

Auburn Elementary PTO Minutes

March 7, 2017

Attendance

Stephen Sevener (Principal), Paula Weiss (Assistant Principal), Ashley Nowak and Amanda Vantol (PTO Coordinators), Karen Rauschenberger (Teacher) and Jill Harrison parent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report

Meeting minutes from January, 2017, were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by J. Harrison and was seconded by K. Rauschenberger.

Treasurer's Report

The Fun Fair deposits are being held in order to provide for outstanding charges for this large event. The Bowling event has not been invoiced by Monitor Lanes and has not been paid as of yet. Both bowling and the pool party were a success having more students than the previous year. The 2nd water bottle filling station has been installed. Twenty Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart that were ordered arrived. A more robust Treasurer's report will be available once Fun Fair deposits, popcorn, etc. has been completed. The report was reviewed and approved. A motion was made by K. Retzloff and seconded by J. Harrison.

Principal's Report:

- As was mentioned at a prior PTO meeting, our school will soon have a new mascot! The selection process will be finalized very soon. A survey was sent to parents as well as students. At this time students and parents are split in the decision between Auburn Arrows, Explorers and Trailblazers.
- Our second round of our NWEA assessments are complete. Teachers already have results and will be ready to discuss them with parents at the spring Parent-Teacher conferences in March.
- Good progress is coming out of the Learning Lab which is new to the school this year. The LLI (Level Literacy Intervention) is a scripted program that targets specific literacy skills with identified students.
- The Variety Show will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd and will have 3 shows. Parents are welcome to attend any of the shows on the 22nd at 9:45a.m., 1:45p.m. or 7:00 pm. Roughly 23 student acts will be performing in each show.
- Working on funds for the next set of bottle filling drinking stations. The next two (the last two) should be installed together as they are in the same area (A-wing near the cafeteria).
- March is reading month! A month long special calendar of activities is available for students to participate in. On March 24th the school will have a reading assembly where

the top readers get to spray silly string at the principals. In addition, April 3rd, Johnathan Rand will be in the building with programs for the students including a writers workshop for Mrs. Rauschenberger's 4th grade classroom. The evening families are invited to come back to the school and read along with Johnathan Rand. The school will be decorated this month with a camping theme.

Coordinators' Report:

- Our next popcorn sale is this Friday, March 10th. Cost is .50 a bag. The next sale will be Friday, March 24th. The school calendar is updated with future dates.
- Bowling night at Monitor Lanes Friday, January 20, from 6-9pm was a large success with over 120 in attendance and participation. Monitor Lanes actually had to open up more lanes to our event.
- The Pool Party held on Friday, February 10, from 6-8pm at the Midland Community Center was another hit with the families. With over 80 in participation we had more than the 2016 event. Suggestion from parents this year is to allow Middle School children to attend to allow for further participation from families. There is capacity to invite middle school students as well.
- Fun Fair, Friday, March 3, was bigger and better than previous years. New additions this year were the map available and sent home with pre ticket sales to families to let them know where games were and what fun awaited them. We have a carnival style dinner available in the cafeteria, including nachos, hotdogs, snow cones and cotton candy! The hot dogs were new this year and a success. The kitchen ran out of most of the food by the end of the evening! Preliminary numbers are showing the Pre-Ticket Sales and sales at the door are up much higher than the 2016 event. The silent auction included two trips this year which families were very excited about. Over 130 baskets and gift cards were available to bid on. Also new this year is the addition of handmade games built and donated by the Retzloff family for use in years to come. Students had good things to say about the updated games and activities including 2 engineering for kids stations.
- Registration for our second annual Color Run is now open. You can access the link via the school Facebook page, or visit <http://shop.schoolathon.org/184242> and use group code 150147 to begin your student(s) donation page. The race will be held April 22, 2017. Kick off with students is to be held Wednesday, March 8th.
- As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to let us know. We can't help you if we don't know about it. Email us anytime at auburnpto@bschools.net and thank you for your continued support.

Old Business:

- Our second water station has been installed and has been a hit. According to the station's count, we have saved over 2000 plastic water bottles from being thrown out already! Keep it up!

New Business:

□ The color run is the next big event for the school. More to come on needs for volunteers.

The next PTO meeting is **May 1, 2017 at 6:30**. Child care will be provided by the Bay Arenac ISD Early Childhood Development class. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.