

AV-W Parent Group Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

Call to Order: 8:05a.m.

Present: Sarah Coon Byram, Gwen Pritchard, Carrie Morris, Maggie Fossen, Nancy Collins, Allison Bonnette, Danielle Lindgren, Jeremiah Libby, Precious Poupart, Jen Savel

Secretary Report: Secretary adding 15 new parents to the Parent Group (PG) email list who expressed interest in helping with PG / volunteering. Secretary obtained a list of all AV-W students to have on hand for classroom numbers / referencing throughout the year. Picture day went well; two PG volunteers attended and volunteered during the day. It was noted that it would be best to have 3-4 parents helping for future years.

Secretary updated Special Funds Request Form and saved to PG Google Docs.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer reported that finances are in order / outstanding payments have been paid out. All other funds that PG are liable for are available when teachers/staff utilize; there are PG funds which are allocated for specific school needs (i.e. special funds requests have been granted for the school year but will be used spring semester). PG financial goals continue to be to spend / provide for school needs what is fundraised so teachers / staff / children see immediate benefits from PG fundraising efforts.

Staff Report: Volleyball, football and cross-country are in season and students 6th and older may participate. Gymnastics will be combined with MHLT school and held at LUHS this year. The school has 5 new muskies this year. AV-W has new teachers and many new students this year. All going well. Musky times are staffed, but can always use more qualified instructors.

Jen reported that the Meet & Greet went great and teachers / families were happy to have that reopen this year. SLC's will have an in person option this year. Each grade will have 3 adventures this year. New ELA curriculum is going well. Concerts in person this year.

Believe Fundraiser: Carrie Morris heading the *Believe Fundraiser*. Kick off date is Friday September 16th; orders due by September 25th. All orders will be on-line with items sent directly to purchasers' homes (same as last year). PG volunteers will organize and distribute packets this week. Carrie will get kick off video and program information to Jen to show to students. Parents may also choose to donate directly to PG through the Square donation link on the AV-W website. PG plans to sign-on with *Believe* for next school year ahead of time, as the school group will then receive credits to purchase items from *Believe* which PG will use for teacher appreciation gifts. Any

student who sells at least 1 item / family makes a cash donation, will be entered to win a prize.

Vision Screening: Vision screening will take place in early November. More information will be available at the October meeting.

Grant Requests: PG granting funds via special fund requests for 2022-2023 school year. Jen will distribute Special Funds Request Forms; applications due by September 30th; PG will review at the October 11th meeting and vote on grant requests. Group discussed various field trips / class specific trips for which teachers may request funding. There will be no mid-year special funds request this year.

New Business: New fundraiser ideas were discussed such as silent auctions and purse raffle.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30a.m.

The next Parent Group meeting will be held on October 11th.