

Ainsworth PTA Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2016

Present:

Grace Casale	Kara Stone
Marisa Mclaughlin	Jennifer Fast
Korey Schafer	Tiffany Topol
Anna Short	Lynn Brown
Jennifer Hornick	Robin McCoy
Natalie Willes	Angela Helwig
Denni Edlund	Debbie Koesel
Sarah Schubert	Tatianna Cavallos
Jaime Petrjanos Malensky	

1.) Introductions

2.) Guest speaker, Jeanne Roy from Ecoschool Network

Parents who want more sustainable practices in their child's school

Training to start school garden, student green teams, bike and walk initiative, food waste collection

Past projects at Ainsworth - Got rid of Styrofoam trays and green space projects

On site you can find support through forums

Dessert meet-ups will be held in different parts of the city to provide more info for getting involved.

Jeanne is sending a blurb for News & Notes for parents to sign up for informational meeting.

Natalie Willes will also put a blurb on Volunteer web page.

3.) Explanation of PTA/Foundation/Site Counsel to new Ainsworth parents

Foundation has two main fundraisers - Red Ball and Spring Campaign

1/3 of money raised from Foundation goes to equity fund and is dispersed throughout the district

PTA money allstaysin the school

PTA funds: supplies, technology, science fair, art fair, OBOB, book fair, run for the arts, talent show, Buckaroo

Site Counsel - they are elected andgthey meet to make decisions based on school needs- staffing, CAP, progress, what needs to be done to meet goals. They are elected and meet once a month.

4.) PTA Website Link in News&Notes for back to school packet to fill out

Fill out Buzzbook info by September 24th - this has all school class lists, PTA contacts, Foundation members

Tix for Buckaroo only on this site

5.) Volunteer needs-

Chairs of several events need help

Committees need help

Classes need room parents

Holiday Home Tour needs a chair- this is the biggest fundraiser of the year. In 29th year - 5 homes open for day and evening tour - \$30/ticket.

Garden tour and home tour area similar format.

Home tour has a lot of info about how to conduct the planning from the past chair.

Field Day Chair- needed

Gear Sale Coordinator- Korey is doing this

Grounds Coordinator - Needed

Coordinates with landscaper - grounds beautification projects

Ask greenspace committee about taking this on

Orna - Room Parent Coordinator

4 classes are still in need of one

Room Parent Meeting this Friday at 8:15 in Panda Room

Daddy Daughter Dance- 2nd year - \$ goes to Foundation

This Saturday at 5:30 Back to School Bash - Red Ball party that goes to Foundation - \$125 per family - Hillside Community Center

Teacher parties also have the funds go to Foundation

GiftCards are under storefront - look into monthly reoccurring charge for gift cards.

PTA needs a Treasurer

Garden Tour - needs more volunteers

7.) Board Member Reports

Korey and Marisa - Community Service Co-chairs

Marshall High Clothing Closet - lost and found and donations

Children's Book Bank Book Harvest - gently used books donated by Ainsworth families

Friends of Cecil Food Drive

Community Service committee will meet on Sept. 21st at 2:30

Focus on aftercare, student counsel, kids, and parents

Focus on outside Ainsworth community

Will try to include middle schoolers who have community service requirements

TAG coordinator - Grace Casale - Service project for TAG students

Jennifer Hornick: Buzz Book, Storefront, Website, Enrichment activities, new family letter

Lynn and Tiffany - New Family Committee

Playdate in the Park

School programs explained to new parents

Hospitality- Snacks for teachers and staff dinners

Joint Meeting with Foundation

Ainsworth Together Parent Communication Team

Increase connectedness and community - clearinghouse for concerns, goals, spending, fundraising, general information

FAQ website

PTA meeting overview was provided to the group

Foundation- English and Spanish Co-President

Representative from each grade/program

They need help with the website

Financial Update - Foundation has 250K in the bank - commitment for spring was 275K but the obligation was reduced to 223K

Therefore, Red Ball has the ability to pay upfront for some of its obligations when they need to be paid for.

Red Ball will be March 3rd at either PureSpace or The 9s.

Short term fundraisers are bowling gatherings per grade level - Aiming on first weekend in November in lieu of Meetball.

Next meeting September 23rd in Panda Room after drop off.