

AV-W Parent Group Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Call to Order: 8:10 a.m

Present: Maggie Fossen, Carrie Morris, Beth Schillinger, Stacey Mleko, Nancy Collins, Gwen Pritchard, Jesse Amershek, Kim Drewek, Vanessa Giles, Jason Orloff

Secretary Report: The September minutes were sent to the Parent Group.

Update post meeting: Stacey M. reached out to school IT, Mr. Boersen, to inquire if PG meeting minutes could be accessible on the AV-W website in the Parent Group section. Mr. Boersen responded that he will post minutes that are emailed to him.

Treasurer Report: A CVC report was sent to the Parent Group from AV-W teachers complimenting the new playground equipment donated by the PG. Treasurer reported that the Believe fundraiser, and additional online donations made through Believe, met fundraiser goals. Cash donations surpassed last year's donations. There was a profit from AV-W apparel sales. PG paid out money for fundraiser incentive prize, Nintendo switch lite. Up to date on all balances except the Senior T-Shirts, which has not been submitted to the group by the school yet.

Believe Fundraiser: Approximately 16% of AV-W families participated this year. Fundraiser goals were met and surpassed last year's fundraising. Alternative fundraisers briefly discussed. The positives of holding this particular fundraiser were discussed, including the minimal volunteer hours required for school to participate in Believe, and the relatively good amount of percentage received back to the school were highlighted. PG discussed alternative options to personal checks for donating directly to the school in lieu of monetary donations through the Believe site. Pay Pal and/or Venmo accounts linked to PG's bank account were discussed for next year's fundraiser, and / or as an option for donations anytime throughout the year. Nancy C. following up with fundraising packets which were returned without order information and/or with checks made out improperly or with missing information. Carrie M. following up with Believe to confirm the school has received the correct percentage of monetary donations given through the Believe website. Carrie M. will draw the winner of Switch lite from all student participants of Believe Fundraiser and/or cash donations to the school. PG decided to continue with Believe for the following school year / fall 2022.

Apparel: Beth S. reported that the apparel order is placed and now awaiting arrival. Will request help with sorting apparel for distributing when order is received.

New Business:

Tether Balls: It has been reported to PG by Chad Curtis that the tether balls are now in the office because bolts on the poles are fraying the ropes. Stacey M. following up with Chad on this issue. Spike ball sets have been received; plan is for the sets to be available for use by middle school students. It was discussed that instruction on new playground

equipment could include Brynn and/or Mr. or Mrs. Hinkens presenting new equipment via informational videos and/or in person instruction, so students will know how to properly use new equipment. Update post meeting: Stacey M. followed up with both Chad (who emailed back that he will address tether ball issue), and Mrs. Hinkens and is awaiting response.

Scholastic Book Fair: PG has been told by Jocelyn that AV-W will not be holding the book fair fall 2021. There were complaints from parents last year regarding children being allowed inappropriate book choices for their age. Scholastic has informed the school they cannot hold the fair during AV-W conference week as is usually done. Scholastic is short of drivers and AV-W would have to house the books for at least a month. PG discussed the option of an on-line book fair. It was reported this has been done in the past with minimal success. Will revisit possible future book fairs.

Student Led Conferences (SLC): PG questioning if they will provide staff meals as has been done in all recent previous years, excluding the previous school year during which staff received meals through the AV-W cafeteria. If PG provides meals, then options such as ordering out for pizza/salad/soup or providing snacks such as protein bars was discussed. Mr. Fortier will be following up with Jocelyn and PG.

Rotary Representative Jason Orloff: Parent of former students of AV-W, who Jason reported will be attending AV-W again in the future, came to the PG meeting to discuss grants available through the local Rotary Club. Jason has been in touch with STEAM teacher Mrs. Krieger with the proposal of Rotary providing AV-W kits (\$2500 for 6 kits, which can be used by 4 students per kit), for the formation of a Robotics Team (also known as Lego Mind Storm). Jason would be available to assist with the application process for this venture. Jason gave additional ideas that Rotary could possibly fund, such as a school Fall Festival, Facilitated Kindergarten meet-up prior to school starting, and/or Kindergarten Coffee for parents on the first day of school. PG discussed the option of a Springtime family festival that could kick off summer vacation, act as a family event and fundraiser for the school. PG discussed ideas such as local groups or businesses volunteering at the event, having tables set up with games (similar to ZooBoo). Other ideas included raffle drawing of theme baskets / cake walk / bouncy house / etc. Many ideas were given and PG can revisit for possible spring event.

Staff Report: Mr. Fortier reported that AV-W football will have their only home game today after school at 3:30 p.m. The football team will play at the Lakeland High School vs. Flambeau school on Tuesday October 19th. Volleyball season has ended with a celebration for the team today. Results of a recent teacher survey was reported. 50 out of about 80 teachers and staff participated. Survey was questioning teachers thoughts and input if efforts should be made to enhance #1 outdoor learning space on-site at AV-W, #2 School Forest improvements, or #3 Playground Equipment. Responses concluded that focus should be on-site with ideas such as an outdoor structure/ pavilion for outdoor learning and secondly Playground enhancements / bring playground up to code. Mr. Fortier plans to type up response information and add to PG minutes. It was discussed that PG would like to provide funds for these projects, but a committee and liaison, as well as teacher

representation would be needed to spearhead the projects (example- determining the structure plan/ costs/ present recommendations and plan to school board). Discussion on the fact that transportation is the limiting factor of classes getting to School Forest. Teachers/Staff may work to obtain appropriate licensure to drive students' buses for field trips and events.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 a.m.