

Athey Creek Middle School PTSA
General Meeting
Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Held in the ACMS staff room

Call to Order (*Jennifer Tabor*)

President Jennifer Tabor called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and welcomed everyone – 7 members attended and quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes

Laura Greyerbiehl moved that the Jan. 5, 2017 general meeting minutes be approved, it was seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Principal's Report (*Caitlin Klenz, Assistant Principal*)

- The flu has affected both teachers and students. The best thing to do to prevent it is wash hands and don't touch your face.
- Early release is next week – the teachers use this valuable time to work on partnerships.
- Advisory periods are every Monday, or the first day of the week if there is no school on Mondays. It will occasionally occur on a Friday as well. Currently, teachers are discussing growth mindset and executive function with their students.
- Athey had a great opening ceremony for our sister Korean school students who were visiting in January – all three choirs sang a Korean folksong – a video of this was sent to the Korean parents.
- Athey is already working on transitions – 5th to 6th grades, and 8th to 9th grades. For 5th grade, parents need to declare which school their child will be attending. 5th graders will be visiting Athey, and our 8th graders will be going to visit the two high schools. There are parent meetings for those with incoming 9th graders at both high schools as well. Please check the online Athey Creek calendar for those dates.
- Smarter Balance testing – they are having to figure out a new way to structure the testing this year due to the shorter periods. There will be no testing before Spring Break. They are open to suggestions on how to structure the test taking. Smarter Balance testing will continue at the middle schools – no change the next few years, and they really don't have a choice not to continue the testing. The middle school tests are asking the questions that they want to ask the students.

Board Reports

President's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

- Thank you to Jen Drew, Laura Greyerbiehl, Victoria O'Kain and Dee Putnam for all of their work on the garage sale!

- Drop off for the garage sale will be tomorrow, Sat., Feb. 3 – we'll need to sort items some upcoming day as well.

Vice President's Report (*Jen Drew*)

- Jen Drew could not attend.

Secretary's Report (*Bethany Wurtz*)

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (*Nicole Rusk*)

- Nicole Rusk could not attend. Jennifer Tabor provided an update. Regarding the upcoming viewing of Screenagers – they are giving the counselor who will facilitate the discussion a \$75 stipend. We will not be putting anything out for cash donations to help pay for the movie, because Rosemont MS PTSA is helping us with the cost.

Membership Report (*Patty Caveney*)

- Patty could not attend.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (*Bobbi Kelly*)

- Bobbi could not attend.

Committee Reports

Back-To-School Dance (*Laura Greyerbiehl*)

- Laura reported that the next dance is Fri., Feb. 9 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Athey – both the gym and the dance area are open. Concessions are offered in the dance area. Dee Putnam did an awesome job putting together the bulletin board that is advertising the dance – a safari jungle theme.
- Volunteers for the dance are needed – there need to be 10 per shift and they currently have 4. Volunteers can be anyone including high school students. Suggestions were made – maybe the National Honor Society or the Key Club at the high school – they have required volunteer hours they have to do.

TASA "Teacher and Staff Appreciation" Meals (*Rachel Stevenson*)

- Rachel could not attend. Jennifer Tabor reported that we still have some open spots for the upcoming TASA on Feb. 14.

Student Store (*Kim Jordan*)

- Kim reported that they are selling like crazy at the store – lots of volume, not much profit. A big day is \$60-100.
- Discussion regarding shop-lifting. They are instituting new strategies for volunteers; doors will be closed instead of open, etc. as a deterrence. Volunteers are not to engage with a student that they think might have taken

something without payment. They are to tell the assistant principal who has lunch duty.

- Kim has an idea about the possibility of doing special days (e.g. Friday for ice cream) when the weather gets better. Discussion regarding not eating in the library – there is a no food on the carpet policy. It was decided to address this item closer to spring.

Parent Education (*Elaine Cozart*)

- Elaine reported that Screenagers will be shown for both parents and students on Wed., Feb. 7. Rosemont PTSA is paying for half (\$325) of the \$650 fee to show it at Athey. Middle schools have been invited including Three Rivers. She has also reached out to elementary schools, inviting their 4th and 5th graders and parents. Jennifer Tabor has found a moderator to come, and there will be 300 copies available for the parent handout. The movie is 67 minutes and there will be a 30 minute discussion afterward. It is unknown how many people might be coming – ideas to post advertisements at the libraries and places like Market of Choice as well. We will not have a donation bucket. She had a parent ask about sub-titles, so they've decided to turn on this feature when showing the film.

PTSA Website (*Tracy Gilday*)

- Tracy could not attend. Jennifer Tabor gave a big thank you! To Tracy – we wouldn't have a new website without all of her work. If you notice anything that needs to be changed on it, please let us know.

New Business

- Jennifer Tabor mentioned the next two garage sale drop-offs will be on Sat., Feb. 3 from 9-11 a.m., and on Tues., Feb. 6 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The drop-offs are EVERY Tuesday except Spring Break, and the Saturday drop-offs are the 1st Saturday of every month. They will be posting the volunteer link for sign-ups on these volunteer spots, but you can also just drop in to volunteer during these times.
- There is no school on Feb. 19.

Adjourn

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by President Tabor at 10:24 a.m.

Attachment A: Sign-in sheet

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President: _____

Secretary: _____