & will convene once the budget is completed to provide direction & suggestion on what to spend additional funds on once all expenses for school year have been paid. Will report back at August meeting
- National Bike to School Day – beautiful day & a lot of participants. Representatives from the Illinois State Police (Doug Riser), Batavia Fire

Department, Alderman Callahan & Board of Education were on hand to greet the riders & walkers that morning

- School Supply Boxes – should be available to order in the next week or so for next year
- Labels for Education – this program is in the sunset with Campbells, the last batch was mailed to the program earlier this month

2nd VP –

- Thank you to the Volunteers – strive towards a Volunteer Appreciation Event. Kristen Green mentioned that use to be held with staff hosting a thank you breakfast for all parent volunteers. Tentative date discussed – post Fun Fair not end of year.
- The first round of books to replenish the book room is set to be delivered this week, approved amount to be spent is \$5,000.
- Finance Committee will be meeting in the upcoming weeks to prepare the budget for 2017-2018 school year. The Finance Committee is chaired by 2nd VP with participation from Treasurer, AGS & EC Teacher Reps

Communications –

- Yearbook: contract set for next year
- Emails: all work for new folks

Classroom Support –

- Staff Appreciation Week Recap: all was a huge success – thank you to the parents & PTO for support throughout the week
- End of School Parties: planned for the last week of school at all grade levels
- Meeting & Greet / Ice Cream Social / Supply Drop Off – tentatively planned for 8/15/2017 – dependent on office confirmation of date
- First Day PTO Coffee – 8/16/2017 in MRP after bell rings
- Last Day of School Assembly & Fifth Grade Send-Off: 2:30pm, Fifth Grade will be recognized & all that are wanting to send them off will line up by the lockers with the fifth graders making 2 laps thru the hallways

Ways & Means –

- Survey for Parents on What PTO to spend money on – suggestions have been: replace playground footballs, jump ropes, etc; plastic turf instead of chips. Suggestion was made for Communications to push this out via the app
- Bulls/Sox Academy Lock-in: no minimum registration, maximum of 100, parent volunteers will be needed, \$35 9pm – 7am, communication to parents sent if they are interested to sign up child
- Fun Fair Theme: Off to Be A Wizard – 3/2/2018
- Color Run instead of Gator Gallop; \$12 per kid with t-shirt & AGS logo + Color Run. Parents are allowed to run if agreed upon. Andy mentioned rain out – that is suggested for the following week. Gator Gallop is 9/29/2017.
- Fall Fest 10/28/2017, bounce houses, face painting, taffy apple sales
- Fall Resale – 9/14/2017 – 9/16/2017
- Sock Hop – 1/20/2018

AGS Teacher Reps:

- Many thank you notes & emails from the staff for an amazing Staff Appreciation Week
- Mr. Park is waiting for the installation of the gym mats, once completed he will provide invoice to Diane.

Early Childhood:

- Will be adding a fourth blended classroom teacher. In 2015-2016 they had 60 children. In 2016-2017 they had 111 enrolled. 30% of the students are from AGS.
- The farm animals visited once again this Spring & were enjoyed by the students in the EC courtyard.

- The remainder of the budget for EC as a field trip was not taken is being considered to purchase more books. Next year they are considering field trips in the community depending on buses & costs.
- The Celebration of Learning, which is the end of the year open house for parents was once again a huge success.
- August 18th is the EC Open House for new & returning students.
- The EC Reps for next year will be Dan & Mary Johnston.

Vice Principal: how AMAZING our PTO & AGS/EC Community are for the wonderful week of pampering during Staff Appreciation Week

Principal: no report

Round Table Discussion:

- PTO Meeting Dates for 2017-2018 school year: August (TBD based on New Family Night / Tours), 9/5/2017, 10/3/2017, 11/7/2017, 12/5/2017, 1/9/2018, 2/6/2018, 3/6/2018, 4/3/2018
- PTO General Meetings: 9/19/2017 & April TBD – perhaps the same night as Art & PE night (first Thursday after Spring Break) & find a child-themed speaker
- Cubs Scouts will have video completed for the Diamond Lane procedures to be shown at New Family Night
- Teachers have requested some sprucing up of the bulletin boards to welcome back students & staff. Ed, Kristen & Allison to gather names to get parents to complete this request.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28pm. Motion for Adjournment by Kevin, 2nd by Sue – all in favor.