

Athey Creek Middle School PTSA
General Meeting

Friday, Jan. 5, 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 – 9 members attended and quorum was met.

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

- End of the semester is Friday, January 26, then Monday, January 29 is a grading day and students do not have school.
- Both quarter and semester grades are now given. Teachers have great re-take policies.
- At the semester, changes between language and wellness take place, or changes in related arts take place.
- Wed., January 17 will be an early release day. Professional development for staff takes place – they are now combining “depth of knowledge” and informative assessments for formation of next moves. There is also some collaboration time, staff can observe each other teaching.
- January 18, AC is hosting new administrators so that they can improve their skills on how to give feedback to teachers.
- Korean visitors will be here Jan. 19 through Jan. 26 or 27. This is the second visit this academic year by a group of students through our sister-school programs. It's a great program and there will be a formal welcoming ceremony.
- Question to Ms. Klenz regarding a new state law and dyslexia.

Approval of Minutes

Nicole Rusk moved that the Dec. 1, 2017 general meeting minutes be approved, it was seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Board Reports

President's Report (*Jennifer Tabor*)

- Garage sale – new time for Tuesday morning drop-offs will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. Hoping to get more volunteers to work the shift if it's not an 8 a.m. start time. You can sign-up to volunteer through the PTSA website or via Facebook (Athey Creek PTSA). Tracy Gilday will look into changing the start time for Tuesdays on the website/volunteer form.
- Jennifer will be looking into borrowing clothes racks for the sale/ hangers too. This is to reduce the piles on tables. Probably won't separate clothes by size, but might separate by gender – we don't have the volunteer time to do both.

Vice President's Report (*Jen Drew*)

- Jen Drew could not attend. Jennifer Tabor asked that people sign-up to volunteer for the garage sale. Thank you to Jen Drew for taking over tomorrow's (Sat., Jan. 6) garage sale drop-off.

Secretary's Report (*Bethany Wurtz*)

- Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (*Nicole Rusk*)

- Nicole provided copies of her Treasurer's Report 7/1/17 – 12/31/17, see attachment. She mentioned the Student Store, and that we got word that the IRS removed the penalty for the 2013 late filing.

Membership Report (*Patty Caveney*)

- Discussion surrounding paying for PTSA membership via our webpage and the cost of this. A test was completed -- \$25 membership fee paid via credit card, and we received \$23.97.

Volunteer Coordinator's Report (*Bobbi Kelly*)

- Bobbi could not attend. Jennifer Tabor asked that people sign-up to volunteer for the garage sale.

Committee Reports

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

- Laura reported there are two more dances coming up – Feb. 9 and May 4. Discussion about the bulletin board – it's in use until 1/26, would we want the dance featured if it's only for 1/27-2/9? This will be decided off-line in conjunction with promotion for the Screenagers movie.

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

- Rachel could not attend. Jennifer Tabor asked that people sign-up for the upcoming TASA.

Student Store (*Kim Jordan*)

- Kim could not attend. Jennifer Tabor reported that the store is doing very well, especially with the new items.

Parent Education (*Elaine Cozart*)

- Elaine reported that she got the okay from Principal Sebastian to host Screenagers in late Jan. or early Feb. at AC for parent/student education. Wed., Feb. 7 might be available – early release day, but we'd still want to have it in the evening so more parents could attend.
- She contacted the other three middle schools about sharing the \$650 movie access fee. Wood MS cannot, and she hasn't heard back from Meridian or Rosemont. Some discussion around the idea of a donation bucket, but it was agreed if this is done it should be "very passive."

- There had been previous discussion regarding the possibility of bringing in a counselor for a post-movie discussion. Jennifer Tabor will contact this person once we have a firm date. There will be a “presenter’s guide” for parents and students.
- Elaine will send Tracy some information for the website once the date is confirmed.
- A motion was made by Nicole Rusk to amend the budget for Parent Education from \$500 to \$650 to cover the cost of the movie – voted yes unanimously.
- Elaine also shared some information regarding the WLWV Foundation. As of Dec. 31, the district-wide HOT “Honor Our Teachers” Campaign had reached \$45,000 which is great, but the goal was \$70,000.
- The Count Campaign will start in February.
- Tickets for the March 17 Blazer Game Night will be available for sale starting this weekend – only online. After the game, each child gets the opportunity to shoot a free-throw, and there is also a raffle for 20 kids to high-five the Blazers during their warm-up.

PTSA Website (*Tracy Gilday*)

- Tracy reports that a large amount of the new website has been completed. She’s currently working on colors. The forms, volunteer sign-ups, etc. are all on the website now. Fundraiser information and links are on there – Amazon Smile, boxtops, PTSA calendar.
- You can subscribe to the new website, which will give you updates that there is something new on the site.

New Business

- Jennifer Tabor mentioned the next two garage sale drop-offs will be on Sat., Jan 6 from 9-11 a.m., and on Tues., Jan. 9 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- There is no school on Jan. 15 and Jan. 29.
- If you have a Board or Committee position, please give some thought by next month as what you’d like to do – continue or find a replacement. A nominating committee will be needed.

Adjourn

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by President Tabor at 10:21 a.m.

Attachment A: Sign-in sheet

Attachment B: Treasurer’s Report 7/1-12/31/17 from Nicole Rusk

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President: _____

Secretary: _____