

### **Welcome and Introductions      (All)**

- Present at meeting: Andrew Johnson, Natalie Willes, Andi Mukul, Jen Rollins, Sue Denton, Jessica Kirkland, Sue Kirkland, Kathleen Joffer, Vince DiGiano, Angie Bustamonte-Jenkins
- Quorum is met

### **Approval of 9/6/19 Minutes - (Jen/Andi)**

- Two changes to 9/6 minutes:
  - Not all Spanish teachers have a Spanish speaking room parent - Senora Sadhal and Senora Barajas still do not.
  - Room parent communications have to get to Sue Denton, by MONDAY by noon (not Thursday). Room parent emails will go out TUESDAY.
- Minutes approved unanimously.

### **Presentation and Discussion of Standing Rules      (Jen)**

- See handout for Standing Rules.
  - No questions or concerns.

### **Vote on Standing Rules      (All)**

- Standing Rules approved unanimously.

### **Discussion of After School Activities**

- John Moody sent email that not able to make it – Please add to next PTA meeting agenda.

### **Holiday Home Tour Updates/Requests (Jen updated for Lynn)**

- 2 homes confirmed.
- All media requests are out.
- There are 5 asks for HHT homes currently out that they are supposed to find out about this week. If anyone has any other leads, let Lynn know.

### **Walk/Bike to School Day (Vince)**

- Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> is walk or bike to school day in Oregon.
  - Helps promote a healthy, sustainable community.
- Is this something that PTA wants to promote this within Ainsworth community?
  - Yes. Vince will send Sue Denton the information/bullets for communication to go out to the community along with the link to the organization organizing this.
- Should we give a sticker or something to the kids who walk or bike?
  - Yes, stickers sound good to hand out to kids. 100 stickers ordered during course of PTA meeting.

### **Emergency Preparedness      (Vince)**

- Ainsworth is a beacon school, so it is also a gathering point for the entire community in the event of an emergency. Helicopters can land in back field - only place in this neighborhood.
- Does the school currently have an emergency preparedness (EP) plan?
  - Yes, emergency preparedness plan in place.
  - Let's share out the plan to the Ainsworth community.

- Do all of the parents know this/has this plan been communicated out before (e.g. where parents should pick up kids in even of natural disaster, etc.)?
  - Not sure to what extent parents know school EP plan
- As a PTA, should we be communicating this out to the Ainsworth community and provide resources for families to develop their own plan?
  - A small group of parents have already been working on this.
  - Natalie will reach out to have a PTA liason for this to help organize.
  - PTA should coordinate with SWHRL (South West Hills Residential League) too.
  - Plan on having something in October, such as an EP speaker at school in the evening to help communicate this out, and help provide resources for emergency preparedness planning.
- Can there be secondary emergency preparedness container stored here for the school for the general community, not just Ainsworth?
  - No, PPS does not allow that, just the school's container.

### **Mental Wellness (Vince)**

- According to conference, all schools should have a mental wellness policy. As they get older, 25% of kids show signs of mental health. If this is openly shared and acknowledged in community early on, kids are more likely to seek help for issues, less likely to have stigma around issues.
- Community should know who the school specialists are, what the school's mental wellness program is, etc. Should also include pathways to open communication, teaching kids to self-advocate, show empathy, resiliency and trauma, etc.
- Student mental wellness is a conversation that the school has weekly with counselors, teachers, and students. There is a strong program in place at Ainsworth.

### **Announcements (All)**

- All major volunteer positions are filled currently.
- Still following up on additional needs (e.g. Art/Music teacher volunteer needs, HHT volunteers, Buckaroo volunteers).

### *Ainsworth Family Dance – October 25<sup>th</sup>.*

- Foundation will pay for pizza and glow sticks, in exchange for having a Foundation table in the corner for Red Ball.
- Gym reserved. Need to Submit a CUB to Noah, including CUB to use the hallway/atrium in addition to the gym.
- Will need to submit a janitorial bill – around \$200.
- Do we need wristbands for family dance?
  - Ask Aimee Davenport if any additional from Buckaroo.
- Are there other supplies that can be borrowed?
  - There should be water jugs, etc. in the PTA storage closet outside Ms Mann's classroom – Free to use
- Tables and chairs?
  - Can use the tables under stairs, ask janitorial staff to help with transport of chairs down to gym.
- Talk to aftercare about set-up early for family dance and make sure that they know, etc.
- Advertise for Family Dance after Buckaroo!
- Organizers should come and talk to PTA about it if they can, otherwise go through Andi if there is anything that needs to be presented to PTA.

*National Hispanic Heritage Month – this month.*

- Ainsworth will have official event this year to celebrate on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30pm. Opportunity to learn about different cultures within the school, and is a fun, celebratory event, not meant to be a fundraiser.
- Will have food, churros, hot chocolate set up on back field. There will be 10 sessions going on in classrooms, each 25 minutes. Time for 3 sessions that evening.
- Volunteers needed for classrooms to help with activities. Angie will send out volunteer form, everyone should volunteer and can get instructions on cultural activities if not familiar with them.
- Apoyemos is helping support funds for this. Can PTA help support to\_
  - There is a line item in PTA budget for cultural promotion.

*Communications In General:*

- Spanish and Mandarin translators found for room parent notes. If the PTA is communicating anything, it should be in English and Spanish.
- A lot of feedback that information did not go out in Spanish last year, and that parents were feeling lost and disconnected from school community.
- News and Notes did not go out on time last time, because hadn't been translated in Spanish yet.
  - Let Rebecca know to try to have everything translated by the time it's handed to Noah.
  - Rebecca is the point person for communications for News and Notes. Noah will communicate this to parents. Andi follows up with volunteers ahead of time of their events too.
  - News and Notes should not be stalled out because of lack of translation though.
- Can News and Notes be edited for dates too, remove dates that are already in past?
  - Yes, will be sure to do.
- Reminder to room parents: In room parent emails, all parent emails should be bcc'd. It's PPS policy.
- Lighted board outside: What goes on it and who does it?
  - All communications for lighted board should all go through Andrew Johnson first.

*Renewal for Levy for Funds for Teaching Positions:*

- Organizers want to come and talk to PTA about how they should be involved...
  - No one in PTA opposed to this idea.

**Adjournment**

**Andi & Jen**