



Aspen PFA Meeting Notes- October 11th, 2022 @7pm in the MPR

ATTENDANCE:

Brianna Allen, Samantha Birg, Dr. Craven, Kiley Duncan, Alison Friedman, Susan Fujimoto, Sheridan Kahn, Mandy Liston, Denise Lucarelli, Torrie Marsh, Colette Noblitt, Jasmine Nottingham, Joy Quick, MM Ranola-Wu, Stephanie Schramm, Kamila Schmirlerova, Merideth Sullivan, Kira Wagner, Jackie Wellen

WELCOME

Called to order at 7:04 pm

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Please change: Kamilla has a 3rd grader not a 2nd grader
 - Motion to accept with change
 - Mandy motions
 - Stephanie seconds
 - Unanimous approval

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE – Denise Lucarelli & Alison Friedman

Announcements

- It is “week of the administrator” and Dr. Craven’s birthday – thanks for everything!
- We turned in our district and tax paperwork early

Yearbook – MM

- We signed a contract
- Send photos to aspensyearbook@gmail.com

Events

- Kindergarten will have a restaurant night on Nov 7th 3:30pm-9pm at Toppers to fund the farm fieldtrip/bus.
- Care and Share - Susan
 - December 1-13th
 - Collecting cans and nonperishable items, will talk with Manna on what they most want
- Science Fair
 - Happens in April-ish
 - Jasmine volunteered to lead
- Roadrunner Run
 - Mandy and Lanette are heading it up and will start planning after Harvest Fest

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Dr. Craven

- Introduced Kelly Lug who is a teacher with LA Unified and is working on her admin credential. Dr. Craven is her leadership coach so she will be joining some meetings

Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly

- Kids LOVED it!

- Was approached by children who shared personal info about the importance of representation
- Being proud of their culture is so important to have shared schoolwide

Dodgers are up two to nothing 😊

Board meeting tonight

- Highlighting our inclusion program
- Publicly thank Mrs. Birg and special ed kinder teachers and their co-teacher model
- Go back and watch the video highlighting what is going on at Aspen

Sight Safety Plan

- Completed by the end of October
- Childcare gate is secure
- Will have a buzzer system for side gate, the front of school door, and childcare building
- Partnering with TO Police Department for active shooter training happening district wide
- Office staff and principals are already trained with teachers and school staff coming next

Bullying Prevention Moth

- The 18th is Unity Day for antibullying
- Wear Orange – orange wristbands will be handed out to kids
- Katie Berry is doing individual classroom lessons
- Resources are pacer.org which is used district wide for lessons and resources

Open campus on the weekends

- Happened for the last month of weekends from sunrise to sunset without issue
- Carlos, our custodian, opens and closes gates

Discussion: “Will parents be kept in the loop on the inclusion program and how it is working?” – yes.

- There are no more than 22 students in a class – Mrs. Big has 19, 10 are general Ed and 9 with IEP – it might be too many
- Ratio and time spent in class will be reported to parents as well
- Special Ed has been a part of Aspen for 20 years
- The goal is to have a class at each grade level which is effectively supported and with extra hands in the classroom
- Mrs. Birg shared her positive thoughts and success stories of children along with the importance that the gap between students was getting bigger and the hope is that this will help narrow that
- Aspen is at the forefront of changing the model for the district!

TEACHER’S MESSAGE – Mrs. Birg

- Restaurant Night at Sharkey’s tomorrow night
- Question: “Do teachers have to do their own fundraising?”
 - Answer: They do what they can due to the expense.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Colette Noblitt

September 2022 PL Summary

Beginning Balance September 1, 2022: **\$37,032.56**

Income:

1. We received \$5,614.79 via Cash/Check/SQ/Venmo for PFA Membership / Support our School / Direct Donation (this includes Venmo transactions for August – transferred into Bank of the West account on 9/1; September Venmo to be reported in October)
2. Corporate Matching from SCE and Amgen brought in \$550 for the month
3. Our first Restaurant Night of the year (Tifa and Ameci) generated \$312.49 for Aspen PFA

4. We received \$166 from the End of Summer Ice Cream Social via Venmo; total income for the Ice Cream Social was \$797!
5. The annual Photo Fundraiser has already brought in \$726.75
6. Family Movie Night generated \$580.53 for PFA; \$124 of this came from D'Amores Pizza
7. The Student Store generated \$2,150 in sales of the t-shirts and planners (this includes Venmo transactions for August – transferred into Bank of the West account on 9/1; September Venmo to be reported in October)

Total Income in September = \$10,100.56 (\$5,614.79+\$550+\$312.49+\$166+\$726.75+\$580.53+\$2,150)

Expenses:

1. We paid \$1,487.50 combined for the Gypsy Services (Hispanic Heritage) Assembly and BMX assembly deposit (remainder of BMX assembly paid in Oct.)
2. We paid \$755.59 for Family Movie Night (FunFlicks)
3. We paid \$78.28 in Misc. Expenses (purchased a photo backdrop holder for PFA)
4. We paid \$958.44 for new Aspen Spirit-wear t-shirts (second order)
5. We paid \$129.33 for End of Summer Social

Total Expenses in September = \$3,409.14 (\$1,487.50+\$755.59+\$78.28+\$958.44+\$129.33)

Net Gain = \$6,691.42

Ending Balance September 30, 2022 = \$43,723.98 (\$37,032.56 + \$6,691.42)

PFA BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

Programs - Jasmine Nottingham - Red Ribbon Week

- Last week of October
- Will email plans to share with everyone- read through each day

Ways & Means - Torrie Marsh & Karina Suniga -September totals and November plans

- \$300 from Cisco's
- October 26th at The Stand in WLV with 25% back
- November 16 or 18 at Chipotle at the mall 33% back
 - Working on connecting this to a movie at AMC and School Cents

eScrip - Stephanie Schramm - General Update

- \$300 from Ralphs
- 3rd place in School Cents with 374,000 points, but Earths has 1,000,000
- Box Tops is at \$172 with a goal of \$200
- Buy your Amazon gift cards at the Hallmark store in the mall for School Cents points and get points from Amazon Smile when you use them

Membership- Kiley Duncan -General Update

- 40% of third graders have participated and will get a popsicle party on Friday
- Last year 27% of the school participated and this year we are already at 31%

- Parents sometimes think they donated but it was for a room parent or something else
- We usually mellow out on this about now to focus on Harvest Fest and the Roadrunner Run

Student Services - Lanette Worthington & Anne Dyer - General Update

- Another order was placed and delivered what was paid for, leftovers will be for sale at some point at a table at pickup

MM Wu - Yearbook Update

- Discussed earlier in President's message
- After the holidays the price of the yearbook will go up

Denise Lucarelli - Photo Fundraiser

- 2 spots left, sign up!

NEW BUSINESS

Voting Items:

*New board position vote (Secretary)

- Merideth must resign due to big family changes, but Kira has volunteered to take her place
- Motion for Kira to be PFA Secretary
 - Alison motions
 - Merideth seconds
 - Unanimous approval

Non-Voting Items

Harvest Fest

- Next Friday
- Kona Ice and D'Amores
- 5th graders are doing Spooky House again
- Costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, cake walk at the end, bake sale
- If anyone can help show up at will call – including middle schoolers!
- Most purchase in advance and we will have venmo for day of
- Most vendors take only cash
 - Remind families of this via room parents

Any Other Business (AOB)

Next meeting – November 15th at 7pm in the MPR

End of meeting 8:17pm