

Auburn Elementary PTO Minutes

January 9, 2017

Attendance: Stephen Sevener (Principal), Paula Weiss (Assistant Principal), Ashley Nowak and Amanda Vantol (PTO coordinators), Elizabeth Garchow (PTO coordinator and Secretary), Nicole Kingsbury (Treasurer), Karen Rauschenberger (teacher) and 3 parents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes from November, 2016 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made by K. Retzloff and was seconded by K. Rauschenberger.

Treasurer's Report: Several of the financial accounts saw some activity in the last 2 months. The community service account saw quite a bit with a total income of just under \$1500 between Smart Cards and our Pam's Pantry fundraiser. We were also able to make a few important purchases for the school. We have ordered 2 filtered water bottle filling stations, one of which has already been successfully installed. We also added another 33 new Chromebooks for the school, bringing this year's total so far up to 48! Our school events account also had an increase, with a revenue of \$385 from our Polar Express movie night. The Scrip account revenue is up to \$381. 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 hopefully by March. Students will be helping us select the mascot as well. Originally the idea was to associate ourselves in some way with Western High School's mascot. Given the recent developments with school's possibly needing to change their mascots (Indian referenced), we have decided that may not be

the best idea. We will be taking input from our students before making the final decision.

- This year's Holiday Music Program was a huge success! Thank you to Mr. Y for all of his hard work getting the program organized and the students ready. Students really did an awesome job. We reached full seating capacity with people coming to watch the program for both the morning and afternoon performances this year. We have had full morning programs but never saw beyond full morning and afternoon programs in the past. This will be kept in mind and monitored for future programs and changes made where needed.
- Our midterm is Wednesday, January 18. This will be a half day, with student dismissal at 12:22pm. All students will receive lunch before going home. Teachers will be attending a professional development that afternoon, as well as finalizing mid-term grades.
- Our second round of our NWEA assessment is just around the corner. This will begin mid-January. Teachers will have results ready to discuss at the spring conferences in March.
- Last week our school was impacted by the third water main break in 2 years. In the past, these have taken about two hours to repair, limiting the effect felt by students and staff. This one, however, took almost 4.5 hours to repair, making the day just a little more difficult to manage inside the school. Drinking water was a reasonably easy fix, with jugs of water brought over from Western High School for students to drink. Flushing toilets was a little more involved, but our wonderful staff and students made it work though and the cooperation was greatly appreciated. We're hoping this won't happen again for quite some time, but, if it does, and a lengthy repair is expected again, we would most likely relocate our students to the Western complex for the remainder of the school day. Parents would be given the option of coming to pick their student(s) up early, without attendance being affected.

Coordinators' Report:

- We are down to only 94 Smart Cards left! Stop in the office to grab yours before they're all gone. \$20 gets you thousands in savings!
- Our next popcorn sale is this Friday, January 13th. Cost is .50 a bag. The next sale will be Friday, January 27th.
- We have sold all of our Subway cards already this year. Our recent BOGO free sale depleted our supply. Thank you to all who purchased.
- Our Pam's Pantry fundraiser was a huge success this year. We made over \$1000! Way to go!
- The PTO decided to try something new this year and purchased a table at the holiday shopping spree the students attend. We sold a variety of small items, just to see what the interest would be. It was not as successful as we had hoped. After all was said and done, it was more of a headache for all involved than it was worth. We will consider other options for next year, possibly getting homemade items donated by parents, but we will not sell the same items again.
- We held our first Holiday movie night at the school this year, with our Polar Express movie night. This was a great success and we have heard amazing feedback from students and parents. We made over \$350! We definitely plan to do another movie night in the future.
- Our next family night is our Glow Bowl at Monitor Lanes in Bay City. This will take place Friday, January 20, from 6-9pm. Cost is \$10/person and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and pop. If you'd like to come join, but don't care to bowl, pizza and pop can be ordered separately for \$4. Please fill out your yellow form and return to school ASAP. There will be a 50/50 raffle for adults as well as some kids' prizes for best bowling scores! Come join us!
- We also have a family night coming up in February. Our annual Pool Party will take place Friday, February 10, from 6-8pm. This is held at the Midland Community Center. Younger siblings are welcome, but please no one over 5th grade. Cost is \$5/child, and parents swim free. Watch for your blue flyer to come home soon.

- Fun Fair is just around the corner and a planning committee is being formed now. We will be meeting Monday, January 23, at 6pm in the teacher's lounge. We will be discussing ideas for our auction basket themes, menu options, business/parent donations, etc. We would love to hear some fresh ideas, so please consider coming out to help!
- Fun Fair will take place on Friday, March 3. Start time is at 5:30. Games and silent auction end at 7:30, with auction winners being announced at 7:45. We will have a carnival style dinner available in the cafeteria, including nachos, hotdogs, snow cones and cotton candy! No need to cook! We are in need of volunteers to help the evening run smoothly, including running games, painting faces and helping in the kitchen. If you are interested, please watch for the form to come home and be sure to fill it out! Or feel free to email the PTO at auburnpto@bcschools.net
- 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. More information will come home closer to the time of the race.
- 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 first water station has been installed and has been a hit. According to the station's count, we have saved over 670 plastic water bottles from being thrown out already! Keep it up!

New Business:

- We have a second water station ordered. It should be installed over Spring Break. This station will be located in the third grade hallway.

- With our Polar Express movie night being such a success, we are considering adding an additional movie night to next school year's calendar. Possibly in February.

The next PTO meeting is **March 6, 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.