

AG PTO Exec Board Meeting Thursday, January 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order 8:45 a.m.

Our meeting notes from December's Exec Board meeting were approved.

Those in attendance were Amy Strawser, Katie Catron, Catherine Hensley, Lee Ham, Lauren Ball, Amy Godwin, and Kathryn Ford.

Treasurer's Report

Lauren Ball mentioned she added a new column on the Treasurer's spreadsheet (2015-16 revised column) and mentioned the movement in the Spirit Wear Committee's budget because of AG sweatshirt orders.

Lauren reported Direct School expenses we paid for ixl and the price went up. The Staff Holiday party has been paid for and \$40 cash bonuses were paid to AG staff.

Outreach Committee budget report has changed because of the sweatshirt sale. Outreach made money through the sweatshirt sale and will use towards Outreach projects.

President's Report

Yearbook: Jostens will give us all of the Scholarship yearbooks we need since it was left off of the form. Deadline for 8th grade student recognition ads is in February and deadline for ads will be communicated to parents.

Spirit Wear and Pup Tent: Beth Moss has done a spreadsheet and we make \$46/day for when we work the Pup Tent. Beth is asking the Office Volunteers to help count the money if they are not busy.

School Tours: The PTO link will post the correct tour dates. The Prospective Parents meeting is on January 14 at 7pm.

Volunteers: Math EOCs will be held in January which will need volunteers/proctors.

Lost and Found: We purchased a new container to hold lost and found items.

Principal's Report

Campus Beautification: Barclay Downs neighborhood association is interested in AG and have applied for a \$5000 grant provided by the city to help with campus beautification. The community uses our facility so it will be great to get community support for campus beautification. Mr. Folk wants to ask the Barclay Downs Neighborhood Association what they can do to help with campus support and the trash collection from the neighborhood use. The AG custodians have been taking care of the trash collection but they need support. There is a dumpster onsite here and the community can help collect the trash and put into the dumpster. We are hoping the Barclay Downs Neighborhood Association will adopt our facility and help with trash collection. Also, Amy Godwin will contact Autumn Sweet to coordinate possibly purchasing shrubs to help with erosion on campus.

PE Uniforms: We do not use Signature Services for PE Uniforms any more because our contact left the company and we are settling our account. Bob Surls will handle our uniforms. We will in the future get monthly installments on the commission (\$5000/yr approximately) made

off of the uniforms and we need to decide where the money will be held. We suggested the money being considered as a Corporate Rebate. We can use the rebates for unplanned expenses.

AG Clubs: Ms. Staton needs a \$400 stipend and she does not run a club. We discussed not allowing a club to exist unless they have enough members to support the individual club. If a parent chooses to donate/sponsor a child, that money can be put toward supporting any of the clubs. We suggested now saying that every club has to have 12 members in order to exist which gives AG enough money for the site coordinator, Ms. Staton and the teacher in charge of the club. This 12 number can change depending on how many clubs we have each year. Currently, we have 6 clubs.

Technology: BrainPop is a warm-up and quiz tool teachers use and Mr. Folk said the subscription ends in February and we need to review renewing it. The cost has increased to \$1879 this year and the rate keeps increasing. iXL is increasing as well but is being used and is a good program. Mr. Folk will review to see if BrainPop is worth the increase.

School Speaker: Parenting your middle school child discussion is on January 26 at 7pm. A Counselor from Southeast Psych will come to speak. We will communicate the upcoming school speaker to rising 6th graders as well.

Invest in Excellence: As of now, 250 AG families have donated to Invest and we have collected \$87,000 (\$3,400 goes to Sedgefield). We have \$32,000 in outstanding funds. Mr. Folk is sending another email out to AG parents. We hope to discuss soon how we need to spend our Invest money.

Nominating Committee: Committee needs to meet soon to discuss next years PTO Board.

Upcoming Events

January 20- CMS Early Release Day

January 25- Teacher Workday, no school

January 26- SLT Meeting

Next Meetings:

March 9- PTO Committee Chair Meeting 8:45am