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Asbury Elementary School PTSO

***May 5, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.* | *Zoom meeting called to order by Ann Garner***

# In Attendance

Shannon Durling, Jennifer Carreiro, Leah Borsheim, Meaghan McCabe, Kristi Leech, Ann Garner, Courtney Cauthon, Sara Brunnschweiler, Kelly Bryant, Sarah Lintzenich, David McDaniel, Andrea Beatty, Erin Anglin, Meg Bartholomy, Floride Ndayiseng, Rhonda White-Mitchell, Amy Fitzgerald, Amy Ravel, Kim Nyhus, Celia Romero, Alicia FaJohn, Listy Lehman, Nicole Casey, Shannon Murphy McCaskill, Sara Weneck, Olivia Jolly, Karen Hampel, Johnna Flood, Jeanne Johns, Lisa Bradley, Maren Willins, Tricia Lum, Kate Cihon.

# Principal’s Report

Principal Alicia FaJohn reported:

* She said she cannot express the amount of gratitude for the support she and the teachers received from the PTSO. It is powerful to see the way that we always persevere and come out on top as a family. Thank you for your dedication and for putting Asbury first.
* The CSC (Collaborative School Committee) met today.
* We are scheduling a Student Check Out for the week of May 18th. The schedule will come out later this week. Student belongings will be handed out in the Kiss & Go lane. Families will pull up and the school will have materials ready and will bring them out to the cars. This will include Read-A-Thon prizes, Heart Challenge prizes, yearbooks, headphones, notebooks, etc.
* The 1st grade team will be platooning moving forward.
* As far as District updates, camps will be canceled and Summer Academy will be held remotely. Food services will continue throughout the summer as grab-and-go distribution.
* 5th grade Continuation will be a hybrid of live and pre-recorded. Thank you Meg Bartholomy for building out the template!
* There are no updates for next year at this point. Alicia will have a webinar tomorrow. They are planning models for in-person as well as remote learning.
* The model of remote learning has been in a time of crisis and is not a replication of our Asbury model. In the fall, it will look different as we will have more time to prepare and will be able to replicate our model.

# Teacher’s Report

* Sarah Brunnschweiler: Thank you! We echo everything Alicia said. Thank you for all the support. It has been an interesting transition. I miss the students’ voices and energy
* Amy Ravel: The support has been amazing. We are trying to answer questions as fast as possible. We love when the parents pop in as well. We appreciate everything you have done to keep this moving in a forward motion.

# Treasurer’s Report

Leah Borsheim went over the fundraising highlights:

* Total Fiscal Year to Date Income: $153,290.75
* Direct Give: $96,978.12. We are short one fundraiser, so we are grateful that our Direct Give campaign was successful.
* Read-A-Thon: $1,075.00
* We have raised almost $8,000 in our Community Assistance Fund. We were able to purchase 52 $150 Safeway gift cards. We will leave the Cheddar Up up and any additional money raised will go towards the Backpack Program.

# Year End Business

Staff Appreciation Boxes

* Andrea Beatty and Erin Anglin reported. They organized a Sign Up requesting various items and it was sent out to all of the parents. Funds left over from this year’s budget were used to buy Modern Market gift cards for the staff. All of the items were turned in today so they are being organized into boxes. The boxes will be picked up or delivered. We have everything we need!

Yearbook, Read-A-Thon and Heart Challenge Prize Distribution

* These items will be included in the student material pick up.

Mask Art Project

* Jeanne Johns provided an update on this project.

Ms. Terri’s Retirement

* Desi Kennedy and Amy Ravel have built into the PBL classroom an opportunity to make videos for Ms. Terri. You can also drop off cards for Ms. Terri in front of Amy’s house. There will be a video and scrapbook project. This information will go out in Deet. We are looking for volunteers to help with this project.

Year End Gifts for Teachers

* Gifts that are ready are going in Staff Appreciation Boxes. There is still time to collect for your classes. Room parents are working on this. Please drop off gifts at Meaghan McCabe’s house by May 20th

# 2020-2021 Board Election Results

* The new PTSO Board was unanimously elected and is as follows:
  + Kristi Leech and Kim Nyhus: Co-Presidents
  + Listy Lehman: Vice President
  + Celia Romero: Treasurer
  + Kelly Bryant: Secretary
* The new Board members introduced themselves, thanked the previous Board, and touched on their hopes and vision. They want to expand on our already strong community, and for everyone who wants to be a part of the PTSO to be a part of the PTSO; for it to be not just about fundraising, but also a source of information. They want to at least be able to point people in the right direction if they cannot answer the question, to be the go-to folks for anyone at Asbury who needs help, a bridge for information. They want to support Alicia and her vision. They want to work hard to push the community piece to the next level. Let’s get 100% participation! They want the PTSO to be for everyone and will work closely with Alicia and the Equity team to make that happen.

# Committee Updates

* An email will go out with all of the committee openings for 2020-2021.
* There will be communication about how people can get involved.

# Zoom Chat Q & A

The following questions and answers were posted in our Zoom Chat during the meeting:

* Meg Bartholomy: Has there been any talk about having staggered in-person classes (so half the students every other week)?
* Alicia FaJohn: Not yet, I will know more tomorrow (hopefully).
* Sara Brunnschweiler: Hi Meg, I just saw your question. As far as I know, we don't really know at the moment. From what I understand we are waiting on communication from the district.
* Amy Fitzgerald: Was there any consideration of doing an online auction for some of the spring wing items?
* Kristi Leech: Hi Amy! We decided not to try to do an auction this spring because of the uncertain financial situation for many families due to COVID. We will carry over our donations and hopefully do an online auction in the fall!
* Shannon Durling: Hi Amy - another factor we considered is that many of the items we were auctioning came from business that were/are closed. March and April are the months where we approach businesses for donations and it didn’t seem appropriate to ask them for free items at that time. So, we will hold off on what we have until the fall and hopefully partner up with local businesses to try again.
* Amy Fitzgerald: Will the pick up include returning library books?
* Amy Ravel: You won’t need to return library books
* Amy Ravel: Hold onto them until the fall. :)
* Amy Fitzgerald: Congrats to everyone! I know there was discussion about alternating when terms were up? Is that something that may occur in the future so we aren’t having to turning [sic] over a whole board every couple of year [sic]?
* David McDaniel: The new board can decide to take action to stagger the terms
* Shannon Durling: Yes, staggering terms would be helpful. It sometimes has happened and sometimes has not happened that way. Ideally we would stagger