

Agnor-Hurt PTO Meeting

December 14, 2021 7:00-8:30 pm

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Meeting ID: 880 2391 4651

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Greetings/Introductions Brittany Mullinex & Emily Mathon

16 people in attendance (see below)

Meeting started at 7:01am

Attendees:

Katherine Greer
Brittany Mullinex
Emily Mathon
Prashanna Sangroula
Allie Cascino
Amy Smith
Cheryl Brooks
Erin Paoletti
Jennifer Underwood
Katie Shipley
Layne Rickabaugh
Mike Irani
Sam Peascoe
Teka Phan
Katrina Callsen
Karleeta Thompson

Principal/Assistant Principal Update Mr. Irani, Principal

-Students are starting to return back to in-person learning, which is encouraging!
-Our school is growing in numbers
-Almost daily, somebody is absent and we don't have coverage at the school. All of the staff members have been all hands on deck, stepping in to help and support wherever needed. Everyone is working together and is flexible to adjust on a daily basis. We're so thankful for a staff that is willing to help in any and every way!

Parent Council Update Sam Peacoe, Parent Council Rep

- Parent council met last week. The meeting started last month with information on the vaccine now being available to children.
- The meeting focused on building school community. Something that was talked about was how to encourage participation in PTO meetings. The next meeting will be focusing on the surveys that were just conducted around the culture and engagement around the school.
- Families helping families is always looking for more donations
- Will students who are vaccinated not have to get tested? The testing requirements will likely remain the same throughout the school year.
- Some PTOs are offering topic discussions during meetings (book club, parenting class, etc.) The school that did this had higher engagement.

SEAC Update Jaronda Miller-Bryant & Laura Strauss, SEAC Reps

- No SEAC update this month

Budget Update prepared by Emily Mathon

- Continue to get Amazon Smile and Kroger money coming in
- T-shirt sales money came in
- Facebook sales money for the library is in hand and books are being ordered for the library!
- Staff have been turning in reimbursement requests, we'll get the word out that they can still submit that

Business

- Process - Meeting Minutes Approval - [By-Laws](#)

-Part of the by-laws are that minutes are typed and sent out within 48 hours. Minutes must be approved within 48 hours so that they can be posted to the Agnor-Hurt website. If you're a board member, make sure to respond to the email with the minutes!

- Upcoming events
 - End of Year Direct Donation drive - matching gift of \$1300

-Do we want to have a theme or a particular thing the money goes towards?

-Mr. Irani would like to talk to team leads about if they see a need, but his first inclination is to think books

-How do we make the biggest impact possible?

-Can tutoring services be offered with money? Mr. Irani mentioned how there is a lack of people to provide services, although the budget and money are there.

-Can we do more for teacher and staff appreciation?

-Mr. Irani has a team leader meeting scheduled on January 4th-he will connect with them. Emily will touch base with the donor regarding the timeline. We'll share back about this at the next meeting!

- Camp4Real - Parents Nights Out (?)

-Parents night out, parents would pay money for a night out and a portion of the money made would go towards PTO

-Other schools have used this service with great success!

-Make sure to ask the vendor for safety protocols (masks, social distancing) and ensure that information is given to parents if we decide to proceed

-He has his own insurance

-Are there scholarships available? (Yes, there apparently are!)

- Updates:

- Magic Show - January - Brittany Mullinex Jan 28

-As soon as we get back from winter break, we'll start selling tickets (\$5/person with a family max of \$25). We are working with Greer and Woodbrook. We need to sell 200 tickets total to receive the amount back for the PTO. It will be on Zoom.

-Are Agnor-Hurt virtual kids getting this information? We will look into this.

(We just switched communication systems-Mr. Irani will look into this to ensure we loop in remote students)

- International Night - March 3rd or 10th (need to vote)

-The 3rd seems like the best option

-All board members voted and agreed (7)

- Book Fair - April 18-22- follow up

-We have confirmed that we will be hosting a book fair!

- Bingo Night - February 17th? (need to vote)

-It's nice to have something more often so that students have more things that they can attend.

-All board members voted and agreed to February 17 for Bingo night (7)

- Ongoing projects

-There is a huge need to recognize staff this year! If you are interested in helping organize these recognition gifts each month, that would be very helpful!

-Make sure that the lounge is well stocked with snacks before school goes back in January

- Appreciation for Special Staff -

- November - Cafeteria Staff

- December - Bus Drivers

- January - Custodians

- February - Support Staff

- March - Wellness Team

Closing

-When can parent volunteers come in again? Mr. Irani said that things are so unpredictable, that we cannot presume to predict at this point.

-Who does the yearbook? In the past, one of our counselors has done it. Right now, students in after-care are working on it. Parents volunteers would be welcome!

-Would love to include virtual students in the yearbook. Parents could send in at-home pictures.

-There are extra yearbooks from last year for a discounted price if anybody is interested in that

-Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

Meeting dates for 2021-2022

- January 18th
- February 15th
- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 7th (1st Tuesday due to summer break)