

Ahern PAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14th, 2022

Location: Ahern library and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:02 by President Carrie Weston.

25 members in attendance.

- Welcome and Introductions (Carrie Weston & board members)
 - Carrie discussed what a Parent Advisory Council is, what we do and how it differs from the PTOs at the elementary level
 - Carrie welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves
- Communication (Rebecca Kelly, secretary)
 - Website – www.AhernPAC.com is up to date and a great place to find useful information (important dates, meeting agendas & minutes, fundraiser info, friendship directory)
 - Facebook – follow us at @ahernpac
 - Emails – best way to stay informed is to be on our mailing list. Submit contact info for the Friendship Directory to be included on email list.
 - Friendship Directory will be published soon but still time to submit info. 5th grade parents, this is the only way for the PAC to get your contact info – also link on website if you want to be on list but not in Friendship directory
- Fundraising (Laura How, Vice-president)
 - Warrior Walk – our largest fundraiser coming. Student will create their own fundraising page to be shared with friends and family. Flyer will be going out in backpacks on Monday and will also go out electronically in email and newsletter. Fundraising will be done online but students will participate in the actual walk will take place on October 20th and 21st during wellness classes. This allows to pay for the field trips and enrichment programs at the school. There will be fin incentives to hopefully get the kids excited. We didn't hold it last year so it's really important this year. Get us back in the positive. Showed flyer and reviewed the process and the incentives (ice cream, Kona Ice party, Tree Top Adventures)
 - Other fundraising – We will do some restaurant fundraisers, two or three not once a month like last year. Also concession stand at basketball games. Amazon Smile and Box Tops, info for connecting your accounts to support the schools can be found on website (Laura showed on screen). Later in the year, we will have Spirit Wear available and also in the spring (March) we will hold the Ahern Carnival (collaboration with school council).
- Volunteer Opportunities (Carrie Weston, President)
 - Room Parents – we have two great coordinators – Laura showed slide with list of room parents needed. Similar to elementary role but even less work. Laura put sign up form in chat.
 - Warrior Walk – not a big ask for day of but need parents to use their betowrk and social media to share out th student pages
 - Fundraising Subcommittee – would love to have help coming up with smaller fundraising ideas, help with basketball concessions, selling cady bars, etc
 - Helping Hands/coordinator – photo copying, laminating extra help for things teachers need. A coordinator is needed to figure out times/days that would work for them. Great way to see the school
- Budget (Karin Share, Treasurer)
 - Presentation of PAC 2022-2023 budget – all line items based on previous years, numbers are conservative. The main thing we fundraiser for is field trips, costs have gone up a lot this year coming in several hundred dollars more. Budget shows about \$25000 incoming and about \$35000 in expenses. We have approximately \$43000 in coffer so will be able to cover expenses for the year and not too worried. However a big fundraising year is needed to sustain the budget going forward. In addition to field trips, other

examples of activities we fund are in house enrichments programs (e.g. speakers) and teacher appreciation events.

- Vote on PAC 2022-2023 budget – Jess Rosado made a motion to approve the budget, Selena Cote seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Principal Update (Kerryn Frazier, Principal)
 - Principal Frazier thanked everyone for support, teachers and staff appreciated the welcome back lunch.
 - Awesome start to school year, great energy.
 - Responsive classroom – many teachers and staff (many 5th & 6th grade as well as herself) participated in training and excited about implementing techniques.
 - New project – build an Ahern Constitution (based on student initiated classroom rules) with participation from delegates from each classroom at the grade level and then grade level delegates will help with the final school wide constitution.
 - Mr. Gravit - new assistant interim principal (has been a long time)
 - Afterschool activities start Monday, along with the late bu. Lots of activities available including many new. If student wants something not offered encouraged to talk to a teacher. For most activities no need to sign up in advance, can just show up.
 - Late buses need to be signed up for the day before on the website.
 - Picture Day coming up on September 21st.
 - Open houses on the 21st (7th & 8th) and 22nd (5th & 6th), both nights start at 6:30pm. Model is a bit different for 5th/6th than 7th/8th. 7th & 8th grade families will have 15 minute presentation in auditorium and then will follow student's schedule for 8 min in each class. 5th & 6th, welcome in auditorium and then your student can show you around the classrooms, including specials. Kids are encouraged to come with parents.
 - Guidance counselors: Ms. Bailey – 8th grade & House 5B, Ms. Henry – 7th grade & House 5D, Ms. Ms. Howden – Grade 6 & Houses 5A & 5C
 - Questions: Any other major staffing changes? A couple of retirements, one more teaching position (math interventionist) and educational assistant openings. Are afterschool activities free? Yes, with very few exceptions (Ski club). List is on school website (under “student and families”). Question about afterschool transportation/late bus. Principal Frazier discussed details, timing, routes, etc of late bus. Question if walkers are eligible for late bus? Principal didn't think so but said to check with transportation department.
- Upcoming Dates
 - Picture Day 9/21
 - Open House for 7th & 8th grades 9/21 -
 - Open House for 5th & 6th grades 9/22
 - Staff Development (no school) 10/7
 - Columbus Day (no school) 10/10
 - Next PAC meeting 10/19
- Future PAC meeting dates
 - Wednesday, October 19th
 - Wednesday, November 16th
 - Wednesday, December 14th
 - Wednesday, January 18th
 - Wednesday, February 15th
 - Wednesday, March 15th
 - Wednesday, April 26th
 - Wednesday, May 17th
- Meeting adjourned at 7:37 by President Carrie Weston.