

AVW Parent Group Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2025

Call to Order: 8:04am

Present: Maggie Fossen, Erin Konkel, Jason Thomas, Melissa Thatcher, Jessica Hatch, Alysa Hedstrom, Alexandra Nor, Amanda Beilke, Alyssa Robison, Joe Pilarski, and James Hinterleitner.

Secretary Report: Copies of the PG bylaws were presented and made available to everyone at the meeting. The PG President went over the mission of PG and briefly what parent group is. Discussed any suggested bylaw changes could be brought up, and talked about at a future meeting, and then voted on by officers. Agreed that the bylaws should have a date on them. No changes have been made to the bylaws by current officers or members of PG. Reported that the PG Board met with Tiffany Trainor on 11/4 to relieve her of her secretary duties and to ask her to step back from the PG group for now. At this time, the 4 remaining officers will split secretary responsibilities.

Treasurer Report: Current financial report was passed around the table. We are a bit lower right now at this point in the year than we normally are, but we did not do the Believe fundraiser this year as we are trying out new fundraisers. Pretzel sales showed this to be a successful fundraiser. Spirit wear profit is not high, due to the fact that we chose to keep the item costs low so that families could afford the items. A parent brought up the fact that it would be interesting to figure out the average spend per person, to maybe help us with some fundraisers moving forward.

Staff Report: Rich reported that the AVW Board Meeting was last night, and 9 parents attended, 5 spoke and addressed the board/admin about various issues. He reported that 2nd graders and 6th graders presented at the board meeting. AVW boys basketball is underway, with wrestling, girls basketball, and gymnastics starting this winter. Teachers are doing a lot of various training. AVW Staff have a year long book study "Make It Stick" which is a book about how to help kids retain knowledge. Rich commends the teachers/staff by saying they are all really committed and are working hard. **Principal Search:** Rich reported there were 9 candidates, 4 of them were offered interviews and 3 accepted. The hiring committee will be Jocelyn, Rich, 2 AVW board members, 2 Teachers (one from the middle school wing and one from elementary school wing), and one parent. The student advisory students will be giving the 3 candidates a tour of the school. If none of those candidates work out, the job will be re-posted. Interviews are on the 18th, and he states a decision will most likely go before the board at the December meeting.

Service Efforts:

Vision Screening: 11/12/25 from 9am-12ish. Nurse Katie reached out for volunteers and several parent group members stepped up to help.

Fall SLC's: Thursday dinner, Tailgate Themed being provided for the teachers. Volunteers are in place to help set up the food Thursday afternoon. Everything is filled on the sign up.

Winter Concert Decorating: December meeting will be quick (on 12/9), everyone will help decorate the gym for the winter concerts after the meeting. 3 PG volunteers will take down the decor after the Middle School concert. PG is looking into local businesses to see if anyone could donate Winter decor as our school stash is low.

Thank you Card to Walmart: Walmart recently donated several clothing items to our school's clothes closet, and a thank you card will be made and passed around for students to sign.

Food Drive Idea: PG officers met with admin about possibly collaborating on a food drive. Admin sent out a list of area resources to all AVW families. PG will be available to help if Admin moves forward with a food drive through AVW.

Fundraisers

Milwaukee Pretzels: Pretzels will be delivered by the end of the day Nov 18th. On November 19th a large group of PG volunteers will help sort orders. Any orders that are not picked up on the 19th will be put into the school freezer.

Color Run: A huge success last year. Getting the ball rolling for May 2026. A committee is being formed. The first meeting is set for: Dec 5th at 8am. Please come if you'd like to be a part of this team! There is a lot of work to be done and the more volunteers the better!

Spring Spirit Wear: The plan is to send out another spirit wear order form in the winter/early spring, with some of the same items plus a few new items.

Date Night: Will not be in December this year. There is still a lot of enthusiasm surrounding it and a lot of planning has been done, which will be super helpful. Valentine's weekend was brought up as an option, Feb 13th was discussed. A committee meeting date will be decided via email.

New Ideas

Spring Kringles: tabled discussing this until our January meeting.

Papa Murphys: tabled discussing this until winter/spring due to them currently giving away free pizzas for SNAP participants.

Culver's: Discussed pairing up a teacher with a student when bringing food out to tables/cars. We will be reaching out to Culver's to find an available date (Discussed Jan/Feb) then will we reach out to see what teachers/kids would be available. The student advisory council could be utilized.

AVW Blankets: Research has been done regarding offering AVW blankets via a fundraising website. Discussed adding this fundraiser to our spring spirit wear timeline.

Book Fair: Tabled for now

Meeting Adjourned: at 11:03am. Our next Parent Group meeting is December 9th at 8:00am