

AV-W Parent Group Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

Call to Order: 8:10 a.m

Present: Sarah Coon Byram, Stacey Mleko, Carrie Morris, Maggie Fossen, Nancy Collins, Kate Orloff, Jason Orloff, Jen Savel

Secretary Report: Last month's meeting minutes were distributed via email and also on the AVW website. Nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report: Valentines made approximately \$1,000.00 in sales. Group had to buy extra stuffed animals, otherwise we had extra goody bags, and an appropriate number of flowers.

Staff Report: Trimester 2 is done. Jen reported that Data Snapshots will be coming home with students in the near future. She also stated that they are working on making student Report Cards more condensed and easier to review. Currently less than 50% of families look at their students' report cards on Skyward. SLC's and Forward Testing will be held in April.

Rich updated us on news from the AVW Board Meeting held last night. Specifically informing the group that a letter was written to the paper regarding EL education model that is practiced at AVW. Jocelyn created and presented a slide show addressing the concerns at the Board meeting. She is also going to be sending information out to all families via email.

Rich also reported 6-8th grade Track will be starting after Spring Break. Guest Teachers are still in adequate supply, as the number of absences seem to be decreasing district wide.

Rich also talked about a new Musky Time starting after Spring Break. He explained that Musky Times were 10 to 11 week periods and occurred 3 times a year. He also said the

school is looking for people interested in coming in and leading a Musky Time, but explained that past Musky Time leaders were retired teachers and that it's a big commitment. However, if anyone is interested in possibly helping with a Musky Time, they should contact Rich or Jocelyn for further information.

SLC Meals: Sarah is going to create a SignUp Genius for the April dates. The group decided to do one day as a Soup and Salad meal, and the other as a Pizza meal. She will also reach out to Park City Credit Union to see if they would like to help with the Pizza night like they did in the Fall.

New Business: Chad Curtis came to talk to the group about a project involving the School Garden. Last year they had propane tanks removed as well as the concrete pad underneath them, thus, allowing the area of the garden to be expanded. What he would like to see is the garden being utilized more by all grades. He feels if some improvements were made, it would allow staff and crews to have outdoor classroom space, work in the garden growing things, and also have a nice place to enjoy..

He talked about all aspects of improvements including, creating raised garden beds, a composting area, an irrigation system, storage, and a seating/classroom area. He explained that often the only school months that are conducive to gardening are Sept. and May, but also using it during Summer School should be considered.

He presented the group with pictures as well as a detailed drawing and price list. He was hoping to start in May. He had ideas of possibly having middle schoolers help with some of the construction of beds. Jason Orloff offered the help of his Cub Scout group to help. Sarah is going to get Chad information on Crazy Creek Chairs which the group was going to purchase last year for Crews to use as an extension for learning outside. Carrie Morris is going to reach out to a couple local businesses to see if they would consider donating some items, or selling them to us at cost.

After the meeting was adjourned, board members that were present held a vote regarding the Garden Improvements. Unanimously the group voted to fund the improvements.

Other New Business included the possibility of hosting a New Parent or Kindergarten Coffee. Something to help facilitate new families meeting each other, feel welcomed, learn and ask questions about AVW and EL education and possible opportunities to be involved within the school community. Jason Orloff had a boxed Caribou Coffee kit as an example and suggested doughnuts, snacks, or something along those lines. The group talked about hosting it at the start of the year or sometime later in the year. At

this time, administration is unsure what the Fall will look like in regards to Registration Day, and Meet and Greet nights that were held in the past.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 a.m

The upcoming Parent Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 12th, 2022, at 8am in the AV-W Parent Group room.