

ACMA PTO Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2018

Attendees: Carol Biederman, Jami Curl, Catherine Healy, Lisa Nilsson, Linda Nezbeda, Bjorn Paige, Leslie Swinford, Jennifer Means, Jim Weider, Jeannine A., April Rose Castillo

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Carol motioned to approve December's minutes; Catherine seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Spectacular, Spectacular. Carol provided the group an overview of the purpose/description of the SS. It will pick up with where CE Mason began and end with where we are going. Linda is going to put needs into Better Impact to begin establishing structure for volunteers. We expect to send a Save the Date and have more publicity around the event soon. We need to establish a regular time for the SS planning team to meet. Desire for meeting times other than after work (i.e., Saturday mornings).
- Grad Night. Looking for a new venue. Linda spoke with Super Play. Should know on Thursday (1/10) whether we will be able to use it. If we can, we'll look into being able to go ice skating as well. Linda indicated that we may have an individual who is interested in coordinating the event.
- Carol reminded attendees that we're looking for shadows. Jen F-A has one, as does Carol. Catherine asked that we invite the shadows to the next PTO meeting (in February). That would give them an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the role.

New Business:

- January staff appreciation will be on the 28th. Leslie wrote up some notes about what's involved. Linda will be planning the lunch this time. Tapas and Breakfast for Lunch are ideas for upcoming lunches.
- Fat Shaming: Linda spoke to the counseling office. Also met with some kids. Kulia is potentially leading an initiative to ensure that kids who are lonely or are being picked on have an advocate. May have a meeting bi-weekly after school to teach kids how to advocate, being mindful of bus schedules and after school activities. Bjorn suggested having kids sign up to meet with him during Access.
 - o Jamie offered an idea that would involve students creating videos that could be shared and distributed to other schools to address these types of issues.

Reports:

- Student Government – Kelton was unable to make it.
- Principal (Bjorn)
 - o Asked parents to keep an eye on calendars. Very busy.
 - o Felice is retiring. She'll be leaving at the end of January. She'll be sharing the news with kids next week.
 - o ACMA has never sent 6th graders to Outdoor School, but this year we will!!! The dates for ACMA will be Tuesday through Friday of Spring Break. They won't get to see Capstones, but it will make logistics easier for scheduling.

- Linda said that she'll send Bjorn a list of Outdoor School items that she's recruited for in the past.
- Budget: shortfall for this school year. Still trying to wrap head around what next year will look like. No staff cuts this year. Shouldn't see much of an impact to classrooms, but will need to keep any eye on outside the classroom.
- District-wide lockout: odd for students because lasted all day, not just a few minutes. Had a lot of kids leave Wednesday as a result. Attendance down Thursday and Friday as well, but could be related to vacation the following week.
 - Linda talked about "Safe Oregon" to help kids report tips for issues anonymously. Suggested we share the number with kids so they have it on their phones.
- The MOVE: boxes arrived yesterday. After professional development tomorrow, anyone who wants to can go to Timberland. The city approved another parking lot at Timberland. Will get more clarity on how the traffic pattern at ACMA should go when we return in 2021 in next couple of weeks. Wrapping head around sentimental aspect and around logistical aspect. ACMA will not be a bus hub for the two years we're at Timberland. Likely will be when we get back.
- Treasurer. Damarise not able to attend, so no update. Money is only trickling in at this point.
- Volunteer Director. Linda shared that she's been working with signing up students in Better Impact. District removed birthdates and ages which led to difficulty for Linda in finding students who can help. Parents will start to see the opportunities to volunteer for adults and kids separately.
- Fundraising. Catherine is starting to work with the other groups in the school so we have an idea what their needs will be for the spring. Conte has additional needs for Lionel Hampton. Will need to write check to hotel before end of the month.
 - Catherine, Jamie and Carol were at Winter Concert to run and learn more about running concessions. She said it is pretty simple. ACMA PTO will NOT be providing concessions for Hamlet. In future, need to get together and hash out how it can be equitable.
- Media/Communications. Jen was not able to attend. She has been actively promoting Hamlet.
- PTO Committees: Carol walked through the status of the committee leads.
 - Linda offered to tackle Staff Appreciation going forward.
- Linda indicated that some parents are interested in a carpooling program or some sort of way of connecting to address transportation while we're at Timberland. Catherine suggested putting it on the Back to School tables next fall.

Upcoming:

- 1/11 – First Friday will coffee with Mr. Paige at 7:30 a.m.
- 1/28 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 2/12 – PTO Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10.