

## **Amerman Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** September 23, 2020

**Location:** Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Olivia Hawkins- President, Carrie Hurney- Treasurer, Ana Resce-Klein- VP Gold, Rebecca Plenchette- VP Blue, Bethany Tindell- Secretary

### **Welcome** (Olivia Hawkins)

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.
- Olivia welcomed those in attendance and Board members were introduced
- Request to use chat room to sign in and indicate if a PTA member for roll call.
- This year will be different but we have met several times as a Board to plan ways we can still build a sense of community and plan fun things for the students and families.
- Invest in Your Child is a great way to support Amerman and PTA. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Invest in Your Child Program.
  - PTA Early Bird Raffle Winners
    - \$100 Gift Card to Custard Time/Good Time Party Store- Jamie Fliotsos
    - Henry Ford- Lindsey Reynolds
    - Safari- Elizabeth Damianov
    - Fox Hills- Seffanie Kluck
- 10/15 is picture day and PTA day! Please stop by our booth.
- Check out the new PTA website. The website and the PTA Facebook page will provide the most up to date and important information.
- The Board is seeking volunteers to chair the following committees. Please reach out to the PTA President if you are interested.
  - Reflections Committee
  - Yearbook Committee
- Reminder about passive fundraisers
  - Busch's
  - Amazon Smile
- *A Motion was made to approve the PTA Meeting Minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved by Ana Resce-Klein and seconded by Carrie Hurney. The motion passed.*

### **Secretary's Report** (Bethany Tindell)

Two ways families can support Amerman and the PTA

- The Board plans to continue the Birthday Book Club fundraiser this year. During the month of your child's birthday he/she will be able to choose a new book from a selection of hardcover titles as a donation to the Media Center. Your child's name will be placed

on a commemorative bookplate inside the book. More details about logistics and sign up of this program will be coming in the near future.

- Restaurant Night: our first restaurant night of the 2020-2021 school year will be on Tuesday October 20th at Center Street Grille in downtown Northville from 3pm until close. More details about this event can be found on the PTA website and the PTA Facebook page.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Carrie Hurney)

- The audit report from last year passed.
  - A copy of the report as well as the proposed budget for this year can be found on the PTA website.
- *A motion was made to approve the audit report from last year. The motion was approved by Ana Resce-Klein and seconded by Elijah Alfaro. The motion passed.*
- This year has been very different. We met as a Board over the summer to determine what we can and should do this school year. Our budget is smaller due to the cancellation of Bobcat Bash. We talked to Mrs. Caudill to discuss what the needs are and how the Board can help. We also discussed ways that we can still fundraise this year. We would like to have a balanced budget and also have some flexibility within our budget because we do not know what the entire year will be like.
- Some ways that we can fundraise are through Invest in Your Child, Amazon Smile, Busch's and we still plan to have a raffle.
- Our goal is to provide some fun events and educational opportunities for the students. Some highlights of activities/items we have plans for:
  - All school t-shirts
  - On-line subscriptions/magazines
  - Teacher/classroom stipends
  - Additional playground/recess equipment
- *A question was asked about the budget line item for magazines/subscriptions because this seems like a lot of money. Mrs. Claudill responded the money goes toward magazines such as Scholastic both print and on-line. The teachers use these as a great resource to teach Science, Social Studies as well as current events.*
- *A motion was made to approve the budget for the 2020-2021 year. The motion was approved by Rebecca Planchette and seconded by Ana Resce-Klein. The motion passed.*

### **VP Report** (Anna Resce-Klein)

- There will be a drive in movie night at Emagine Theater in Novi on Thursday October 8th. We are planning on joining Moraine and Winchester Elementary Schools for this fundraiser. The cost will be \$40 per car and \$10 of that will go to PTA. The lobby and concessions will be open so please wear a mask in these areas. Additional details can be found on the PTA website as well as the PTA Facebook page.

- As a reminder, our PTA Facebook page is a closed group and limited to current Amerman families. Please answer the questions provided to become a member of the site.

#### **VP Report** (Rebecca Planchette)

- Thank you to Nikki Oleksinski for offering to be the contact for The Loop and run it again this year. We will be sending out a Sign Up Genius to request volunteers. This is a great way to help and show your support for Amerman.
- We are also in need of volunteers to help at the door where the students will enter school in the morning. We only have one volunteer for each day but will need more as there are several entrances. Please use the Sign Up Genius if you are able to help out with this.

#### **Principal's Report** (Mrs. Caudill)

- Mrs. Caudill welcomed those in attendance and thanked the PTA Board for their support.
- We have 476 students enrolled. Of those 215 chose virtual and 261 chose in person after the virtual start.
- Mrs. Caudill shared there will be a staggered start. Kindergarten will return first.
- If students are able to bring their laptop/device from home when they return to in person learning that would be great! We do have some Chromebooks that we can lend out. For lunch most students will eat in their classroom and we can use the MPR for students with food allergies.
- Students will stay with their cohort for recess.
- Signing out a student early will still be the same. You should come to the office.
- Masks will be required for the entire school day. Each student should bring an extra mask in case they lose one.
- We will stagger dismissal to help with spacing. Kindergarten will be at 3:40 and then we will gradually dismiss grades one at a time.
- This year we will have 3 marking periods instead of 4.
- We will also have 3 NWEA cycles
- We received confirmation yearbooks have finally shipped and will be ready to distribute by mid to end of October.

#### **Superintendent's Report** (Mrs. Mary Kay Gallagher)

- Mrs. Gallagher welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked all for their support. We are all grateful for having such a supportive community.
- We welcomed staff with a marching band virtually, acknowledging we are in a pandemic.
- We will focus on connections and the social and emotional well being of our families, staff and students.
- We would like help in reminding the students it's okay to make mistakes, lean on each other, things can be hard but we can navigate together.
- Mrs. Gallagher shared some first day photos of students throughout the District.
- October 5th NPS will open all buildings.

- NPS has 7200 students and families and 980 staff members.
- We welcomed new staff for the 2020-2021 school year.
  - 15 new teachers
  - Full time social workers at every elementary school.
- We recognized staff with 5,10 and 25 year tenure with NPS. We have three staff with 40 plus years of service.
- 3 Amerman staff with 25 years of service: Bridget Beson, Jennifer Isenberg, and Kenneth Stark
- Starting this year a School Board member will be assigned to each school.
  - Roland Hwang- Ridge Wood
  - Sarah Prescott- Silver Springs and Northville High School
  - Laurie Doner- Thornton Creek
  - Cyndy Jankowski- Amerman and Cooke
  - Angela Jaafar- Moraine and Meads Mills
  - Suzanne Lynn- Hillside
  - Matt Wilk- Winchester
  
- Mrs. Gallagher shared the district will have busing. The buses will have reduced capacities. Only eligible riders can ride on their route. Families have to sign up for busing. There will be hand sanitizer students will use when entering the bus.
- We do have Covid cases within the district. We will be sharing case totals and quarantines so families can stay informed and make decisions.
  - We have had 13 cases within the past week.
  - Contact tracing is still occurring and so far it has shown the cases are all coming from non school activities.
  - There are also two sports teams quarantined.
- *A motion was made to end the meeting. The motion was approved by Rebecca Planchette and seconded by Ana Resce-Klein. The motion passed.*

#### **New Business**

- No new business was discussed

#### **Adjournment (8:26pm)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bethany Bauer-Tindell