

September 3, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Ann Garner

In Attendance

Ann Garner, Jennifer Carreiro, Sarah McDaniel, Karen Hampel, Monica Strachan, Michelle White, Olivia Jolly, Alison Strom, Sarah Culter, Andrea Pietka, Sarah Lintzenich, Sara Weneck, Nick Rocco, Celia Romero, Andrea Beatty, Stephanie Vieau, Amy Ravel, Shannon Durling, Alicia FaJohn, Kate Cihon, Kevin Flynn, Krystal Joscelyne, Sarah Simpson, Addie Howard, Desi Kennedy, Kristi Leech, Robin Easterly, Kim Nyhus, Lizzy Neufeld, Carole Ann Risser, Elizabeth Rowan, Meredith Anderson, Crystal Cervantez-Tkac, Samantha Weiler, Greg Weiler, Amy Fitzgerald, Meaghan McCabe, Spencer VanBuskirk, Erin Anglin, Leah Borsheim, Tony Wanna.

Principal's Report

Principal Alicia FaJohn reported:

- Welcome back! We are excited for another school year. Back to School Night was a great success. Thank you for coming!
- The first CSC (Collaborative School Committee) meeting was today. The CSC discusses high level operational matters such as budget, staffing, unified improvement plans and meets in the library once a month right before the PTSO meeting. Sara Hogan provides childcare.
- As we are combing through data, we have three main goals as a school for the year:
 - To focus on rigorous tasks. How are we engaging our critical thinkers?
 - To look at descriptive feedback. How do we give feedback to our students? How are they growing and what can the next steps be?
 - To continue culturally responsive teaching practices.
- As a staff we are doing a book study: Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students by Zaretta Hammond. Extra copies are available if you would like to borrow a copy. It is about making connections and building relationships with children.
- School data has come in. This information will be presented in November.
- In terms of numbers, there is a decline in enrollment in DPS. We are seeing families moving out of the district. Projected enrollment was at 335 students. We are currently at 327. The budget for this school year has based on 335 students, so we are below the numbers projected (approximately \$5000 per student). We planned well knowing that this was coming so we should be OK in the long run. September 12th is the school district count day. At this point we will have a really good idea of what our numbers look like. Because we are a smaller school, we will feel the impact of this decline in enrollment.

Teacher's Report

Teacher Representatives: Stephanie Vieau, Jeanna Doung and Desi Kennedy

- As always, on behalf of the teachers, thank you for the warm back to school support. The reimbursements are very helpful at this time of year (we reimburse our staff \$50/semester or \$100/year for supplies for their classrooms).

Carnival & Auction

- Carnival will take place on September 20th - two weeks from Friday!
- We have ten yard signs available if you would like to take one home to put in your yard.
- There will be Deet this Thursday detailing donations requested, items to borrow, volunteer time slots. There will also be a link to buy passes.

- We will have at least one food truck (Little India) with food available for cash purchase. We will also have food tents (pizza, hot dogs, Jimmy John's). If you buy passes, this food is included. All games are also included with these passes. You also will have the option of buying individual tickets.
- All Hands Up for the Children families will receive free tickets. Teachers can also nominate students to receive tickets. Let us know if you need help or know anyone who does!
- We take donations for food (carrots, apples, pickles, buns) and also ask for you to donate prizes. These prizes can be dropped off in the front office.
- We expect to have 750 to 900 people in attendance and are looking forward to a great event!

Committee Chair Introductions and Open Positions

Afterschool Enrichment

Maren Willins marenlosh@gmail.com

- We are off to a good start with a great variety of options. If you have not seen the list of after school clubs, be sure and check Thursday Folders to see what is being offered.

Backpack Program (Hands Up for the Children)

Jenny Geyer jennygeyer09@gmail.com, Sarah Lintzenich sarahlintzenich@yahoo.com

- We have started for the year. Let us know if you would like to join us!

Direct Give & Celebration Run

Lizzy Neufeld eamallon@gmail.com, Listy Lehman listy.lehman@gmail.com

Box Tops for Education

Alison Strom alisonstrom27@gmail.com

- The program is phasing out clipping Box Tops and switching to an app instead. You can use the app to scan your receipts and earn money for Asbury. It's easy to set up - there is a link to a PDF on our website. During the transition phase to the app please continue to submit any Box Tops you clip. Our next submission will be in November.

Business Membership/Sponsorships

Greg Weiler gweiler@comcast.net, Michelle White mcgint@gmail.com

Carnival Committee

Ann Garner ann.garner@comcast.net, Shannon Durling shannondurling78@gmail.com

- We are looking for additional volunteers to join this team.

