



Aspen PFA Meeting Notes- December 13th, 2022 @7pm in the MPR

ATTENDANCE:

Brianna Allen, Dr. Craven, Kiley Duncan, Alison Friedman, Mandy Liston, Denise Lucarelli, Torrie Marsh, Colette Noblitt, Jasmine Nottingham, Joy Quick, MM Ranola-Wu, Kamila Schmirlerova, Claudia Sidoti, Amy Smiley, Kira Wagner, Jackie Wellen, Lanette Worthington

WELCOME

Called to order at 7:02pm

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- * Mandy makes motion
- * Colette seconds

PRESIDENTS 'MESSAGE – Denise Lucarelli & Alison Friedman

- * There was a nomination for Inclusion Heroes for staff members and Mrs. Birg WON! 7 staff members won out of the entire district. Some teachers and parents surprised her at the event, and there was a nice speech about why she's a hero. We are one of the few elementary schools that had a winner! YAY MRS. BIRG! "She's the best!" With her new role this year, she really is an inclusion hero!
- * Outdoor Learning Space that we fundraised for last year is starting to take shape - Dr. Craven met with people to map out space. If we put it off any longer, we might not get the money. He gave the district planner our feedback from teachers.
 - * (Dr. Craven put up a drawing/map of what it will look like): Big circle is a raised stage with wheelchair ramps, enclosed Promethean Smart Board, and put solar panels on top to use it - we are the experimental school with that. Lots of seating around the perimeter and around the stage. Lots of social/emotional learning in the round. Tables with umbrellas. Think teachers could use this space, with the Promethean board or white board - want to get outlets to charge Chromebooks. By Spring they are hoping to start. Seating could take longer. The whole team looked at the sun and glare and all other factors. They are using DG for the ground. Will need to reroute irrigation and they have already started. Looking at trees and plants for this too - there is a person who oversees that through the district. Trying to find places to put plaques for the 5th graders as they matriculate. Seating can be benches or "seat walls" along the stage. Measure I will go towards making the space, but the actual seats and other things we will pull directly from PFA funds that were raised. They think they can do it for under \$100K. With the next Measure I cycle, we would hope to add a shade cover. Calling it Aspen Outdoor Science space - gets us more Measure I bond money. We think this will allow us to use the space all day long. Solar panels could hopefully save us a lot of money so hoping that works out! We need to get going so we don't lose the funds. Hopefully by the next meeting we'll have an even better idea of plans. We will be putting this information and progress in the newsletter for parents to see. Dr. Craven, Alison, & Denise want parents and kids to see where the Roadrunner Run money goes! Direct impact on the kids. Hopefully everything will be done and completed by next school year

at the latest? Maybe we put a poster up next to the space promoting that it's coming? We wanted to show something as we are asking for more money.

- * Art case is also installed outside art room and Alison will fill it soon! Everyone will be able to see it when they pass from their classes to lunch, etc. Something tangible that we can show parents when we are fundraising.
- * Family Reading Night - need a Chair still. Here's your reminder or tap into someone else you might know. Not difficult - more about setting up room and publicizing it - and book talent! Alison's brother-in-law could return! If you would like to help that night, let Alison and Denise know. Takes place March 3rd (first Friday of the month). Kamilla offered to help with reading night!
- * Women's History - sometimes we ignore it, but sometimes people come in and perform and sometimes parents do it. Need to decide as a team which direction to go. We work with AAAW and they will supply scripts and material for the event. Last year was on video. See Denise/Alison if you would like to chair or participate.
- * Most importantly, we are going to Lazy Dog for holiday cheer and to turn in a receipt for Stephanie (School Cents)!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – Dr. Craven

- * Minimum day Friday! Out at 12:30 pm and every elementary school in the district.
- * School safety - two weeks ago, had a TO Police out for a training. Active shooter training, all teachers along with another school. Some of the video and info was mentally hard to hear but it was good to know - training focused on how to help law enforcement. School practices lockdown drills but this is beyond. There are numbers or letters identifying each building and space so that staff can clearly communicate with outside people. 2 of the deputies will come to do a walk through to identify things to be aware of. Good convos with teachers & increased awareness across the board.
- * 3rd grade students are in GATE testing unless they've opted out. On their own chrome books in their own classrooms. Results will come directly from the district office after the break.
- * In California, we have Dashboard which identifies districts and schools based on their scores, suspension rates, graduation rates, etc. New and improved Dashboard on December 15th. For us, we can type in Aspen and it will show how we achieved in state testing. Can break it up by grades, different groups, and by state as well. Dr. Craven can show us where to find it
- * We are having weekly tours now that the school choice has opened - they are usually Tuesday mornings, but Dr. Craven can be flexible. TK dates are expanding in case people need that.
- * SUPER PROUD of Mrs. Birg and it echoes what we are doing here in Aspen. A veteran 4th grade teacher to go to kinder and launch a whole new program is tough and the students are thriving and it's an amazing thing.
- * State testing is March - Memorial Day weekend. Teachers will try to do it in the 2 weeks leading up to Memorial Day - not confirmed but that's what the staff is aiming for.
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TEACHER'S MESSAGE – Mrs. Birg. was getting an award so she will report next time!

