

## AB Parent Club

### Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2016

- o Introductions
  - o 17 total
    - 2 principals
    - 6 Board
    - 8 Parents
    - 1 Teacher
- o Meeting Minutes – May
  - o Mr Lowery – first motion
  - o Cassie – second motion
  - o Approved!
- o Treasurer’s Report
  - o Bank Reconciliation
    - Deposits from Fundraiser & Spirit Sales
  - o List of cleared checks provided
- o Committee Reports
  - o School Directory (Jenny Brace for Korey)
    - Implemented a google form to fill out for the directory & volunteers
    - All students are accounted for and completed
    - Preliminary directory to principals to review by the end of the week (9/23)
    - Volunteer lists now available (see Cassie)
    - Question for parents: any feedback? none
  - o Spirit Wear Sales (Kim Gray)
    - Special thanks to Kim, Jenny, and Rhonda – good job getting spirit wear to kids in September!
    - Total sales: 150 pcs
    - Focused on keeping price down so more people could order, trying to break even
    - \$2277 deposit, \$2152 invoice = \$124 in profit
  - o Fundraiser – Clubs Choice (Kim Gray, for April H.)
    - Assembly delayed, no numbers yet since money due in October
    - Total receipts to-date = \$3, 241
    - Once Neil picks up the forms and enters, we’ll get a rough idea of total sales
    - We have a plan for keeping track of
    - Fundraiser Pick up at Armstrong on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-6:30pm (during first day of parent teacher conferences)
    - May have an incentive for paying in full that day
    - If money not turned in by Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, will have collection from Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Nov 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Money should not be sent in with kids, should be turned in by parents
    - Let Kim or Rhonda know if you would like to help collect \$
  - o Fundraiser – McDonald’s Night Sept 27<sup>th</sup> (Kim Gray)
    - McDonalds’s on Illini, 4:30 – 7:30pm
    - Will have a tip jar
    - Money comes from walk-in and drive up

- Flyer will go home this week as a reminder
- No volunteers needed
- Could use new tip jars
- Box Tops (Rhonda Teaney)
  - Kathy Hubbard will be taking over Armstrong
  - Rhonda Teaney will still coordinate Bolin
  - Contest has begun, please send in before Oct 14th
  - We get 10 cents each, please check to be they are not expired
  - Labels for Education – last year to collect them per Campbell’s
    - Principals can use the credit earned in a Campbell’s catalog
    - All Armstrong playground equipment is purchased with this
    - Some new staff chairs
    - Cubbies for new teachers
    - Big help as we do not need to use the building budget – Mrs. Ricca
  - Class that brings in the most will get a popcorn party
- Fall Family Hike (Cassie Osborne)
  - October 15, 2016 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Farmdale Reservoir
  - Maps and stamp pages will be handed out.
  - Fee of \$50.00 waived
  - Need to rent port-a-potty
  - We are providing snacks and water
- Book Fairs (Cassie Osborne)
  - Armstrong Nov 2-3, with Muffins with Mom
  - Bolin Nov 17-18, with Donuts with Dad
  - Kendra Cunningham interested in being the Armstrong chairperson! ☺
- Picture Day Helper – Armstrong done, Bolin is needed from 8:45 – noon
  - Free \$35-35 package for volunteering
  - Bolin – Rachel Burgess volunteered
- Room Parents
  - Whitney will be sending out information soon
- Picture Person
  - Program at each school, art history lesson for the kids
  - One parent per class to do a project once/month
  - Kids love it
  - Not very many volunteers, maybe 10 total
  - Rhonda can do a “how to” lesson for volunteers
- New Business
  - Nominate Event Coordinator - Whitney Jackson
    - Cassie nominate
    - Jenny second nomination
    - Approved
  - Budget for 2016-2017
    - Budget equal between Bolin & Armstrong
    - Have to leave \$2k per by-laws
    - Estimating income conservatively so as to not over-commit

- o Fall fundraiser at \$12k, hoping for more
  - Made titles more general (example: not tied to Culvers -> Restaurant night)
  - Nominate to approve – Jenny
  - Seconded by Jessica
  - Approved
- Armstrong Prairie – Barb Sollberger & Tammi Dimitroff
  - Girl Scout troupe has been maintaining prairie, now just Tammi
  - Would like someone to help create a website
    - o Plants
    - o Bugs
  - Showed examples of plants that grow in the prairie
    - o Compass flower, goldenrod, cup plant with square stalk, lilies
      - Some have welded steel signs
    - o Mulch gets donated by a tree service (have to call and ask)
      - Jim Hardesty (Naomi's dad)
      - Need to be careful on the type of mulch, since certain types will kill the natural prairie plants
      - It takes manpower to move the mulch to paths – usually 12in thick on each path
    - o Needs to be burnt every year, usually during spring break
    - o Recommend pulling weeds right after it rains
  - Use waste management bins, she personally pays to haul away
  - Cost - \$190/season
    - o Planted in 1992, sign is getting wobbly, may need to be replaced
      - Needs to be stained/sealed every year
    - o Friends of the Armstrong Prairie under 501c3 play, for tax exempt donations
      - Contains ~\$200
    - o Some materials through grants (ex: shovels, gloves, spades)
    - o Divided into 4 quadrants, labeled with signs
    - o Asking for:
      - Cover cost of waste removal
      - Website creation & maintenance
      - Prairie burn help
      - Parent to take classes through Prairie/ Prairie walk
      - Parent to volunteer for help
      - QR codes?
    - o Ideas:
      - Get Lego teams to volunteer, or Boy scouts, Cub scouts, Girl scouts
      - Could make a checklist of activities by month
        - Ex: mulch paths in April
      - App – “Remind” – people can subscribe to get messages/requests for help
  - Parent Club Website reminder – has a calendar

- o Can hit a button and it adds parent club event to a personal calendar
  - o Abparentclub.org
- o Principals Reports
  - o See handout
  - o Armstrong
    - Website updated will be published by Oct 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Team Nathan fundraiser – t shirt sales, all online
    - District 86 will have a St. Jude running team this year
    - Mrs. Ricca due end of Oct, will take off the remainder of the year
    - Thanks to parent club for popsicles
    - Partnering with nursing home, teachers sign up for monthly projects to take to the nursing home
- o Bolin
  - Mrs. Lindy Short in Kitchen
  - Mrs. Sego – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Bolin spirit day on Friday
  - Maroon & white tomorrow
  - Variety show following parade at High School in the Auditorium, \$2 fee, standing room only
- o Ideas
  - Daddy daughter dance? Mother son game night?
  - Kids Super Bowl party?
- o Adjourn
  - Rhonda motioned
  - Mr. Lowery seconded
  - Approved
- o Next mtg is Thurs, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at Bolin