

AV-W Parent Group Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 2025

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Present: Alyssa Robison, Maggie Fossen, James Hinterleitner, Joe Pilarski, Jessica Johnson, Melissa Cudina-Thatcher, Alexandra Nor, Nikki Trombello, Erin Konkel, Tiffany Trainor

Call to Order: 8:00am

Secretary Report: Nothing to report, except that I will do a better job checking the PG emails:)

Treasurer Report: Accounts were reconciled with no deposits or withdrawals. Expenditures/reimbursements for teacher appreciation, fundraising printing, and snack cart to be included next month.

Staff Report (Fortier): Shared a few hilarious jokes, which we greatly appreciated, to kick off his report on the right note....We are currently sitting at 95.8% attendance so far this school year (about halfway through first Trimester). Keep up the good work!!! Fall Sports have concluded and boys' basketball will be starting up soon. The boys and girls basketball program have separated their seasons a bit with the girls starting up in January. The search for Mr. Fortier's replacement as Principal of AV-W school is still an ongoing process as many candidates are being reviewed and are under consideration.

Fundraisers:

***Spiritwear-** 70 total orders with 239 orders!! Woohoo! Can't wait to see all that great Musky Gear out and about in the hallways and in the community:) We are tentatively planning to circle back with another round of higher end spiritwear (i.e. half zips, fleece jackets, etc. for teachers and those who have a long AV-W journey ahead of them!) There have also been multiple requests to include the sweatshirt version of the staff shirt this year, so we can potentially add that item to the next order as well.

***Snack Cart** is up and running. Joe did a wonderful job stocking it and the sign-up sheet and calendar is live. So far, First Grade is hot out the gate with it (yay Firsties!), but hopefully we will get some more grade levels and teachers to run it. It was noted that parents would like some sort of heads up to when Snack Cart will be out so that they can come stocked with dollar bills. Maybe the teachers who plan to run it that week can plug days to kids to feed to parents? Could also be a social media plug (whomever runs the AVW FB page).

***Milwaukee Pretzels-** The pretzel fundraiser money is due Tue. 10/21 (ABSOLUTELY NO LATER to receive orders by 11/19 Thanksgiving Break). We will need a PG crew to sort and assemble orders after they deliver to the school. We need to bring in boxes and paper bags in

order to prepare for receiving and distributing the pretzel orders themselves. These pretzels are delicious and everyone should order some! Great appetizers for the holidays or for the big game! It should also be noted again that pretzels can be directly shipped for an additional \$10.

New Fundraising Ideas:

*AV-W Parent's Night Out/Date Night in December- Jocelyn has given this the go ahead and Deb Tiefert has some honor students to help out with it as well. We are tentatively kicking around the date of Friday, December 5th possibly something like 4-7pm so the issue of transportation will be eliminated (at least until pick up time). PG was wondering if there is still a staff roundup on Fridays--would this get in the way? Children must be registered AV-W students (insurance liability, allergy info on hand, emergency contacts, etc.) No extra cousins. \$20 per child with a \$60 per family cap regardless of the amount of children. We will look into getting pizzas donated or at least discounted for this cause. Maggie will work on creating a sign up genius for it. We will have a movie/snack (popcorn machine?), a craft, some large motor games in gym, and pizza for dinner. Parents can go out on a date or holiday shop/wrap:)

*Culver's Day- This seems like a fairly simple fundraiser. Parents are always looking for an excuse to grab a quick dinner and kids love fast food! It was, however, noted that it would be super cool to have the teachers actually sign up to work it because kids LOVE seeing their teachers out and about. They are basically celebrities around here:)

SLC's: Thurs. 11/13 & Fri. 11/14 Parent group will handle dinner for the teachers on Thursday afternoon. Our theme will be a Football Tailgate with some yummy appetizers and other fun quick finger foods. There will be a sign-up genius created and sent out to the parents. PG to set up before pick up Thursday, around 230 in the staff lounge. Jocelyn and Fortier will handle breakfast for the teachers on Friday morning.

Service Efforts:

*Vision Screening- 11/4 @ 8am. PG will provide 3-4 volunteers.

*Closet Organization: Alex will purchase the underwear and socks for the closet and then we are ALL STOCKED UP:)

*Outdoor Classroom Committee- Tiffany will send out an email to Tierney, Chad, and Joe to kickstart the Outdoor Classroom committee. We will get clarification on Edwards' outdoor seating grant, the expiration date of that grant, and Tierney's vision for how that will look and be used. We will start the ever old conversation of outdoor classroom space and get a sketch drawn up and submitted for estimates to local construction companies which we are hoping can team up as a collaborative community effort for our children:) Go Team!

Adjourned: 10:04am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 11th @ 8am in the Parent Group Room

Be there or be square!

It's a great day to be a Musky and remember, everyone can do math!