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Asbury Elementary School PTSO

***November 5, 2019 | 6:00 p.m.* | *Meeting called to order by Leah Borsheim***

# In Attendance

Kim Nyhus, Sarah Simpson, Alicia FaJohn, Desi Kennedy, Stephanie Vieau, Meaghan McCabe, Krystal Joscelyne, Olivia Jolly, Addie Howard, Andrea Beatty, Leah Borsheim, Jennifer Carreiro, Celia Romero, Spencer VanBuskirk, Listy Lehman, Carole Ann Risser, Sandra Halvatzis, Kelly Bryant.

# Principal’s Report

Principal Alicia FaJohn reported:

* Direct Give parties have started and they have been super fun. It has been great to talk about what we are doing in terms of Project Based Learning and to share what all of the funds are directly applied to. The Fun Run is up and running. Addie will talk more about that. Kudos to everyone who has helped organize these events! It has been fun to share our vision and our story. Please come to an event as we share why we are here and why we are passionate. Different staff members attend these parties and share their experiences.
* There was no CSC meeting today. Alicia will send out the information instead. The SPF was going to be discussed but this has been rescheduled to November 15th in the library. This is Asbury’s second year of being yellow. We are in the process of unpacking the data. What does it mean? Why are we yellow? It is difficult because it is a moving target - what they measure changes year to year. We are trying to look at the SPF less and holistic data in the building more to figure out how to best support our students. We talk about this on our planning days.
* We are hosting our first school dance! We are keeping it simple for this first one. Mrs. Brunnschweiler and Mr. Howard will be DJing and we will have tattoos and snacks. We are hoping to have another dance in the spring. The admission is $10 and each student receives 10 tickets. They can use tickets for snacks, chips, drinks, apples and oranges. They can also use tickets for the photo booth. Kindergarten and 1st grade will come from 4:30pm to 5:30pm (we are asking parents to stay) and 2nd through 5th grade will come from 6pm to 7pm. We have asked parents to volunteer.

# Teacher’s Report

* Thank you for the fabulous food provided during conferences!
* In the past, Curriculum Nights have been in the evenings but we do not get that huge of a showing. The SLT (School Leadership Team) committee is exploring different options and would love feedback. We could offer to have parents to come in during the school day. They could come in for a couple of hours to spend time with their student(s) and see what is happening in the classroom. Would parents prefer to stick with evenings or have this daytime option? It would be designed where parents could go to Literacy, Math as well as Specials. Some of the feedback was that it would be hard for working parents, but that it would be more interesting to see the learning taking place than to sit and hear about it. Could multiple time slots be available? Maybe the kids could guide conversations, showcase various things. We are trying to think outside the box on how to present this curriculum information. Maybe through a video? It could show what our day looks like and maybe parents will want to come in and volunteer. In the past, we have had a Math night and a Literacy night. Alicia said they find they get the most attendance when the children are the ones showcasing, presenting. Part of the goal is for parents to know how to support their students at home. Maybe we do a little bit of both? We could put together a video that can be sent home, in addition to other elements.

# Direct Give Status Update

* We are in the middle of week 2 of the 4 weeks of our Direct Give campaign. We are in a better place this time than we were this time last year. Last year $211 was the average donation. This year we have received gifts from 17 donors at an average donation of $821. It looks like people are looking at that goal of $900 per child per year. This is by no means an expectation. Please look at where you are as a family - we appreciate any amount you can give. We want everyone to understand that we value every penny.
* There is booklet in the Direct Give packet with cards for the students to complete for friends and family members. As a personal touch, students can include a personal note. We will take care of mailing information to these friends and family members. The date for turning in the completed booklet was November 1st but please continue to turn them in! These students will receive Play-Doh as a thank you gift for “helping to raise the dough.”
* We would love some help from parents to hand out postcards at Kiss & Go this Thursday and Friday, as well as next Thursday and Friday, as a way to remind everyone about Direct Give.
* We still need to distribute some posters around town. If you have relationships with neighborhood businesses please let us know. If you would like a yard sign, be sure and ask for one!
* We encourage you to share the Direct Give link on social media. And don’t forget the socials that are still coming up. Feel free to attend any one of them. There are three upcoming events and the Evite links are available through School Deets.

# Fun Run Update

* The Fun Run will take place next Thursday during the class Specials Time. The students will run for about 20 minutes. They will have sticker bibs. Parent volunteers will help attach bibs and keep track of laps. Mr. Howard will be in costume, and we will have music, headbands and snacks. Please bring noise makers and cow bells! The class that runs the most laps will get extra recess, maybe a popcorn or pizza party.
* Students are encouraged to wear blue for World Diabetes Day.
* We are asking parents to volunteer and bring in fruit.
* We are planning on putting together verbiage to link the Fun Run to the Direct Give campaign.

# Pearl Wine Event

* The Pearl Wine event is this coming Saturday, November 9th.
* We are trying to sell tickets every day this week. We have not sold as many as last year. It’s a fun time! Be sure and spread the word.

# Treasurer’s Report

* We wrote the big checks to the school so our account is depleted.
* We received $1000 from the What’s Up Platt Park pumpkin patch.
* The Chipotle Dine Out brought in $372.31.
* The Direct Give campaign has brought in $13,950 so far.
* We will be voting on the budget next month. Please take a look and come to our next meeting with feedback. It shows this year’s budget as it compares to last year’s.

# Committee Updates

Community Ticketing

* We are still looking for someone to take over Community Ticketing. The work on the Pearl Wine event is pretty much done. In terms of upcoming events, we will be scheduling DU sporting events for January and February. We are looking to add a gymnastics meet this year.

School Tours

Listy Lehman [listy.lehman@gmail.com](mailto:listy.lehman@gmail.com)

* School tours start on Friday.
* Terri is sending letters to preschools with tour dates.
* Tours take place on Fridays at 9am if you would like to help.

Dining Out

Kim Nyhus [kimpnyhus@gmail.com](mailto:kimpnyhus@gmail.com)

* Upcoming Dine Out events: Brightmarten (University/Bonnie Brae) tomorrow from 5pm to close (15% giveback on all sales), Mad Greens on November 19th from 10:30am to 8:30pm (20% giveback).

# 2019-20 Fundraising Goals Progress

Spring Wing & Silent Auction

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* The date is set for Saturday, May 2, 2020.
* It will be held in a new space this year - Galvanize (same company, different location). This is near the big REI. It has a full downtown view and a patio. They gave us a great deal.
* The theme will be Havana Nights.

Read-A-Thon

Samantha Weiler [weilersamantha@yahoo.com](mailto:weilersamantha@yahoo.com)

* Read-A-Thon will take place in February or March. We are unsure at this time if it will be a fundraiser or not. We will see how the Direct Give campaign goes.
* We are planning the timing of Read-A-Thon around the timing of the Kids Heart Challenge (students will pledge to eat less sodium, drink more water, drink less sugary drinks).

# Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 3 at 6pm.