

ACMA PTO MINUTES

Meeting November 2020

November 10, 2020 7:00 p.m. | Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Jami Curl

In Attendance

Bjorn Paige, Lorien Tenney, Jami Curl, Kerry Gelhar, Jesse Watson, Seona Zimmerman, Jessica Dunn, Jeannine Anderson, Jim Weider, Chad Barker, Erin Kilbourne, Afra Mayfield

Old Business

1. **Call to order and Approval of October Minutes.** Jami introduced the October PTO Meeting minutes for approval. Lorien moved to approve and Jesse provided a second. The motion was approved by PTO member attendees unanimously.
 2. **PTO Board Introductions.** All PTO Board members introduced themselves to PTO members in attendance.
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New Business

1. ACMA Student PTO Member at Large. Maise Corl attended to explore and consider the position of ACMA Student Member at large PTO Board position. This school year is unique because there is not an ACMA Student Government that typically fills the role with one of its members. This year the PTO Student Member at Large role will coordinate with O'hana classes instead. Should the role continue to be open Principal Paige suggested seeking one of the two ACMA students on the Beaverton School Advisory Council (BSAC) fill the PTO board position, because the BSAC role has a similar responsibility to coordinate with at the district level.
 2. Theatre department called for donations. The ACMA Theatre department is requesting families donate any extra 10-20 feet ethernet cables to the department to be used for Theatre department performers because wireless connections are less reliable for performances and preparation for performances. Lorien also shared that the Theatre department will purchase the dongles needed to connect a cable to a Chromebook lacking ethernet port.
 3. A question was asked regarding a student directory or other means to connect students during distance learning. New students, especially 6th graders are not able to meet new classmates on campus. Parents would like PTO and school assistance to create more opportunities for students to connect outside of classes. Student mixers and an ACMA family Facebook group are available now. More are desired. BSD does not promote student directories for privacy and security reasons. The PTO and PTO Board will work together to identify new ideas.
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Principal Report

Principal Paige shared Theatre is adapting to a virtual performance next week over 4 daily performances. Tickets are now available through a new ticketing system that will be used by ACMA when the school returns to its permanent campus and holds performances at the Performing Arts Center (PAC). Another virtual play, a "radio mystery" will be held in December. Most meetings, performances and student gatherings are continuing and have adapted to distance learning, as well as adding new meetings such as parent mixer and

student lunch Zoom meetings. The goal is to continue to have opportunities to connect and not have high participation. Principal Paige also ran through all the upcoming performances and events coming next month that can be found on the ACMA school website at acma.beaverton.k12.or.us and at the ACMA PTO website at acmapto.com. Yet, it is worth calling out First Friday Coffee with Principal Paige is the First Friday (school day) 9 am to 10 am each month and the next Open Mic virtual event will be held December 9th at 11 am to 12 noon, which is a different time than other months to avoid a conflict with 6th grade lunch Zoom gathering at 12 noon on December 9th.

Monday, November 16th, is the first day of the next 6th grader next wheel-move to the next elective rotation. Traditional ACMA has a bit of ceremony by walking 6th graders from one class group to another; more information coming in the upcoming ACMA Monday message sharing how this transition will adapt to distance learning.

Student Equity Team (race, identify, perhaps common marginalized groups, kids and parents) information will be sent Monday or Tuesday next week. Staff equity team meets regularly and going well. The team's interest and participation is growing and impacting policies, curriculum and sentiment. The success of ACMA tradition of inclusion is growing. After holidays and beginning of 2021 ACMA will share information about a family Equity Team and this will mean there are three equity teams at ACMA.

Principal Paige shared the Oregon Governor has communicated a state plan to scale back in person school district activities toward curbing and reducing COVID spread. The impact is minimal to the Beaverton School District (BSD) and ACMA. Yet any on campus activity would be drive through only at this time. ACMA may plan a campus walk or drive through event as a winter celebration this school year. He also shared that while campus grounds are not open for school activities, such as athletics, or community scheduled events at this time BSD is relaxed in removing community members from the school grounds casually on campus.

Budget Report

Jesse Watson shared a PTO budget update. The compulsory administrative expenses such as taxes and insurance have been made. The donation to PTO budget income has been significantly slow this past month and Jesse reminded PTO members to consider setting Amazon Smile, Amazon donates a small percentage of purchase total, as the default setting and to direct Kroger rewards to ACMA PTO as well. Lastly, Jesse reminded families of the WeAreACMA fund. All families can donate to this fund which supports the PTO funding support initiatives.

Fundraising Report

Jenny Anderson provided a fundraising update. The October restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle was successful and November's restaurant night will be Tuesday, November 19th, 4 pm to 8 pm, at Panera Bread on Cedar Hills Blvd. December's event is pending finalization. Thursday, January 14th, 5 pm to 6 pm, will be sponsored by Red Robin on SW 117th Avenue, south of ACMA permanent campus on SW Center Street. Future restaurants that have been contacted or scheduled to be contacted were shared and include Krispy Kreme, Panda Express, Buffalo Wild Wings and Pot Belly Sandwiches. There are also opportunities to fundraise for gift cards and vouchers for future purchases.

Jenny also discussed preparations for raffle baskets, either as part of the ACMA annual fundraising event, Spectacular, or a stand-alone fundraising event this year. Jenny will update the ACMA corporate donation spreadsheet for use this year. PTO members will be solicited to assist contacting donors for this year. Principal Paige shared the ACMA faculty are considering options for Spectacular or another event this year and will provide the PTO an update when available.

Teacher Appreciation

Jessica Dunn and Lorien Tenney, co-chairs of the committee, shared an update. Teachers traditionally have enjoyed National _____ Day food celebrations and coffee, tea and snack bar items. Many teachers are not on campus routinely and this complicates delivering a physical token of appreciation. Delivery charges and drop off are not easy with staff located in geographically distant locations. The PTO considered a gift basket curbside pick up on campus because perhaps if the committee planned an appreciation celebration teachers could pick up on a specific day and time more faculty may make the trip than tend to be on campus routinely. More exploration and planning with Jessica's and Lorien's leadership.

Grad Night (Senior Celebration)

Jesse Watson and Lorien Tenney are co-chairs of this committee. Jenny Anderson is a committee member. The committee is seeking other members. Last year because of strict CDC guidelines on social distancing seniors were not able to have a traditional graduation ceremony or student celebration. This year the committee developed a survey to send to students that would help in planning an event. The small group of students the committee spoke with expressed a desire to celebrate with fellow graduating students. Yet did not necessarily express a strong preference for an overnight event or other traditional senior party events. PTO parents offered some great ideas this evening. Overnight camping was a popular idea. There are private camps near Portland. Lorien had researched and gathered detail on party events that could take place on campus or other flexible locations, including feasibility of camping within BSD risk management and other similar considerations. The committee will refresh the survey for ACMA Margaret Fitzgerald or another administrative staff member to distribute for feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting

December PTO meeting, Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m.