



AVA PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday October 3, 2019, 6:00-8:00

Mission: The mission of the AVA PTO will be to organize, communicate and facilitate activities, fundraisers, and community outreach events that align with the school's policies, mission and vision while providing positive interaction and/or fostering support among AVA parents, teachers, staff, administration and the surrounding community.

Vision: All officers of the PTO and its committees will operate with integrity and kindness in a constructive, collaborative, and respectful manner with the volunteer coordinator, school administration, and in accordance with the AVA Community Agreement. Officers and committee members will be supportive and knowledgeable of school policy and will use only appropriate and approved channels of communication to inform and engage the AVA community on the various activities planned by the PTO throughout the school year.

Pledge of Allegiance and PTO Mission & Values

Attendance, Approval of September Meeting Minutes, and Approval of October Agenda

- Attending: Cheryl O'Neil, Kirsten Butler, Winter Jojola-Talbert, Natalia Gradovich, Maaria Asif, Kristin Arabally, Tammy Hogue, Maren Swain, Dee Nichols, Shari Allen
- Not Present: N/A
- September meeting minutes approved.
- October Agenda was approved with an addition of a Student Senate involvement

Brief Introductions of new PTO members

- Completed
- Tammy Hogue = teacher liaison
- Dee Nichols = will fill the role of volunteer coordinator but will be very involved in fundraising efforts & helping Kirsten.
- Signup geniuses will be sent by PTO members who are running the events or by Maaria

Financial Update

- Total account balance: \$110,887.46
- Budget updates discussed: \$200 needs to be added for Oct AVA Social Event
- PTO budget was approved by the AVA Board in its entirety

Takeaway notes for next year's PTO planning:

- Completed (Fun Run, Carnival, Treats with Grandparents, Shopstravaganza)



- Fun Run –will write up a comparison of costs/benefits between using a Boosterthon vs Self-Run event to ensure that using a company is the right way to go

Upcoming Events

- October Staff Luncheon – Rachelle
- MS Talent Show – Oct 22 at 6pm (Maren working with Whitney)
- AVA Social – Oct 23 – need RSVP signup; get nametags for event
- Veteran’s Day Assembly – no PTO involvement
- Uniform Sale, Book Fair, Dress of Choice – Nov 20
- Consider using Kohls AIA program

Fundraising

- Papa Johns spirit night – Oct 24 and 25 (cards available in Wolf Shack; Kristin will sell the 24th outside of AVA as was done for Chipotle).
- Wolf Shack – script card marketing strategies discussed
- Dress of Choice
 - October winner: Make a Wish Colorado
 - Next time ... rather than splitting into national/state/local – maybe keep all nominations together (no need to split by charity level)
- Added Holiday Shop event Dec 2-6 (10% markup for Toys for Tots or DC Task Force)
- Box Tops - will continue to advertise

Miscellaneous

- Kirsten/Winter will discuss Girl Scouts Bathroom beautification project idea with Mr. Barber.
- PTO Shirts – done
- Memorial Bricks
 - Found a vendor who will match our existing bricks. 2 orders remain. Waiting to confirm the match and then will place the orders
- Yearbook – moving forward
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Subcommittee – reach out for initial meeting soon
 - Consider changing dates for Teacher Appreciation week so that it’s a full week
 - Don’t communicate directly to room parents without teachers also being aware
- Student Senate – wants to be more involved / have some ideas. Winter will communicate with them.

Meeting Adjourned