TREASURER'S REPORT – Colette Noblitt

Beginning Balance November 1, 2022: **\$52,878.01**

Income:

1. Corporate Matching from Cyber Grants, Patagonia and Edison brought in \$845 for the month
2. Restaurant Night at The Stand generated \$265.30 for Aspen PFA

3. Red Apple Fundraiser was intended to be an online only fundraiser, but a handful of check orders were placed. To quickly process these orders online, \$723 in checks was deposited into the Aspen PFA bank account. This is NOT income – as we then wrote a check to Torrie to cover this same amount paid for by her via credit card to process the order ONLINE (also, not an expense – this was a wash, but needs to be recorded as we both deposited and wrote checks that hit the bank account).
4. Harvest Fest brought in \$641 in Venmo; additionally, the Vendors (Kona Ice and D’Amores) sold \$356.95 during Harvest Fest. In total, Harvest Fest generated \$5,380.45 this year!
5. The Student Store generated \$250 in sales of t-shirts (this includes Venmo transactions for October – transferred into Bank of the West account on 11/1)
6. Bank charges in October were reversed in November, for a credit in our account of \$24.50

Total Income in November = \$3,105.75 (\$845+265.30+\$723+\$641+\$250+\$24.50)

Expenses:

1. We paid for Art and Dance Specialists: \$1,647.17
2. We paid \$47.57 for the Membership Drive Popsicle Party
3. The expenses for the Movie Night were \$143.23 (glow sticks, candy, ice, etc.)
4. We paid \$410.30 for Harvest Festival expenses
5. Utilized \$50 of our Community Care budget for DoorDash for the Duncan Family
6. We paid \$47.85 in Office Expenses (paper)
7. Tax Preparation and sending certified mail for our Charitable Trust Registration was paid for (\$655.92)
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Total Expenses in November = \$3,725.04 (\$1,647.17+\$47.57+\$143.23+\$410.30+\$50+\$47.85+\$655.92+\$723)

Net Loss = \$619.29

Ending Balance November 30, 2022 = \$52,258.72 (\$52,878.01 - \$619.29)

PFA BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS

- * Assemblies - Jasmine Nottingham. Trying to find TK, 1st, K instead of Shakespeare - they opted to do STEM Assembly. Captain Bob’s Rockets and Robots - only \$100 to do the rest of the school so the whole school is going to do that in March or April. Will leave us with \$200 so that’s good. \$19 a student left over for any extra field trips. Dr. Craven is working on the 4th and 5th grade schedules so they will connect on that for the assembly.
- * Message from Stephanie Schramm -eScrip (Denise). Toy box is by office/ends Friday, Care and Share box by the office, as well. Putting up a paper chain outside the kinder fence to show progress.
 - * Encourage people to shop at Oaks and Amazon Smile. 43 families participating in Ralphs Rewards - have earned \$342.08 from 9/1 - 11/30.

- * If you order online and pick up at Nordstrom, that counts.
- * Ways & Means - Torrie and Karina. Finishing up Red Apple orders, coming tomorrow in morning to be picked up at the end of the school day. This was the first time we did this. It's been difficult to find restaurant nights, but this Cheesecake Factory was a good one - cool website and people post. Sold about \$5,000 worth and will likely get about \$1,700. Next year we should start in September or October. Need to sell @200 items to get free delivery - we sold 190 items, but he was accommodating. Online fees we didn't know about so good to know for next time. If we want, we can fax or mail orders, so we don't have fees.
- * For January and February restaurants - lots are just coming back to regular practices. Some are saying they don't love when the schools come and bombard them all at once. Little Calf said yes but would want to separate the grades so not everyone goes at one time. Snapper Jacks said the same thing.
- * Chipotle for March 15 (tent). They give 33% back, but you must have \$150 in sales for that.
- * Called McDonalds - Asking about McTeachers Night
- * Fat burger likes to help the community too!

NEW BUSINESS

Non-Voting Items

Any Other Business (AOB)

Vote on fundraising for Roadrunner Run - sponsorship letter went out Monday! Working with t-shirt guy, but waiting on sizes from kids. Working on prizes as well. Discussed what we are fundraising for - part goes to specialists and to campus beautification. Keeping it broad so we have a little more wiggle room. Mrs. Birg will reach out to teachers to see what they want for beautification (besides ink?). Lots of bureaucracy about printing! PRINTER GATE! PFA BOUGHT printers and then teachers didn't have money for the ink.

Maybe converting one empty classroom to have another learning space - buying tables or items for that. Enrollment is increasing now after dropping with Covid so there are a couple extra classrooms that maybe we can use as a multi-use space and have the science items in there. Potentially could have Measure I funds for "science classroom" - they relook at funds every six months.

Every year we get Measure I money to spend on tech so we bought four Promethean white boards, and we need two more than every class will have one. We are using some funds to buy 8 laser printers and the toner should last 1 year and we will buy one additional that will last a second year. Every grade level will share a printer. The only type that's available this year is Brother (makes good sewing machines?) - however next year who knows if we will even have access to Brother.

Next meeting – January 10th at 7pm in the MPR

End of meeting 8:08 pm