

## **Ahern PAC November Monthly Meeting Minutes DRAFT**

Date: November 8th, 2023

Location: Ahern library and Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Jen Luck, Vice-president

18 members in attendance (6 in person, 12 via Zoom).

Tulika Hainsworth (President) not present.

- **Welcome (Jen Luck, Vice-president)**
- **Approve October Minutes (Jen Luck, Vice-president)**
  - Draft meeting minutes from November are posted on the PAC website. Jen brought them up on the screen. Minutes were reviewed by the board members. Karin Share made a motion to approve the minutes. Cindy Wallant seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Fundraising**
  - **Warrior Walk (Jess McQuoid, WW Comittee)**
    - Final tallies have come in and the total amount raised was \$23,605.
  - **Spirit Wear (Karin Share, Treasurer)**
    - Spirit Wear store is hosted by The Run House. There is a link on the PAC website to the online store and will be sent out in the next email. 15% of proceeds will come back to the PAC. PAC receives ~\$200 or more through sales of spirit wear.
- **Budget Update (Karin Share, Treasurer)**
  - The Warrior Walk exceeded expectations and set us up for success and allows us to help with needs that arise. It will also allow us to carry the same reserves forward next year. It is financially healthy to keep a 1 year operating budget in the bank.
  - We've received a lot of general donations as well and those checks will be cashed soon, a total of about another \$6000-7000. Bay Colony??
  - There have not been a lot of Fall expenses but those will start happening more in the Spring.
  - Comment from Jessica McQuoid - about the checks, Bay Colony was in touch. Their check wasn't cashed yet and they are changing accounts. If it is unable to be cashed or deposited then we need to have them issue another check. So let us know if you come across that.
- **Volunteer Opportunities (Rebecca Kelly, Secretary)**
  - Book Fair. It is organized by our literary specialist Ms. Annis. She's looking for a couple of people to come in and help kids look through the books and cash the students out.

Learning the cash register is easy if you haven't done it before. You need to have CORI on file. The Sign Up Genius was sent out in an email on Monday, you can also find it on the website on the Volunteer tab. We've already had a really good response, but Wednesday is pretty light. You can sign up for more than one block, it does not need to be your child's class. The time slots are for one period, so about an hour.

- 7th/8th grade dance: We are about half way there with chaperones, we have the 7th grade portion of the dance covered but at the moment we do not have enough chaperones for the 8th grade to hold the dance. We really only have two plus any board members that can be there. We need people to volunteer for that before the end of the week so we can ensure that we can go forward with it. It's only about two hours. You do need to have a CORI which is why we need to get it done this week so we can check that out and you can get one if you need to. It's pretty easy. If you are worried about running into your kid, it is easy to avoid them. We can assign you to a spot where you don't have to encounter your kid.
- Helping Hands: Going pretty well. Donna McIntyre has been organizing it. She sets up the Sign up Genius which is also on our website. You just sign up for a slot and then come in. There is work left that the teachers need done, copying, laminating. Rebecca asked Principal Frazier how it has been going from the teachers' side. Her reply: It is catching some momentum. It has taken a bit of time to see the consistency that someone is here and that if they leave work it'll be done. Looked busy in there this week with volunteers.

- **Principal Update (Kerryn Frazier, Principal)**

- Thank you for the Warrior Walk. It was a definite success. The kids were engaged all week, cashing in ice cream coupons. Top fundraising classrooms got a visit from the Kona Ice truck. The funds help create a really equitable experience when we are able to pay for field trips.
- The Unified Bocce team had their first game. It was great, six districts participated. The Unified are looking to expand the program. There will be basketball again in March but want to keep the momentum and keep kids involved, possibly offering weekly activities such as cooking, crafts, sports, to bring together kids with and without disabilities to build compassion and empathy.
- Veterans' Day is this Friday, there will be no school.
- Term 1 ends tomorrow. Power School will be turned off at the end of the day tomorrow. On November 17th, report cards will become available on Power School.
- Parent-Teacher conferences (week of Thanksgiving): There are two links. One link is for scheduling with each teacher. Second link will be on the school website the week of the conferences and will bring you to Teams for the actual conference. Conference links will be organized on the website by grade level, house, teacher. Conference days will be held days, dismissal will be at 11:42am.
- The weekend of Dec 1st will be the drama clubs performance of Gravestone Manor. It is a family friendly production.

- Picture retakes will be on November 17th. Parents haven't received pictures yet. You may be able to access them online but also the photographer said that parents will have them soon (before the 17th).
- Cindy Wallant - representing Gravestone Manor production/Drama Club. Cindy spoke about the drama productions at the Ahern and the high school (she and her children are involved in both). She spoke about the need to get people into seats, the need to sell tickets. The more tickets we sell, the more money goes to the school and the school can continue this wonderful enrichment program. She asked for support from the PAC as well as the school in promoting the two current productions and ones in the future, asking to put up signs for the productions and to promote them, via email and social media. The PAC is happy to help promote these productions and will work with Cindy to get the information out.

- **Other business/comments**

- Rebecca Kelly: Weekend of November 16th & 17th is the high school drama production. There are some Ahern students that are in it this year. It is called Once Upon a Mattress, it is based loosely on The Princess and the Pea. It's a musical.

- **Upcoming Dates**

- November 10 – Veterans Day, No school
- November 17 – Picture retake
- November 17 – 7th & 8th Dance (6-7:30 & 8-9:30)
- November 20-21 – early release at 11:37am - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 22 – early release 11:37am
- November 23-24 - NO SCHOOL (Happy Thanksgiving!)
- December 1 & 2 - Ahern Play Gravestone Manor
- December 6 – next PAC meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm by Vice-President Jen Luck.