Community Ticketing

- We are looking for volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in helping!

Dining Out

Kim Nyhus kimpnyhus@gmail.com

- We would love to have someone jump on board to start learning the ropes from Kim.
- Upcoming Dine Out events: Papa John's on Thursday, September 5th all day (20% giveback), Chipotle on Tuesday, October 8th from 5pm to 9pm (33% giveback) and Brightmarten on Wednesday, November 6th (15% giveback on all sales).

Facebook & School Deets

Ann Garner ann.garner@comcast.net

Individual Membership

Leah Borsheim asburyfunds@gmail.com

Merchandise

Jennifer Carreiro jenniferlcarreiro@gmail.com, Celia Romero celiaaromero@hotmail.com

- We will be introducing new merchandise at Carnival!

Read-A-Thon

Samantha Weiler weilersamantha@yahoo.com

- We are looking for a couple of people to help Samantha this year.

Room Parent Coordinator

Sarah McDaniel scucinellamcdaniel@gmail.com, Meaghan McCabe meaghanomccabe@yahoo.com

- We are looking for room parents for Ms. Helbig's classroom. If you are interested, please see Sarah.

School Tours

Listy Lehman listy.lehman@gmail.com

- School tours will take place in November and December. We are looking for parent volunteers to help give tours. The time commitment is an hour on Friday mornings. It's a fun way to meet new people.

Spring Wing & Silent Auction

Kim Nyhus kimpnyhus@gmail.com, Kristi Leech kristileech@gmail.com, Alison Strom alisonstrom27@gmail.com

- This event will take place at the end of April or early May.

Staff Appreciation

- We are looking for a couple of people to help with this committee. The PTSO puts together appreciation gifts monthly (or close to) for our staff. Alicia loves to share ideas so she will support this committee. She can let us know what she is going to do for the staff and what we can do together.

Volunteer Coordinator

Meaghan McCabe meaghanomccabe@yahoo.com

Yearbook

- We are looking for a team of volunteers to learn the ropes this year.

2019-20 Fundraising Goals

Direct Give & Celebration Run

- Lizzy Neufeld spoke about this year's Direct Give campaign. The campaign started last year in response to parents asking for a way to give directly to the school.
- Our goal is to raise money so that our school can go above and beyond what it already does. Alicia's vision is coming into place - the pieces that have been worked on over the past couple of years are coming together. The district falls short in serving every child and meeting every child where they are at. The PTSO has taken on the task of closing that gap.
- The campaign will launch on the Monday after Carnival (September 23rd).
- There will be a push for monthly donations. We are approximately \$850 short per student throughout the building. If every family could donate \$75 per month per child we could make up for this deficit. We are hoping this option will be attractive to people. We understand this is not something every family will be able to do.
- Donations are 100% tax deductible.
- Each class (or grade) will have online fundraising pages with goals. You will be able to send these links to friends and family so that they can learn about what is going on in our classrooms.
- We will be asking teachers to participate so that we can have 100% participation. We would love to have this momentum, even if it is \$5 a month.
- We will celebrate the conclusion of the campaign with a Fun Run on October 17th to mimic Boosterthon.
- We have lofty goals - we are hoping you can help and spread the word.
- We have a handful of immediate needs. We are looking for two people to help set up classroom pages. This can mostly be done at home. It will include interviewing the teachers to understand what their classroom story is. We are also looking for someone to help plan the Fun Run (logistics, supplies, music) as well as a volunteer to help collate and put together packets for distribution. Another need is a social media savvy person to help with writing posts. Another piece is that we are looking for families to host small group gatherings - ideally one household per grade. Teachers and leadership come and share at these events so that our families can learn about what we are raising

money for, how we are meeting needs and how we are going above and beyond. These 1-hour to 1-1/2-hour gatherings will take place between our kick-off in September and wrap-up in October.

Treasurer's Report

- We will be writing a \$105,000 check to the school soon.
- Our Chook Dine Out in May brought in \$250.
- Our Papa John's Dine Out in May brought in \$209.
- Our August Kona Ice fundraiser brought in \$154.80.
- Our number of individual memberships is a little higher than it was this time last year. Sign up if you have not yet!
- A parent asked what our goal is for the year. Alicia explained that we are waiting for numbers to settle. \$100,000 to \$120,000 funds everything we have in existence now (including full-time PE, full-time Art, health tech, full-time tech teacher). We are going to have to raise our goals moving forward because the school budget will have to cover the teacher salary shift from approximately \$77,000 to \$84,000.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 1 at 6pm.