

**Asbury PTSO
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2014**

Members attending: Sarah Brunnschweiler, Jennifer Carreiro, Mary Catel, Wendy Cowperthwaite, Emory Dinner, Kristen Dorighi, Ann Garner, Karen Hampel, Gabi Jakubowski, Pam Kirk, Melissa McClung, Sarah Moore, Becky Morgan, Jennifer Piccolo, Amy Pickett-Williams, Holly Porterfield, Jeana Pynes, Karen Radman, Ann Marie Ray, Sarah Springer, Mandy Stringer, Angie Swanson, Stephanie Vieau, Denise Youngquist

Guests attending: None

Agenda Item	Committee Actions/Discussions
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Laura Navarre. • Introductions were made. • Minutes were reviewed and approved.
Principal's Report Pam Kirk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 345 children currently enrolled! • In process of hiring a new intervention teacher, will happen by Nov. 1st (extra funds permitting this). • Amy Ravel will become a FT Tech teacher. • Just hired a 3rd grade FT Para that will begin in a couple of weeks. • Once Thursday count occurs will have extra funds and will post for a 1st grade Para (74 - 1st graders; 50 - kinders). • Will revisit 1st grade numbers in Jan/Feb to determine next year's plan. • NGS (Next Generation Systems Initiative), Pam went to "design team boot camp" to determine what should go into grant proposal to Office of School Reform and Innovation; Gates Foundation is the funder (\$1K/child potential) – Amy Ravel, Bridget Stephenson and Pam working on this. • The team did an exercise to discuss what we want our children to "be/feel" when they leave Asbury. PTSO went through the same exercise and the results were similar to what the teachers had brainstormed. We are competing against "innovative" schools as opposed to Asbury which is more "brick and mortar". Goal is not to change our core focus but to give more opportunities to students. Will be reaching out to former Asbury students in 7th grade at Grant to determine what they would have found helpful when they graduated. Looking at being more "project based" (e.g. 5th working on a "day in the life" with a "jazz theme"). "Character Component" (key to Asbury students; capitalizing on community resources; focus is how to meet needs of all kids/what does it look like for all Asbury students?). Grant went through similar process, Pam meeting with Grant's Principal in a couple weeks; sustainability a component, teacher development is integral since some teaching methods will be modified. November is presentation to Gates Foundation (will present to community first to garner feedback).
Teacher's Report Stephanie Vieau & Emory Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks you for \$50 reimbursement to the teachers. • School year off to a great start.
Treasure's Report Angie Swanson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In flows: \$420 in Carnival sales to date (advance ticket sales); \$346 from grocery card sales; \$900+ in membership/dues • Outflows: Eagle costume, tents, teacher gifts, planners • Began on 6/30/14 with \$50K; \$2500 "earmarked" for MDS counselor

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit requests to Angie and the PTSO
Recap of Recent Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Committee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaling back on fundraisers, master calendar on Asbury’s website; will collaborate with office on chocolate sales; TBD on book fair; no Chinook Books; will review calendar at next meeting • Membership – Angie Swanson: Developing a business sponsorship program with varying levels of support available and exposure of the business sponsors throughout the year. Coordinate “ask” calendar/strategy as well so we aren’t asking the same business multiple times throughout the year. Will be managed via Google Docs. • Volunteers – Mary Catel: In process of following up with those that expressed interest in volunteering. • Hospitality – Ann Kaplan • Room Parents – Denise Youngquist: All classes have at least one volunteer. Guide Book distributed to RP’s. If you’d like to volunteer in your child’s class please coordinate through your Room Parent. • Healthy Asbury – Meredith Fort: Walking School Bus every Friday; Oct 8 is “walk to school day”; working to include school bus riders as well; Oct 7 is next meeting, new faces welcome; met with DPS Wellness Specialist to see what other schools are doing • Backpack Program – Holly Porterfield: will help 30 Asbury families this year; fresh and non-perishable items needed each Friday, non-perishables can be dropped off any time; also need help transporting items to the school; families apply with assistance from Mary, school counselor. • Dining Out – Holly Porterfield: • Facebook – Laura Navarre: “Like” Asbury on Facebook! • Website – Amy Ravel: new “music webpage” on site as well • Yearbook – Amy Banaszewski: PTO picks up the slack of \$.50 per year book, if expand number of pages would be an additional \$1.43 each. With additional first grade no room for the candid photos. • Enrichment – Amy Banaszewski: • Parent Education – Karen Hampel: researching a Bully Prevention Program; “Mindful Life” \$2500 for speaking engagement, consider teaming up with other schools to share the cost; needs ideas for a “boy” version of Parenting Safe Children. • History – Kristen Dorigi: Asbury birthday party to celebrate our 90th anniversary, invite community and alumni in early 2015 • Directory – Mary Lionakis: online option with password protection • Spirit Goods – Mandy Stringer: ordered t-shirts for Carnival, no student design this year (\$5.50/shirt cost, will sell for \$10); hoodies and canvas shopping bags will be available for order as well • Box Tops – Jennifer Carreiro: • Garden Club – Stephanie Vieau: begins 9/11; Farmers Market begins 9/18, planning on three
Fundraising Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnival - Ann Garner • Wish Lists of Items to Bring, Borrow and Bake (Sale) • Karen Radman – Volunteers: Goal is to have DU students/Project Action Committee and South HS students; help needed with recruiting approx. 12 more student volunteers; approx. 12 parent volunteer roles need to be filled; need 2 PTSO volunteers to staff t-shirt sales; sheriff for jail; help with set-up/clean-up (Monday AM/need 12 volunteers). Sign up via Google docs to volunteer. • Bring game prizes to the auditorium stage • Jeana Pynes - Silent Auction: Procurement letter to take to local businesses, needs all items by next

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	Friday. Needs volunteer to do 1 hr shift to collect money for teacher “snack” events; needs volunteers to set up/close down auction. Bring a check to pay for items that night.
DSST Byers Survey <i>Jennifer Piccolo</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asbury was not included in “preference area”; meeting last week to discuss adding Asbury; formal proposal in writing; Jenn asked for PTSO to support and sign; it was suggested that CSC should sign/support as well; Pam Kirk would like to remain neutral therefore proposal won’t come from her; several Asbury children attended this year
Volunteer Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri needs help stamping 2K new books with “Asbury” stamp any time during the school day.
New Business/ Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating having a booth at Farmer’s Market in October
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. • These minutes were recorded by Denise Youngquist, Secretary. • Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14 at 6pm.