

Athey Creek Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes for Friday, January 6, 2017

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Jennifer Tabor
Quorum established with 10 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*)

With Joel Sebastian observing a classroom, Caitlin attended in his place today. She reported on the school district's plans to derive lessons from the way the unexpected late-day snowfall affected children in December. She emphasized that all students got home safely and said that kids stranded temporarily at Athey enjoyed games, movies and food. The district has two snow days built in to its calendar, and so far there have been 4 days missed. Korean visitors will be treated to a welcome ceremony Tuesday next week and they will enjoy a number of fun events, including a dance Friday. Second semester academy class signups are just around the corner.

Guest Speaker (*Betty Reynolds*)

Betty Reynolds (school board member and Athey grandparent) reported that her term as president of Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) began Jan. 1. OSBA's focus during the 2017 Oregon legislative session will be revenue reform, with an upcoming poll to gauge public opinion. Betty also attended WLWV "listening sessions" regarding the upcoming middle school boundary adjustments. The school board will hold a work session on Jan. 23; the public is not able to comment but is welcome to attend. A proposal from the boundary task force is due for the school board meeting Feb. 6. Betty encouraged people to go to the school district's website for information, and she expressed gratitude to parents who had made their voices heard. Group members thanked Betty for her involvement.

Approval of the minutes (*Kate Hoots*)

Minutes from the December meeting were delivered via email to attendees of that meeting and posted on the PTSA website, and corrections were made as requested. Copies were made available to today's attendees, with time given for review. Bobbi Kelly moved for approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous approval. January minutes will be distributed to attendees and approved at the February meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer Tabor reported that Korean students will arrive this Saturday, with everyone keeping a nervous eye on the weather because of the predicted snowstorm. She also said that the PTSA is continuing to promote Amazon Smile as a "no cost fundraiser." Beth Taylor mentioned that Office Depot will donate to schools if consumers ask about it at the point of purchase. Jennifer reported that PTSA is looing into holding a a spring event, a parent social, not as a fundraiser but as a community builder. The PTSA also is working with Joyce Liden to correct the directory and redistribute to families.

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

Jen reported further on the potential spring social, saying that she wanted to gauge interest at the same time she is looking into possible venues. She agreed to look at primary school calendars to avoid conflicts with auctions and other major events. Looking to 2017-18, she reminded the group that Pete's Mountain Vineyard was quite pleased with the level of purchases made at the fall event, and she suggested that it might be time to start thinking soon about scheduling a larger event for the fall.

Secretary's Report (*Kate Hoots*)

Kate reminded the group to sign in on the group signup sheet, and it began to make the rounds again to capture information from late-comers.

Treasurer's Report (*Lola Skates*)

Lola presented the treasurer's report and said that the biggest expenses in Nov. and Dec. were related to the schoolwide read program ("Martin Marten").

Membership Report (*Melissa Juenger*)

Melissa reported a total of 188 members and reminded the group that 215 members is our OR PTA target. She asked attendees to encourage their friends to join PTSA and said tax receipts would be going out soon. There was a discussion of whether a push should be made to encourage teachers to sign up, but no decisions were made. Beth Taylor asked about the difference between PTSAs and PTOs, with the consensus being that the main difference involved advocacy.

Volunteer Coordinator (*Bobbi Kelly*)

Bobbi said that more volunteers were needed for the dance on Friday. Jane will be posting links on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TASA (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Jennifer delivered a report for TASA Chairwoman Rachel Stevenson. The next TASA, scheduled for Jan. 11, has a brunch theme. Main dish casseroles and protein donations are still needed. The raffle prizes have been a welcome addition!

Student Store (*Shari Winters*)

Shari was not at the meeting

Garage Sale and Athey Idol (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Chairwoman Saleen Chenevert was not in attendance. Jennifer reported that we have logged \$550 in sales already, thanks to Craigslist. Weekly drops started Jan. 3 and will continue every Tuesday and one Saturday per month. She issued a plea on behalf of the board for more volunteers. Laura mentioned that some people may be holding back because they are not sure if they will be attending Athey next year, because of boundary adjustments. Kate said she would share Mail Chimp information with Jennifer and Jen Drew to try to get that communication channel back up and running to support the GS.

Parent Education

Elaine Cozart was not available to provide an update.

Dance (*Laura Greyerbiehl*)

Laura said volunteers were especially needed to help set up for next Friday's dance. Students are welcome to help. She thanked Dee Putnam for her bulletin board advertising the dance.

Website (*Jane Bernesconi*)

The website calendar is updated through the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Art Support (*Jennifer Tabor*)

Planned meetings with the art teacher, Amber Sprague, were canceled because of snow days. They will be rescheduled.

ADJOURN

With no further business presented and no further discussion presented, President Jennifer Tabor adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.