

Athey Creek Middle School PTSA
General Meeting
Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
Held in the ACMS staff room

Call to Order (*Tracy Gilday*)

President Tracy Gilday called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming. Introductions were done, those who have already donated time to PTSA activities were thanked. A brief ice breaker game was played. A quorum was met (see sign-in sheet).

Guest Speaker (*Katherine Dougall*)

Katherine Dougall is helping to organize a free parent education event to be held at Rolling Hills Community Church on October 17th at 7pm. She is seeking financial contributions for the event. The event will focus on screen time, device use and the impact of social media on children. The speakers for the event are Collin Kartchner and Katey McPherson. There will also be a small panel of experts. She distributed a small flyer. They have received sponsorship from Rosemont Middle School PTSA and Wood PTSA. She stated that each school contributed \$500 and will be having an assembly on the topic.

Elaine Morelock the Parent Education Coordinator for Athey PTSA was present. Her budget for parent night is currently set at \$650. A discussion occurred. It was established that the theme of Katherine's event fit into Elaine's vision for Parent Education Night.

A motion was made by Membership Coordinator Patti Caveney to allocate \$300 of the budgeted funds to Katherine's event on October 17th, this was seconded. The motion was carried by a majority.

Principal's Report (*Joel Sebastian*)

Introductions were made and members were thanked. Assistant Principal Caitlin Klenz was also present.

- The school year is off to a good start. There were some issues with a locker shortage because of the increased class size, but those have now been addressed.
- Many things were done during the pre-service week in preparation for the start of the school year. There was extensive teacher training that focused on 1) collaboration and 2) community. The purpose was to help teachers share both successful and unsuccessful instructional strategies so that they could learn and improve through this collaborative effort. The community prong of the teacher

training was focused on the use of “Circles” as a way to build a stronger community. The use of “Circles” is also being incorporated into Advisory.

- Back to school night and other events are on the calendar.
- There are about 710 students attending the school this year. This number is still in flux. There were approximately 630 students at the school last year. The school is not at capacity, but there are some large classes this year.
- P.E. and Spanish are the largest classes. Positions have been posted for both of those classes, however, only full time I.A.’s have been hired.
- Some new staff has been hired. He did not remember the exact number as some teachers are part time.
- Jill Hay’s is to be thanked for her efforts in improving the 6th grade transition. Early locker testing was her idea.
- We have 2 sister schools in the Republic of Korea. Two visits are planned. One is planned for October and the other is for sometime after January. Students from the sister school stay with Athey Creek families. We are currently short on host families for the students from Korea. He asked that everyone please consider hosting a student.

Approval of Standing Rules *(Tracy Gilday)*

The 2018-2019 Standing Rules have only been changed slightly from the 2017-2018 rules. The meeting days have been changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except the month of June. During the month of June the meeting will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. An amendment that occurred last term, to deal with changes to already approved teacher grants, was also incorporated. The Standing Rules were distributed for review.

Patti Caveney moved that the 2018-2019 Standing Rules be approved, it was seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Annamaria Fuksz moved that the Friday, June 1, 2018 general meeting minutes be approved, it was seconded, and they were approved unanimously.

Board Reports

President’s Report *(Tracy Gilday)*

- Curriculum night is from 7-8:30pm
- Please visit the Athey PTSA website. The minutes, agendas, and other information will be posted there. You are also able to subscribe to the newsletter.

- Positions - there are many positions still open. We are still looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. We have about 120 volunteers registered so far. We are also looking for an 8th Grade Celebration Coordinator and a No Cost Fundraiser.
- Garage Sale - Tracy asked the Treasurer Sara Sehgal to report on the Garage Sale finances from last year. Sara stated that the garage sale was about 50% of last year's revenue. Without that revenue or an equivalent one we would not be able to make our budget. A discussion occurred. Tracy stated that garage sale dates were April 26th-28th. Not all items will be sold at the garage sale, More expensive items may go on Craigslist. Items are sorted, priced, and even staged for sale. Many volunteers will be needed.
- Jennifer Teague volunteered to run the garage sale. She was thanked for her willingness to coordinate the event.

Vice President's Report (*Beth Stuart*)

- Beth had to leave the meeting early. There was no report.

Secretary's Report (*Tiffany Santoso*)

- Asked attendees to please sign the sign-in sheet.

Treasurer's Report (*Sara Sehgal*)

- She distributed copies of the latest Treasurer's Report (see attachments).
- So far everything is budgeted almost the same as last year. We will not be giving Meridian Creek \$2000 this year. That was a one time event. A discussion occurred about some things that have not yet been addressed in the budget that may need to be included into the budget such as the ice cream reward for the grade level with the highest PTSA memberships.

President's Report Continued (*Tracy Gilday*)

- A discussion occurred about how the membership drive was being advertised. Student Support Specialist Toni Snapp offered to make additional announcements to the students about the membership drive.

Committee Report

Student Store (Kim Jordan)

Kim asked to give her report early so that she could leave to open the Student Store. Sales have been very good, but they are not yet turning a profit. The initial sales are still going to pay off the costs of inventory. She projects that we will see profits by January. She has a good group of volunteers that consists of 28-29 people. Most of the

volunteers are only volunteering once a month. People interested in volunteering should contact Kim directly via e-mail or through the Athey Creek Facebook page.

Board Reports Continued

Membership Report (*Patti Caveney*)

- Nothing to report yet. Membership will be recorded with the state in October.

Committee Reports Continued

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

- The back to school dance is Friday, September 14th from 6:30-8pm. The dance costs \$5 at the door and concessions will be for sale. The profits go to the 8th grade party.
- There will only be 2 dances this year. There will be no spring dance, because the attendance was too low last spring.
- A discussion occurred about the dance. It was suggested that the name be changed from “school dance” to “school social.” No decision was made.
- It was expected that about 300 students would attend the dance.

TASA (*Rachel Stevenson*)

- Rachel was not present. She did, however, send a note to the meeting. She asked those present to provide their email and information if they were interested in helping with TASA. TASA happens once a month.

President’s Report Continued (*Tracy Gilday*)

- Reminded those 6th grade parents who were present about Turning Point. The 6th grade events will occur after school. The event includes a speaker, games, game truck, and more.

New Business

Laura Greyerbiehl moved that \$150 be budgeted for the membership drive ice cream competition. The motion was seconded and approved by majority.

Adjourn

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by President Gilday at 11:10 a.m.

Attachment A: Sign-in sheet

Attachment B: Agenda

Attachment C: Katherine Dougall handout

Attachment D: Treasurer's Report

Date Minutes Approved: _____

President: _____

Secretary: _____