

## PTA Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

### Attendance:

Karen Stoner	Kristen Mankulish	Stefanie Rosti
Leonie van Hemert	Kathy Alfonso	Julia Zick
Bia Lewis	Alison Dodge	Anna Fulbright
Melanie Krablin	Shawna Holden	Nicole Alston
Laura Hettinger	Kevin Cropper	

Karen Stoner, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 pm

Administration Report – Dr. Holden and Mrs. Krablin

- Update on Arrival & Dismissal procedures
  - Inclement Weather Drop offs
    - Has gone well both at the front and the back
    - Teachers have been letting kids in the back door before 9 am as well
  - Afternoons at the park
  - Some people have been nasty to the teachers on duty by the park
  - School has vests and teachers on duty will be encouraged to wear them
  - Terry Street, in Risk Management, has been contacted to ask about adding signage, such as “Right Turn Only” for the exit of the school at the front, and “No Parking” along the driveway at Atholton Park
  - “Thank you” notes with parking policies will go out soon to folks using the Atholton Park parking lot. Hoping to encourage courtesy amongst drivers.
- Needed to refine communications/information posted on the Family File after the first unexpected early dismissal due to weather. Dr. Holden was at school until 6:30pm waiting for children to be picked up. Massive communication was sent out to update pick-up procedures on the Family File. Second weather dismissal went more smoothly.
- A survey will be going out to families to determine the quickest mode of communication.
- Atholton Elementary School on AmazonSmile to receive donations--0.5% of purchases
- MAP testing will take place January 29-February 23
- WETA testing will be administered to English learners through February
- 22 African American students from Atholton with grades in the As and Bs will be celebrated at a program at Hammond High School
- Grade level teams will be assessing students’ skills
- Parent nights for middle schools are coming up
- Music concerts are next week
- The second quarter ends on January 26
- Snow day make up will probably not be on Presidents’ Day
- Dr. Martriano will be sharing the budget for next year

PTACHC Report- Kathy Alfonso--meeting was cancelled due to weather

Kathy Alfonso gave an update on the "Be Brave, Be Kind" initiative at Atholton. They will have a monthly newsletter and will involve teachers to launch an activity for the 3rd quarter. Interested parents are welcome and should contact Kathy.

#### Financial Report – Kevin Cropper

- Kevin provided and went over the monthly financial report
- Boosterthon has been issued their check from our big fundraiser
- Checks are going out to teachers for classroom funds. Dr. Holden is encouraging them to use their money by January 31st

#### Committee Updates

- 5K-Mark your calendars for Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> committee meetings on January 31 at 6:30pm
- Book Club- letters go home monthly to students having a birthday that month.
- Book Fair-
- Box Tops- Next Collection due February 16. They get mailed by March 1st. Karen will add information on how Box Top money is used by the school
- Cultural Arts
- Family Fun- Decided to hold off on Bingo Night and scheduled a Family Paint Night for Thursday, January 25. The fee is \$10/painter. There may also be an option for a family to create a single, larger painting
- Fifth Grade- t-shirts were ordered
- Membership-197 families have joined – looking for someone to chair this committee for next year
- Spirit Wear-
- Restaurant Nights- Next Dine Out Night is January 10 from 5-9 at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- Room Parents- next event will be the Valentine's Day party- more details to come late January
- Scripts- first order was a success and profited over \$300
- Staff Appreciation-We will offer the staff a "re-supply cart" the last week of the semester and celebrate being halfway through the school year! I'll post a note for donations in the Panther Press, but I plan to buy most of the items from my budget. Supplies teachers request most often are: Expo dry erase markers, tissues, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer, glue sticks, stickers, sharpies, post it pads, Ticonderoga pencils, magic erasers. I'll collect donations in a box in the front office. Laura Hettinger will need all donations by 1/22 to be available to teachers by 1/25.
- Teacher Support- As teachers get more and more busy this time of year, please remind them to email Erin Morris – erin\_walker78@hotmail.com. The committee of volunteers is ready to help with any cutting, sorting, etc.
- Website- Kathy Alfonso is working on updating AES PTA website, using Weebly.
- Yearbook- If you have photos to contribute towards the yearbook, please email them to aesyearbookmd@gmail.com. Please remember photos should be clear and include 2 or more individuals. If you have an event you would like photos taken for the yearbook, please email Nicole Alston at Nicole.Alston29@gmail.com.

#### New Business and/or Concerns

- Boosterthon
  - Profit analysis & discussion of distribution to school
    - \$27,322.91 collected in pledges and T-shirt donations
    - Less \$2,012.40 for student t-shirts
    - Less \$13,245.96 to Boosterthon for 50% share of funds pledged
    - Less \$2,000 initial fee for Boosterthon services
    - Gross profit \$10,064.55

- Optional available dates for 2019-1/22-1/31 or 5/28-6/6. There would be a different theme.
- There are three platforms available from Boosterthon
  - LIVE= \$2,000 registration fee + Boosterthon takes ½ the profits but their organization runs the entire event
  - EVENT=\$2,000 registration fee + Boosterthon takes ¼ the profits
    - Boosterthon provides guidance
    - We would have access to all resources but the school staff and volunteers would need to facilitate all events leading up to the race
    - Boosterthon folks would come to AES to run the race event
  - FUN RUN YOU=\$1,000 registration fee with the school and volunteers running all aspects of the fundraiser, including the race event
- So, the question is, do we want to do Boosterthon again? Would there be more dates available, if we chose the “EVENT” platform? Will HCPSS allow us to use Boosterthon in the future?
- Hammond Elementary has done Boosterthon. They will be going with the “EVENT” platform. It will be interesting to hear their impressions.
- How do we spend the \$10,064.55 our school raised?
  - We do not have enough money to purchase a laptop cart. How many computers can we get with what we have?
  - Should we just roll over funds and wait until we have enough to purchase an entire cart?

What are some other options for a big fundraiser?

- A “Read-a-Thon” where kids collect pledges for minutes read.
- A school supplies drive where people who participate receive a ready-made box with all the supplies the teachers have requested.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Dine out Night- January 10 from 5-9pm at Cheeburger Cheeburger
- Family Paint Night – January 25
- Next PTA Meeting February 13 at 7pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.