

Auburn Elementary PTO Minutes

Monday, March 5, 2018

Attendance:

Ashley Nowak and Amanda VanTol (PTO Co-Coordinators), Elizabeth Garchow (PTO Co-Coordinator and Secretary), Stephen Sevenser (Principal), Diana Samborn, Maria Markey and Julee Dillon (Teachers), 4 parents and a guest speaker.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and introductions were made.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting minutes from the January, 2018, meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to approve the report by J. Dillon and was seconded by M. Markey.

Treasurer's Report:

Nicole Kingsbury, Treasurer, was not in attendance. A formal report was not made. Some financial updates were provided through the Coordinators Report.

Principal's Report:

- School safety is on the forefront of everyone's mind, both locally and nationally. With recent events in Florida and CMU causing increased school safety concerns. A conversation was opened to parents regarding questions about the district's policies, etc.
 - Why does the district not send out a flyer or hold an info night to inform parents about procedures/rules/policies, etc?
 - Making procedures public can impact safety procedures. The more information that is released about school safety procedures, there is a greater risk of diminishing their effectiveness.
 - Should parents be made aware of the rules regarding texts in/out during the lockdown process. Why kids can't/shouldn't respond when parents text them for assurances.
 - No one should be using their phones during a lockdown, staff included. There are many safety reasons for this. Even if parents do contact their students to find out what is going on, they won't know. All staff members have very specific roles. Once the lockdown is initiated, staff members implement their specific duties.
 - Western's "unintentional lockdown"
 - Still don't have the exact reason why the alarm sounded unintentionally.
 - Regardless of whether a lockdown was intentional or unintentional, once the alarm has been sounded, the lock down procedure cannot end until the establish protocol and procedures have been fully implemented and cleared by Public Safety Officials.

- “March is Reading Month” activities are underway. Our 3rd Grade Teachers have designed a calendar of monthly events and was sent home with students. If you did not receive one, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher.
- The Variety Show is Wednesday, March 28th.
 - We are still in need of a volunteer/volunteers to take over after this year. Please contact the Auburn PTO Co-Coordinators if interested.
- The 4th grade students will have a play, thanks to Lizzy Simon, a high school student from Western. Lizzy approached her mother, Mrs. Simon, our media teacher, about putting on a play last year. Lizzy has been working with 23 of our 4th grade students to prepare for the show; “The Enchanted Bookshop.” The play will be open to the public Friday, March 16, 2018. The show will begin at 6:30 in the school gym. Tickets are \$3. Please stop into the office to preorder tickets, or water and popcorn for an additional \$1 each.
- The SI Team is conducting a parent survey. This survey is used for school improvement planning purposes. The link was sent to Auburn parents via Skyward. Please complete this survey and contact the office if you did not receive your survey.
- After 39 years of teaching Mrs. Samborn, a first grade teacher, has decided to retire at the end of the school year. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her only the best in the coming years, and thank her for the many years she has given to the Auburn Elementary school community.
- We welcomed a new PE teacher, Brandi Gatza, who joined the Auburn and Mackensen staff a couple weeks ago. She is doing a great job and the kids seem to be enjoying their PE time with her. Welcome Brandi!
- Mrs. Taglauer, a Second Grade Teacher, retired at the end of February. We thanked her for 32 wonderful years she provided to the Auburn Elementary school community, and we wish her the very best in her new career!
 - We recently hired a new second grade teacher. Chelsea Maxwell will be starting on Monday, March 12th.
- Parent-teacher conferences are next Tuesday and Thursday, March 13th and 15th. Use “Sign-Up Genius to confirm your PT Conference time. If you have questions, please contact Nicole in the school office.

Coordinators’ Report:

- A guest speaker, from Snapology, made a presentation. Snapology is a STEAM based enrichment program located in Saginaw. They use Legos, K’Nex and technology to teach Science, Technology, Math and Engineering in a fun and interactive environment.
 - Many types of programs offered, including camps, classes, birthday parties, on-site field trips and after school enrichment programs.
- Smart cards are still available in the office through this month. They are \$20 each.
- Our next popcorn day is this Friday, March 9th. The next will be March 23rd, and then April’s popcorn sales will be on Friday April 13th and Thursday April 26th.
- The family pool party in January made a \$340 profit.
- The Valentine’s family bowling event made a \$314.50 profit.
 - 97 bowlers this year (Sunday) vs 116 bowlers last year (Friday).

- This year was also on a 3 day weekend but not a bad turn out.
- Update on Valentine's for the Troops. We sent out 10 packages this year, and have received very positive feedback from 3 of them so far.
- Cosen's after school Leadership and Karate program has started.
 - \$975 profit.
 - 3:45-4:15pm.
 - Tuesdays: March 6th, 20th and March 27th.
- Update on Fun Fair. Our preliminary profit is \$5314.
 - Thank you to all of our volunteers, staff, parents and students, who made this possible. We could not pull this event off without all of you
- The Color Run kickoff assembly was Friday March 2nd. Thank you to all of our staff members who volunteered to get colored, much to the enjoyment of our students.
 - The school registration code- 150239.
 - Registration packets are due NO LATER than March 28th.
 - Walk up registrations are allowed, but shirts will not be guaranteed.
 - The race is Saturday, April 14th at the Auburn City Park on 9 Mile Rd.
 - The \$30 registration includes the race and the shirt.
 - See student race packet for registration details.
 - Any unanswered questions should be sent to auburnpto@bcschools.net.

Old Business

- The new kindergarten charging cart has been delivered, just not Chromebooks yet.
- We are still in need of new PTO Coordinators to lead PTO next year. If you are interested, please email auburnpto@bcschools.net.
- The outdoor classroom remains our main fundraising focus this year. With spring finally approaching, we will be able to take the next steps to getting started. The first step is the pergola. We will be reaching out to licensed building contractors for bids.

New Business

- March Madness Money Wars will be starting Monday, March 12th. Flyers will be coming home this week.
 - March 12th- March 23rd.
 - Grade level vs grade level.
 - The grade level with most money raised will win a prize.
 - All money, coins or paper, accepted.
- Dave Kyllonen proposed a couple fundraising opportunities:
 - Trivia night at O's
 - \$10/person
 - \$5 to prize, \$5 to school.
 - Raffles with donated prizes.
 - 50/50 raffle.
 - Kickball tournament
 - Held at Auburn City Park.

- 12-13 member teams.
- \$125-\$150 / team
 - \$25 / team back into tournament prize, rest to school.
- Considering at Saturdays in May.

Our next PTO meeting will be **Monday, May 7, 2018**. Child care will be provided by the Bay Arenac ISD Early Learning Development class.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.