

AEPTO Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

In Attendance (30):

Board: Jessica Ackerman, Sara Bonacci, Sherle Dixon, Mike Mazurek, Teresa Parks, Mandy Sanders, Errin Thompson, Kim Turk, Jeff Turk

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Cheryl Anderson, Matt Stevenson, Michele Ringle

Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives: Jon Case, Kim June

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Mary Kay Yonker, Laura Hirschman, Kathleen Cranna, Jill Sandro

Parents: Amber and Josh Bloss, Brandi and Scott Warner, Laura Ash, Lisa Carmen, Jennifer DeLeon, Evelyn Eilts, Amanda Welch, Branden and Miranda Sanders, Tonya Telfor

I Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

II Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the August 2013 meeting were passed out and the attendees were given time to read them. The minutes were approved.

III Officer Reports

President's Report (presented by Mike Mazurek): New parent PTO meeting attendees can fill out an "information sheet" that will provide us with your contact information and allow us to keep you informed.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Sara Bonacci): As a review, the Luce Road paper budget (\$200) is a new budget line added this year, however the money for this does not represent newly budgeted cash - rather, \$200 were reallocated from other less critical budgeted items.

Secretary's Report (presented by Jeff Turk): The question of what kinds of paperwork (beyond the written minutes) should be included, for record. It was agreed that minutes communicated among members and schools would include only the standard written minutes, however a more verbose version would be available online that would include other relative documents brought forth during each PTO meeting (e.g., receipts, budget forms, etc.).

IV Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

Fundraising Chair (presented by Teresa Parks): Help is needed with fundraiser pickup days (sign up sheet passed out). Most recent (Hillcrest) Frankenmuth fundraiser is now

running - September 13th through September 27th, and product will come in on October 10th.

Other events - **Luce**: Frankenmuth Fundraising begins October 4th and ends October 18th. Product pickup day is November 7th, 4:30pm-6:30pm (at Luce). **Pine**: Club's Choice Fundraising begins October 28th and ends November 11th. Product pickup day is December 10th, 4:30pm-6:30pm (at Pine). **All three schools**: Club's Choice Fundraising begins January 27th and ends February 10th. Product pickup day is March 4th, 4:30pm-6:30pm (at Luce).

Art Reach/Carnival (presented by Errin Thompson): THANK YOU to all those who signed up as art reach volunteers! No date has been set for the annual Carnival.

Box Tops/Labels Chair (presented by Mandy Sanders): Last year's box top totals: Luce: \$962.80; Hillcrest: \$917; Pine: \$394.70.

Suggested that a good plan may be to set a dollar amount goal for each school (for December-February collection drive). Deadlines for box top submissions are November 1st and March 1st. Collection sheets can be found on box tops website - box tops glued onto this sheet may save a lot of time.

Current box tops/label programs we are taking advantage of are: Box Tops for Education, Tyson A+ Label Program, Spartan Stores' Cash for Labels, Sunny D (books).

V School Representative Reports

Pine: Constitution day is tomorrow (September 17th). Common core testing will soon begin. Nutrition is beginning next week. There is no school on 9/30, picture day is 10/1. MEAPs (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) will also begin soon?

Hillcrest: Don't forget to 'Like' our school with Target's Facebook program.

Luce: Science Alive is October 15th, 16th. Fall Festival is October 31st.

VI Old Business

AEPTO Logo: Jeff Turk presented a square logo that contains the Alma panther, as it exists on almaschools.net with the words "Alma PTO" written over the top.

VII New Business

Review of AEPTO constitution (presented by Mike Mazurek/Jeff Turk): Yes, we have one, and it is outdated. It was agreed to schedule a special PTO meeting to review and

amend the most recent version (2008) of the AEPTO constitution. (Post-meeting note: This date was set as October 7th, 6:30pm, Alma Public Library.)

Website/Facebook presence (presented by Jeff Turk): A new website was unveiled to the attending members - one that may be more responsive to the needs and interests of parents and teachers. A motion was proposed by Jeff Turk that a vote be made to accept the new website, this was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A Facebook site was also discussed as a rational response to the growing dependence on social media versus full websites. The legality of such a page and its physical link to almaschools.net was questioned - Donalynn Ingersoll agreed to find out if there are legal implications and if the AEPTO is free to start a Facebook page.

Bulletin boards at each school: Discussion ongoing.

VIII Announcements

Art Reach docent training is Monday the 23rd at Hillcrest (5:30). Emails went out and anyone is welcome to come.

The next AEPTO general meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st, at 6:30pm at Hillcrest Elementary.

IX Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.