

Attendees

Jenn Baumgartner

Boston Freilinger, AMS Principal

Anne Stoever Garcia

Kelly Conner, Treasurer

Lauren Loonsfoot

Tracy Di Marco White, President

DeAnn Malone

Call to Order / Introductions

Unfinished Business

- New members for the PTO Board of Directors are urgently needed.
 - Kelly will be stepping down as treasurer at the end of this school year as her daughter is heading to high school.
 - Tracy and Jason's involvement in the PTO has already waned due to increased work/life obligations and are needing to step down from president and secretary positions, respectively, or take on less responsibility.
 - Looking to appoint members to PTO Board of Directors positions at the April meeting so there's ample time for knowledge transfer. Each position, president/secretary/treasurer, may have two members. By-laws (available on ams-pt.org) list each position's responsibilities. Please spread the word.

New Business

- Called vote to approve Minutes from 2024-03-19 meeting – approved.
- Inflatables for EOY celebration confirmed. Kelly and Kari Stagg (main office) have been working on this. Payment confirmation from JP Party Rentals was received by the PTO on 4/10.
- Inflatables monitoring sign-up. Jenn, our resident Signup Genius genius, will be given the Signup Genius credentials and set up a scheduling form. Plan to use the same grade schedule for inflatables as last year.
 - Inflatables show up between 7-8am. Rain plan is to use the Gym.
- Kona Ice confirmed for the last day. Pay-ahead option will be available.
 - Discussed how we can provide Kona Ice for all without differentiating who paid and who got theirs for free – everyone gets the same spoon color and no social sigma.
 - PTO has already allocated \$4,000 for EOY celebration, but will not use it all. Will use remaining funds to cover Kona Ice for those who can't pay.
- Boston would like to buy icy/squeezy-pops for students as rewards for being less tardy. PTO will also cover these with unused EOY funds.
- Have reserved space at Torrent Brewing Company for Parent Recess (Thank you, Jenn!!).
 - May 16th, 5:30-7:30p (or later). Trivia starts at 7pm.
 - Make flyers w/QR code to advertise Parent Recess; distribute at Family Engagement Night.
- Funding Requests
 - Carisa Danielson, ELP - requesting \$90 for t-shirts for 8 students who are attending a "behind the scenes" day at ISU for a fashion show. Approved \$90.
 - Tonja Goodwin, Instructional Coach - requesting \$300-\$350 for goodie bags for teacher appreciation week. Approved up to \$350.
 - Brandy Cunningham, PTO member - requesting up to \$100 to purchase a PTO-branded tablecloth. Approved up to \$100.
- Want to try and get ahead on providing food for staff.

- Can we plan to provide breakfast for August's first professional development (PD) day?
- Staff appreciation week: set up a Signup Genius form for soliciting food contributions from the AMS community. Can have themes for different days (i.e. taco Tuesday, sweet, salty, etc.). Jenn is willing to do this. Planning for 100 staff members. Kelly will include the form link in the weekly AMS announcements.
- Brandy Cunningham suggests we have a brainstorming session before the May meeting, separate from the parent recess, for anyone to share ideas or priorities for the next school year. Was suggested that we do this via Zoom. Timing may be an issue as there are only a few days between Parent Recess and the PTO May meeting.
- Considering a Pro Zoom account for PTO meetings. We believe it will allow for more members to attend our meetings and contribute. Lauren has a personal account that we can use. Tracy will ask Boston (or whomever) if there's a conference room here that may be better wired for sound than the media center.

Principal's Report

- Family Engagement Night, May 6th. Same format as fall's engagement night. Initially thought of including 5th graders, but decided to split 5th grade into its own night. Highlights include:
 - Teacher "here's what we're doing" displays.
 - 8th graders can sign up for high school activities.
 - Erin Miller (new AMS Principal effective July 1st, 2024) will be presenting with Boston.
- Fifth grade family orientation night – **tentatively** May 7th or 8th, 5:30-6:30p.
 - Erin and Boston will give a presentation including "here's what 6th grade teachers want you to know before starting the school year".
 - Boston has asked elementary schools and counselors what their parents and students want to know before they come to AMS and will provide answers.
 - AMS building tour.
- Thinking ahead of having another orientation night in the fall.
- Teacher appreciation week. First week in May. Amy DeLashmutt (ACSD Director of Communications) has been coordinating with elementary and AMS PTOs.
 - School board has plans for celebrating the staff.
 - Boston is working with instructional coaches regarding daily celebratory items for the staff.
 - May have kids writing thank you notes to staff at Family Engagement Night and during lunch.
 - PTO could have a collection box for the notes at Family Engagement Night.
- Boston will talk to Kona Ice about pay-aheads.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance: \$44,524.95
- New income: \$30.75
- New Expenses: \$750
- Pending Expenses: \$4,025
- Funds available balance: \$40,500

Secretary's Report

- Nothing additional to report.

Adjourn

- Adjourned at ~8:15. Next, and final meeting for the '23-'24 school year, is May 21st, 7pm, AMS Media Center.