

AHMS PTA, MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES, 2/9/21

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/jev-nkxi-ght>

ATTENDANCE: Julia Papellas, Melissa Riviere, Jen Knott, Colleen Leonard, Colin Riviere, Jenn Bachan-Breiten, Olivia Bernardi, Angela Stewart, Karen Cahn, Karis Naehner, Marie Merkel, Robyn Gordon, Alicia Kinney, Robert Reardon.

Meeting called to order by Julia Papellas at 6:34pm.

SECRETARY REPORT: Colin Riviere

Meeting agenda emailed & presented for review.

December 2020 Meeting Minutes (emailed & presented) are accepted by Melissa Riviere, seconded by Olivia Bernardi.

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS: Julia Papellas

T-Shirt Contest 12 designs have been submitted to date. The board encourages more students to submit designs, as February 28th is the last day to submit. The chosen design will go on the front of the shirts and the t-shirts will be gifted to students. The designs will be judged between March 2nd and 7th via AHMS-PTA Facebook and Instagram pages. People just need to go to these pages and "like" the design of their choice. The chosen design will be school-appropriate. 460 parents have submitted their sizes, orders are due by Friday, February 12th. Parents with multiple students must complete multiple forms.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser: This fundraiser is scheduled for next month, March 1st between the hours of 3pm and 10pm at the Dickson City Texas Roadhouse. 10% of all sales during this period go to the AHMS PTA. Orders may be picked up or dined in at the restaurant. The flyer needs to be presented when during ordering or pick-up to qualify for the discount.

Apparel Sale: The Club Store has a sale this month. Items are discounted up to 60% off. Purchases may be picked up from the school or Mrs. Knott's house.

Future Board Members: The PTA board is seeking new members to fill the 4 positions that will be open after this school year: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. New submissions are needed before the next meeting in April. Ideal candidates would be parents of 4th, 5th or 6th graders to insure parent engagement for years to come. The current board is committed to partnering with new members beyond the end of the academic year to help with a smooth transition.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Jennifer Knott

Financial Summary: 2 checks were deposited: Panera and Escrip

Financial Reports:

Beginning Balance \$27,398.85

Ending Balance \$27,541.16

Deposits: \$142.31

Withdrawals: \$0.00

Spring Comets Gear Sale: The link to the sale went live today. Clarks Summit Elementary & Newton/Ransom will join us on the sale. The sale continues through Feb 24th and items will be prepared for pick up after that.

End-of-Year Student Gifts: The students will receive a water bottle, the T-Shirt Contest winner tie-dyed shirt, and tote at the end of the year. Faculty will also receive a water bottle. Current counts are 1087 students and 97 faculty members. Extra stock will be available for future use.

Here are the costs:

T-Shirts \$9.20 each = \$10,419.05

Water Bottle \$1.99 each = \$2,693.87

Tote \$.65 each = \$896.32

Total= \$14,009.24

8th Grade Rib Rally: The event was a success, raising money with very little volunteer effort. 38 families were served 135 meals for a profit of \$417.19. This accounts for 4% participation from all families in the school.

Friendship Bracelets: Bracelets are still available for order. They are customizable in size, color and messaging and proceeds benefit the 8th Grade graduating class.

8th Grade Celebrations: The current dollars raised to date toward the End-of-Year celebrations for the 8th Grade are:

Fall Marketplace = \$237.73

Rib Rally = \$417.19

Friendship Bracelet = \$26.57

Hershey Park (earmarked) = \$258

Total = \$939.49 for 278 students or \$3.37 per student.

More ideas for fundraisers are encouraged so that we can drive up the amount spent per student. The specific type of celebration is still yet-to-be determined due to COVID-19 logistical challenges, but Principal Leonard did confirm there will be a Class Day. She would like to continue class Field Day and class field trips but, again, the uncertainty of the pandemic makes it impossible to determine the nature of those events.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Colleen Leonard

Misc: Report cards were posted yesterday. Pictured Day was snowed out today. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, February 15th from 1pm to 8pm. The remaining half days will February 24th and 25th, because faculty COVID vaccinations are scheduled for February 17th. After school activities resume March 1st. Students can sign up using the Google Apps portal.

Parent Surveys: Parent surveys were sent out by Dr. Mahan. Please complete a survey for each child they have enrolled. These surveys are very important for the school to understand the expectations of the community they serve. The School Board will review the results to assist in developing the next phase of schooling.

NEW BUSINESS: Julia Papellas

Participation Drawing: The winner of the participation drawing for this month's PTA meeting was "J" (full name not available) This person wins a phone wallet.

Questions for Principal Leonard: We used to have "Fun Fridays," is that something we can restart? Principal Leonard wasn't aware specifically of the "Fun Fridays" event but has tasked the PBIS team with coming up with ideas for driving safe social engagement throughout the student body in light of this pandemic. There is a new Student Activities Coordinator and this is their main goal.

When does Sex-Ed start? This curriculum starts in 6th grade and continues through 7th and 8th grades through the Life Skills Class during the 4th quarter of the school year.

Does the Middle School participate in SADD? (Students Against Destructive Decisions) No, AHMS is not part of this program. Olivia Bernardi pointed out the importance of giving parents a preview of sensitive subject matters discussed in Life Skills curriculum: suicide, drug-use, etc. She stressed the importance of parents deciding when kids first learn about destructive behavior. Principal Leonard understands this concern and pointed out that these subjects are part of a state requirement but that the curriculum is available for preview anytime. She will connect with Olivia Bernardi after the meeting to provide her with the materials.

Will AHMS look at coordinating a spring STEAM Fair? Principal Leonard responded, absolutely, anything is on the table.

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 9th, 6:30pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julia Papellas at 7:09pm. Motion seconded by Jen Knott.