

**Asbury PTSO  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2014**

**Members attending:** Sarah Brunnschweiler, Jennifer Carreiro, Emory Dinner, Kristen Dorigi, Ann Garner, Karen Hampel, Gabi Jakubowski, Pam Kirk, Laura Navarre, Jini Puma, Jeana Pynes, Jonathon, Kristy Skidmore, Angie Swanson, Denise Youngquist

**Guests attending:** None

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<b>Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was called to order by Laura Navarre.</li> <li>• Introductions were made.</li> <li>• Minutes were reviewed and approved.</li> </ul>
<b>Principal's Report Pam Kirk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam reviewed the "School Performance Framework" (SPF). It's a report card for the school to identify strengths and weaknesses. Measures things such as academic growth (relative to similar students) and proficiency (relative to state standards), student engagement, enrollment rates and parent satisfaction.</li> <li>• Asbury is now a "blue" school, improvement in student growth played a big role in moving us from "green". "Growth in Diagnostic Reading Assessment" (DRA2 - given to kinder through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) improved as well.</li> <li>• Data is based on two years.</li> <li>• How can parents help?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer</li> <li>• Stay informed</li> <li>• Review with your children what they're learning</li> <li>• Sign up for the Parent Portal (<a href="https://myportal.dpsk12.org/_layouts/parentregistration">https://myportal.dpsk12.org/_layouts/parentregistration</a>)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It was suggested that access to "RAZ Kids" continue beyond kindergarten (website for children's reading practice).</li> <li>• New intervention teacher begins Monday, will do math with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and literacy with kinder and second graders.</li> <li>• New "health para" will be here three days a week. Will support MI students primarily. Cost is approximately \$7,000 and is being covered by the school's budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Teacher's Report Sarah Brunnschweiler &amp; Emory Dinner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conferences are about to begin on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Brief discussion around reversal back to lunch first and then recess. No noticeable difference. Some parental concern that the kids don't have time to finish lunch. Though it is a best practice to have recess before lunch, the reality is there isn't the "manpower" to manage it.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasure's Report Angie Swanson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie reviewed the Balance Sheet and P&amp;L. Total assets are currently \$70,017. Carnival raised \$21,313, a new record! See link on Asbury's website for all the details.</li> <li>• Review of "wish list":               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vieau needs a new Promethean board for \$800</li> <li>• 15 more iPads (two for K-2 classes). Total cost of about \$6000 (including the cases). Teachers are using them at stations in the classroom. Moving towards one iPad per student.</li> <li>• PTO doesn't need to help with para support/salaries this year. Suggestion to place \$15K in a "restricted account" in the event PTO needs to provide funds next year.</li> <li>• It was approved to buy the requested equipment.</li> <li>• The exact amount needed will be researched and reviewed at the next meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	Approximately \$16K.
<b>Recap of Recent Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carnival was a HUGE success with over 800 people attending. More help will be needed next year as well as a replacement for Jeana Pynes to oversee the Silent Auction.</li> </ul>
<b>President's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laura suggested that we continue the Book Fair but scale it back to three days and eliminate selling the small items. Need a new location, perhaps the halls, stage or gym. Last year we took cash, 20% of sales (approx. \$1200). Alternative is to get 50% of the proceeds and use it to buy books. We would continue it primarily for the children's sake since it doesn't raise a lot of money and we just spent the remaining credit. Suggestion was to incorporate it into the "Spring Fling" and have it run just a day/night. It was tabled until later this year.</li> <li>• Platte Park Parent's Association, McKinley Thatcher parent(s) very active. Open house pre round-up. Community oriented. Fee for custodian to clean up. Decided we would not host this.</li> <li>• "Amazon Smile" – Pops up while shopping on Amazon. Similar to grocery cards, the school receives a percentage back from total purchases. Asbury would be the charity. Decided we would set it up. Laura to get more info.</li> <li>• Parent approached Laura to do a Thirty One (catalogue) party and give back 30%. If parent wants to do it, it was agreed she should organize it herself. Suggested she should run it by Julie Chapman and Kim Magoffin first.</li> <li>• Chocolate sales, \$10K total raised last year, \$5K to PTO. Front office ran last year and is asking for PTO help this year. Could come prepackaged but we get less money. Laura to find out the difference. It was agreed PTO would help again this year with packaging.</li> </ul>
<b>Committee Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Membership – Angie Swanson:</b> All voting members must be active members. Push to get more teachers as members. Asbury should participate in Neighborhood Merchant Meetings (will get schedule, typically once a month) to make connections and have a strategy for who and when we approach with requests (teacher appreciation, silent auction, memberships). Will get committee together to develop. <u><b>Will need volunteer to spearhead things.</b></u></li> <li>• <b>Volunteers – Mary Catel</b></li> <li>• <b>Hospitality – Ann Kaplan</b></li> <li>• <b>Room Parents – Denise Youngquist:</b> Great group of room parents doing a good job. Have room parents send out note to bring costume donations by this Friday.</li> <li>• <b>Healthy Asbury – Meredith Fort:</b> Walk/Ride/Run to School was a success.</li> <li>• <b>Backpack Program – Holly Porterfield:</b> Common Threads donating clothing that will be handed out on 10/17. Morgan's is about to begin their annual coat drive. <u><b>Canned tuna and cereal are needed as well as used Halloween costumes by this Friday, October 17.</b></u></li> <li>• <b>Dining Out – Holly Porterfield</b></li> <li>• <b>Facebook – Laura Navarre:</b> "Like" Asbury on Facebook!</li> <li>• <b>Website – Amy Ravel</b></li> <li>• <b>Yearbook – Amy Banaszewski</b></li> <li>• <b>Enrichment – Amy Banaszewski</b></li> <li>• <b>Parent Education – Karen Hampel:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Mommy and Me Tea" sponsored by BYOU. Emphasis on self-esteem (activities). Free, two hour event, min. age 7, need 25 pair minimum to hold (no max). Asbury has a tea set that can be used. We will need to provide food, tables and chairs. Schedule for the spring on a Wednesday night.</li> <li>• <u><b>Karen still looking for a boy's focused event.</b></u> She has connected with Michael Gurrian, author of <u>Wonder of Boys</u>, in town on June 12 leading a "Helping Boys Thrive Summit" for the community. Focus on relational issues. Karen to stay in loop and pass along info as available.</li> <li>• "Mindful Life", would be better to team up with another school; also has a "Hang Up and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>Hang Out” program which includes a student assembly and curriculum component. Would need to hold is elsewhere since there would be a charge (Mindful Life program costs \$2500)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>History – Kristen Dorighi:</b> Asbury birthday party to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, invite community and alumni in early 2015</li> <li>• <b>Directory – Mary Lionakis:</b> Online Directory will be set up with password protection. Printed copy will be available upon request.</li> <li>• <b>Spirit Goods – Mandy Stringer:</b> \$900 made to date</li> <li>• <b>Box Tops – Jennifer Carreiro:</b> Due November 3; Jennifer explored placing a box at Safeway and Platte Park Senior Center.</li> <li>• <b>Garden Club – Stephanie Vieau</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming Fundraiser Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<p><b>Volunteer Opportunities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement for Jeana Pynes to oversee the Silent Auction at the Carnival next year</li> <li>• Membership Committee needs help to coordinate with and reach out to local business.</li> <li>• Canned tuna and cereal are two key items needed each Friday for the Back Pack Program. Please bring to the office during the week. Food items in general are always welcome.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Business/ Upcoming Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marin Rice attended as the student representative.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.</li> <li>• These minutes were recorded by Denise Youngquist, Secretary.</li> <li>• Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at 6pm.</li> </ul>