

Athey Creek Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes for Friday, March 3, 2017

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m. by President Jennifer Tabor
Quorum established with 17 members in attendance
Meeting held in the staff lunchroom at Athey Creek

Thank you to all who attended!

Welcome and Introductions (*Jennifer Tabor*)

PTSA President Jennifer Tabor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Principal's Report (*Caitlin Klenz*)

Vice Principal Caitlin Klenz described calendar adjustments due to snow days. The last day of school will be June 20, a half day, and 8th graders will have to attend. Their completion/advancement ceremony is tentatively scheduled for that day, with a school-wide academic recognition event scheduled for June 19. Kim Jordan asked about families that have scheduled vacations that will begin before that date. Caitlin said those students will not be at risk of not advancing due to missing required instructional hours.

Kim also asked about Smarter Balanced testing dates. Caitlin said school administrators are working to make a recommendation to the district. With the state deadline of June 6, she said testing likely would take place in May.

Nicole Hildebrandt offered feedback regarding the unanticipated snow day in December and the accompanying transportation problems. Caitlin welcomed the feedback and agreed it would be a good idea in the future to require stranded students to call home. Jane mentioned that Lake Oswego SD uses flash alerts to give updates, and Caitlin said it would be good to look into that.

Approval of the minutes (*Kate Hoots*)

Minutes from the February meeting were delivered via email to attendees of that meeting, and corrections were made as requested. Copies were made available to today's attendees, with time given for review. Nicole Rusk moved for approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous approval. March minutes will be distributed to attendees and approved at the April meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer Tabor updated the group on work done by Elaine Cozart, who could not attend. Elaine has been working to schedule a parent education night with Doreen Dodgen-Magee. Athey PTSA is partnering with a parent group at Wood Middle School to present this event. The cost has been reduced from \$1,200 to \$500 to \$800 (she is still working with Doreen to set the price). Wood will pay \$300 and Athey PTSA will contribute the \$500 included in the current budget for a parent education event. Dates in April are being discussed but are not yet confirmed.

Co-Vice Presidents' Report (*Jen Drew*)

Jen reported on a planned spring social for parents, saying that the goal was to promote communication and PTSA awareness to build community and promote volunteerism at Athey. The tentative venue for the event is LO's Lake Theater, which charges no facility rental fee for events held on Thursday or Sunday afternoons. Jen said that a \$500 commitment from PTSA would be adequate, with the rest of the event's cost covered by ticket sales. She recommends opening the event to incoming 6th grade families to build ties with that group too. The venue can accommodate up to 150 attendees.

Jane Bernesconi commented that the PTSA budget document still shows an \$859.96 expense for the fall social. Jen replied that the event essentially broke even, cost-wise and said that Lola needs to add the event's income to the budget spreadsheet. Heidi Talbert mentioned that while the venue was great, spring is a very busy time for families.

Jennifer Tabor asked for a vote to amend the budget to include funding for this event in the amount of \$500. Emily Schmitt so moved and her motion passed with unanimous approval.

Secretary's Report (*Kate Hoots*)

Kate reminded the group to sign in on the group signup sheet.

Treasurer's Report (*Lola Skates*)

Lola reported that about half of the teacher requests had been funded. There was a discussion of expiration dates attached to those requests but no agreement was reached.

Membership Report (*Melissa Juenger*)

Melissa reported no new members since her last update. She has reached out to families who started at Athey after the beginning of the school year.

Volunteer Coordinator (*Bobbi Kelly*)

Bobbi thanked volunteers who helped at the dance and said there is another dance scheduled for May 12. She plans to reach out to the school librarians regarding volunteer needs for the upcoming book fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TASA (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer delivered a report for TASA Chairwoman Rachel Stevenson. The next TASA is scheduled for March 15 and signups will circulate soon.

Student Store (*Shari Winters*)

Shari said that sales are still strong and the Pop Tarts are top sellers. Volunteers are still welcome to contact her and get involved.

Garage Sale (*Saleen Chenevert*)

Saleen said donations are coming in every Tuesday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Clothing storage is already filled up, and other donations seem to be on par with historic levels. A Saturday drop is scheduled for March 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be no drops over spring break. The sale is scheduled for the end of April. No one has stepped forward offering to take over the project for next school year — Saleen said it would be highly beneficial for the new chairperson to see the set-up this year. She will order a new banner to advertise the sale. Kris Olsen is handling Craigslist sales of small items.

Dance (*Laura Greyerbiehl*)

Laura Greyerbiehl was not in attendance. The next dance will be in May.

Eighth-Grade Celebration (*Emily Schmitt and Shari Winters*)

The committee has been asked by Toni Snapp to scale back the celebration from last year. Uncertainty stemming from snow days has complicated the event planning. The committee is looking into holding a special event at Bullwinkle's.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker (*Nicole Hildebrandt*)

Nicole introduced herself as Athey Creek's representative to Music and Art Partners (MAP). She offered a brief history of MAP and described recent organizational changes, saying the group has now split into two city-based groups in West Linn and Wilsonville, with presidents representing both cities. She said a new executive board was working hard for MAP and she invited everyone to visit the website at musicandartpartners.org. She also encouraged everyone to support MAP through the upcoming fun run and the Dollar for the Arts campaign.

Education Foundation *(Eric Barber)*

A 8th-grade Athey parent and WL-WV Education Foundation member, Eric dropped by the meeting to introduce himself and the Foundation's COUNT fundraising campaign, which is launching today. He said the foundation is looking for volunteers to form an "action team" at Athey.

2017-18 Update *(Jennifer Tabor)*

Jennifer reported on PTSA board positions known to be open for the next school year, including secretary, treasurer, membership and website manager.

ADJOURN

With no further business presented and no further discussion presented, President Jennifer Tabor adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Attachment A: Sign in Sheet

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President: _____

Secretary: _____