

Ainsworth PTA Meeting – November 13th, 2020 1 – 2pm

Participants: Andrew Johnson, Andi Mukul, Jennifer Rollins, Natalie Willes, Teresa Sullivan, Kathleen Joffer, Sandra Lau, Jennifer Rollins, Vince Simone Goldfeder, Eleanor Gil-Kashiwabara, Alyssa, Matt, Andrea Tomlin, Constanza Ocampo, Gabi Ordonez, Tracy Suzuki, Angela Bustamente-Jenkins, Jennifer Cies, Shaun Shaker, Jessica Kirkland, Michelle Geller (note-taker, michelletgeller@gmail.com for any corrections)

Welcome and Check-In – Andi/Jen/All

Approve October Meeting Minutes – Andi/Jen/All

- **Votes:** TBD

Financial Update – Vince

- **Fillings** – completed
- **Budget Overview**

Book Fair Budget - Andrea/Teresa

- **Scholastic funds** (\$3500). Go towards scholastic catalog/teacher gift cards @ Powell's to keep funds local. Recommended using the funds for needs beyond books due to covid/digital books being leveraged (O-bob English/Spanish offerings, Library support).
- **Next Steps:** Review best option to leverage these funds to support the school/library/teachers.

PTA Audit Report – Jessica Kirkland

- **Annual Audit** – all looks good. A few minor updates needed. Best practice to complete monthly, great to get new eyes. Next steps: ASK: Seeking volunteers to complete. 1 – 2 hours per month.

Communication Update: Room Parents Andrea Tomlin

- **Kick Off Monthly Whole School Zoom Calls** – Wed 11/18 @ 6pm. Break out into sections by grade (English/Spanish). Community building, open forum. Great opportunity to build community and ideas for future
- **Room Parent Emails** – out on Tuesday's. Goal is to make them more concise to elevate the key topics/content.
- **Senior Gustavo Molina is retiring!** Want to give him a great send off to show appreciation. Making scrapbooks. Looking for photos/cards/letters -

Community Outreach Update: Jessica Kirkland

- **Outreach:** Bi-lingual counselor support needed. Limited funding, looking for parent outreach support. Interested? Email to get involved!
ainsworthptainfo@gmail.com
- **Book Harvest** – Going on now! Picture books, graphic novels. Looking for books with diversity. Drop off at school or connect with Jessica for a porch pick up!
- **Holiday Wreath & Garland Sale going on now!**
- **PTA Clothing Closet** - Up and running! Lots of great donations (1000 items). The team washed/organized. Packing up this weekend to support family outreach program. For items that are not needed – will ensure those are going to other

resources in the community. *Future ask for donations will be more focused on where the needs are vs. general donations – will share out soon! Working to streamline process.*

- **December Toy Drive** – more details in the future

Fundraising: Andrea

- **Fundraising Resources** - Foundation has asked PTA to hold on looking for fundraising, goal is to pull resources to fund and support the community in our post-covid needs. Greatest need is to maintain EA's – support our kids who are falling behind in both English/Spanish programs. With distant learning, we will have a greater need this year. Put equity in leveraging the funds.
- This will fundamentally support the teachers and the community by leveraging our resources and shift where academic gaps are.
- PTA support leveraged for community outreach and support.
- **VOTE: PTA approved to holding off on direct fundraising asks – APPROVED**

Eat for Ainsworth/Fundraising - Ashley

- **Looking for restaurants to participate** - Challenges this year due to covid, continuing outreach to community. Looking for additional restaurants that Ainsworth families have connections with/are restaurant owners to grow this program. Contact Ashley Wigod 503-866-9647. ashleysaraberman@gmail.com
- **Maximize existing fundraising partnerships** - (Amazon Smile, Fred Meyer, Kroger) – will include communication in up-coming newsletters (families need to link their accounts to Ainsworth Foundation or PTA). ADD to how to donate page on PTA website to drive awareness.
- **Looking to add additional partners** - New Seasons
- **Holiday Home Tour** – not happening this year, communication will go out to divert funds to Foundation.

PTA Membership for the 2020/2021 School Years

- JOIN NOW! <https://ainsworthelementary.org/>

Adjourn

PTA is holding monthly meetings. The next meeting is Fri. Dec. 11th at 1:00 pm.

To join the meeting, please e-mail Ainsworth PTA for the GoogleMeet link.