

Avondale Mustang P.T.O. Minutes

Meeting date: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 6:00 p.m. at the AMS media center

Attended by: Maryanne Moriconi, Jen Henry, Robin Bovensiep, Debbie Johnson, Andrea Yamarino, and Juli Drake

The PTO is hoping to host a Color Run as the main fundraiser of the year. Details still need to be finalized, but it will hopefully take place on October 12, 2019. This event will need to be heavily promoted in order to be a success.

Curriculum Night is scheduled for September 5th, 2019 from 6 – 8 p.m. The PTO will host a room during that time where parents can learn more about getting involved with the PTO. The PTO will also host a table selling shirts

Calling All Dads was wondering if AMS would be interested in having them host a social event for students at the end of the first day of school. It would include refreshments and inflatable for about 150 kids. It was decided to hold off on something like this until next year after the track is finished and hopefully make the event available to a larger number of students. We will revisit the idea in the spring.

The PTO will set up some snacks for the staff on the first day of school in the teacher's lounge to welcome everyone back for the new school year.

The possibility of an AMS float or banner for the homecoming parade was brought up. It was decided that this should be a student driven idea and brought up to the Student Council.

Halls of Halloween will be on October 25th, 2019. It will remain indoors as it was last year. This is an event we should bring someone on to shadow as a chair for next year. Student Council and NJHS provide the candy, bounce houses, and photo booth. The PTO will most likely supply some candy as well. Profits will benefit the PTO.

The Fine Arts Night fundraiser was originally going to be in December, however it will be pushed into the spring since we have a new art teacher coming in this year. Date yet to be determined.

A Cookie Exchange and Holiday breakfast for the staff will be held on December 19, 2019.

The Positivity Project will begin at the Middle School this year. Lessons encouraging positivity will be taught during roundup. The license for this program's curriculum is \$1500 and will be covered by the district. The PTO will cover this cost of Positivity Project t-shirts for the students and staff. Shirts are expected to cost around \$3100.

Profit from concessions done at AMS sporting events last year brought in around \$1400 in profit. This was from sales at girls and boys basketball, volleyball, track and the 5th grade basketball games. We will need to find someone to lead a concession committee this year.

NJHS volunteers came to PTO meetings in the past to offer babysitting services for parents with small children who are attending PTO meetings. Parents did not seem to take advantage of this, but maybe it needs to be communicated differently.

Elections for the coming school year PTO board were conducted. Jennifer Henry was elected president, Andrea Yamarino was elected vice-president, Robin Bovensiep was elected treasurer, and Juli Drake was elected secretary.

A cookie dough fundraiser for students who would like to raise funds to cover the expenses of their Washington D.C. trip will be offered through the PTO again this year. Parents must be reminded to pick up the ordered product in a timely matter for spoilage issues. It was suggested that they sign off that they know the pickup time when they commit to the fundraiser. The cookie dough fund raiser is done instead of the PTO offering scholarships so that more students have the opportunity to fund their trip.

Pizza kits will be sold by students to help cover expenses for yearbook and Youth In Government.

A tentative budget for the coming year was discussed.

Eighth Grade Celebration:	\$4000
Mustang Mania expenses:	\$2500
Teacher Grants:	\$5000
Teacher Appreciation:	\$2000
Positivity Project shirts:	\$3500
PBIS:	\$500
End of Year Awards:	\$1500

Our account will have \$7246.59 after the check for class color t-shirts is cashed. We will have 48 teachers this year. It was suggested to split the grant money amongst all teachers. Teachers will be taking a tour of the district as a group soon, either by road rally or school bus. There will be several stops along the tour. The PTO will help to provide a school supply for them at each stop. The list of supplies they will receive is still to be determined. Fundraising for the year will include the Color Run, Fine Arts Night to benefit the arts programs, concessions (if a chair can be found). More fundraising ideas will be explored as needed. We will also advertise the shopping fundraisers such as Box Tops, Benefit Mobile, and Kroger Rewards.

It was suggested that some changes with food and entertainment be made for the Eighth Grade Celebration. These will be topics the planning committee can discuss. The celebration will take place on Friday, May 29th, 2020.

First Day folders will be handed out at registration. The PTO will put together an information sheet about the group that will include meeting dates and ways to get involved. This will be included in the folder. We may try to have Color Run information included as well, if it can be done in time.

Requirements for being invited to join NJHS were discussed. It was suggested that these be communicated to students so that they are aware of what grades they would need to obtain in order to be invited.

Next meeting: September 17, 2019 6:00 p.m. at the AMS media center

Minutes submitted by Juli Drake