

## AVW Parent Group Meeting Minutes

**January 13, 2026**

**Call to Order:** 8:05am

**Present:** Jessica Hatch Johnson, Alysa Hestrom, Maggie Fossen, Alexandra Nor, Jocelyn Hardy, Amanda Beilke, Emily Biertzer, Alyssa Robison, James Hinterleitner, Carrie Morris, Joe Pilarski

**Secretary Report:** none

**Treasurer Report:** Current financial report was passed around the table. It was brought up to switch our bank accounts over from Incredible bank to Nicolet bank, for their rates, & the support that Nicolet has given us the past few years. Joe will be talking with a banker at Nicolet about this now that particular forms have been sent over from the school.

**Staff Report:** Jocelyn reported that there was the monthly school board meeting the night before. They had a principal search update- they have interviews with 3 individuals this coming week. (along with a previous candidate will be coming back for a second interview). They have hopes that one of these candidates will be able to be brought to the school board at the February meeting. The remaining musky that we have at school will be released sometime in early February. Winter sports are underway. Boys basketball is done, girls basketball, gymnastics, ski club, is currently going on. Staff has a pd day on Monday (Martin Luther King day). Jocelyn explained to us the importance of these pd days to the staff as they work on bench marks with where students should be at, what staff can work on, etc.

### **Fundraisers:**

**Culvers Night:** Thursday January 22 (4-8pm) Jocelyn has the teacher sign up for Culvers night. She is also going to remind teachers at their pd day to make sure to sign up for a shift. James is going to grab a table cloth & balloons to bring the day of. Maggie is making a new parent group tri-fold to have on display at culvers. We will also be having buckets out for tips. Joe will be working on a sign up genius for kids to grab a shift and "help" the teachers, run food, collect tips.

**Valentines Day:** Fundraiser will run similar to past years. We will be adding Needoh cubes to our valentine fundraiser forms this year, in place of the balloons. They will be the same price that the balloons were. Maggie is working on finding the items for the valentine order. Carnations will be purchased from Sam's Club this year. Alex will email order information to Jocelyn this week (22nd) and she will be sending out the order forms to students & in the musky minutes. Goodie bags will be put together after the February meeting. Orders will be delivered February 13th at the end of the day this year.

**Color Run:** Color run save the date went out to students last week. A new color run committee meeting date was set for January 20th at 8:00am. Please come if you would like to be a part of the team!! It's a big fundraiser and we need lots of hands!

**Date Night:** A new possible date is being looked at for April. Carrie is reaching out to counselors at the high school to see if there would be a group of high schoolers that would be able to help lead activities for a date night. A date would be set based on what the high school says. Possible options were April 10th or 17th.

**Spirit Wear Order- Spring update:** Joe and Alex are working on a Spring order. This order will mainly offer higher end options. A blanket fundraiser (50x60 size) will also go out at the same time.

**Snack Cart:** The group had chatted about having the snack cart available to be signed out during home middle school girls' basketball games. Joe will be emailing Jocelyn to see if she can reach out to teachers & see if they would be interested in signing up for a girls basketball game (next home game is January 29th) and selling during that time. If there is interest, he will go ahead and get some more snacks purchased for the cart.

**Kringle:** Making note that there is still interest in a Kringle fundraiser for spring (easter timeframe was brought up). Will be discussed at the February meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Arbor Vitae Bike Trail Project:** Emily Biertzer with the Arbor Vitae Bike Trail project came to the meeting to talk to us about the option they are going forward with for the bike trail. Emily explained that they had secured a grant for their funds, worked with engineers to come up with the safest scenario for the bike trail to be put in (along 51/old 51 crossing). But financially, the best situation was going straight across old hwy 51 (at the intersection by the school). The work needs to be done by 2028, so she is hoping that work gets started sometime in 2027. She mentioned that she was hoping to secure some donations to continue that bike trail from hwy 51 along old hwy 51 towards AV-W in the future.

**Girls on the Run:** Sara Owens-Keenan approached a member of our club in hopes that we would share that girls on the run is currently looking for coaches for their upcoming program season! They work with girls in 3-5th grade. January 24th will be the mandatory coaches training in town. If interested, check out their website:

<https://www.gotrncwisconsin.org/coach>

**Martin Luther King Interview:** We had 3 sixth graders reach out to parent group over Christmas break with interview questions! They wanted to share a CVC with the rest of the school what parent group does for the school (the fundraisers we do, the service projects we help with, etc). They are creating a short presentation to share with the school during the Martin Luther King presentation on Friday.

**Outdoor classroom potential:** Not on the agenda, but Alyssa did bring up talking more about the outdoor classroom project. We talked about what step number 1 would most likely be (talking with Jocelyn and Chad regarding where to go with this project). We also did talk about how a project of this size would need to be a committee of its own (with staU and parent group members). Everyone showed enthusiasm for the potential possibilities of what it could look like. Alyssa said she could communicate with Jocelyn to begin a conversation about it.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 10:35.

**Our next meeting will be February 10th at 8:00am in the Parent Group Room.**