

## Ainsworth PTA Meeting Minutes 12/6/16 @ 6 - 7:15 PM

### Attendees:

Jennifer Daneluk, Jennifer Fast, Jennifer Hornick, Korey Schafer, Cecily Williams, Lynn Brown, Kerstin Cathcart, Naira Perez, Denni Edlund, Sarah Schubert, Kara Stone, Tiffany Topol, Marisa McLaughlin, Gavin

1. Introductions
2. Kerstin Cathcart discussed library status – see photo of handout attached.
  - Currently weeding books, and then will build the collection so that every book on shelf is a good book (appealing, provides current information, etc). Switching out library tables so that the space is more flexible for everyone using it. Setting up fiction books more like book store, by genre.
  - Scholastic not as big an inventory and their books not made to be library books. Planning on building an Amazon wish list for parents, etc. to help restock library w/contemporary books. Students are being asked what books they want and what the library should look like.
  - Currently schools are given \$1000 each year for all books and materials, which doesn't go far. \$6000 budget per school on libraries this year was an unfunded PPS mandate.
  - Need more Kindergarten parent volunteers. Would like one parent per class to check in/out books during library time.
3. Potential Art Sale Fundraiser – Artist Janet Holt studio close by Ainsworth, has huge collection of paintings and sculptures for sale, ranging in price - 40% of proceeds from sale would go to Ainsworth.
  - Can PTA do 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> for art sale at Janet's studio? Maybe not, too close to holidays/last day of school. She is flexible, so can do at anytime this year.
  - Tie to Art Fair this year? Maybe.
  - PTA will do a preview Friday, 12/16 from 1 – 4pm.
4. Feed the Pig Fundraiser: Have pigs back by Friday, 12/16. Feed those pigs!
5. Holiday Home Tour: 229 tickets sold so far, which seems low. 540 total last year, but lots of people buy the day of. Planning on selling tickets at school on 12/7, and double-checking numbers. Brochures printed and beautiful.
  - What happens in inclement weather/school cancelled that day? Planning on writing volunteers to see if they are still available and do they have back-up plans in event of this happening. Would rescheduling happen? Maybe.
  - No refunds are available if event cancelled, becomes a PTA donation.
6. Sister School Partnering: Alder Elementary in Ryan Reynolds school district reached out about doing school partnership with Ainsworth (clothing drives, cultural learning exchange, pen pal matches, etc.). High poverty, immersion school. Naira spoke with Yolanda at PPS too about school partnerships – PPS schools have done cultural exchanges before, and Yolanda can come to PTA meeting in Jan to talk more about school partnerships. Ainsworth has teacher and administration ties to other schools. Maybe can partner with more than one school.
7. PTA Statement on Non-Discrimination. Naira wrote a statement that was emailed to PTA. Everyone please read and provide edits, suggestions, etc. so that PTA can send out. Not a meant to be a political statement, but one to follow school statements on inclusion and that discrimination will not be tolerated.
8. Communications: Discussion on how to make communications better and more participatory. Right now communications unilateral announcements – a lot of them – unless using Facebook. News and Notes so long. Room parent emails long. Not everyone on Facebook. Used to use Big Tent for communications. What about a Yahoo email group? Explore different communication options further.

Wrapped up to join larger group report out. Korey will follow-up with Ms Wood and others about toy drive.