

AGENDA

Autumn Creek Elementary School PTO

10/14/2014 6:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Old Business and approve minutes from September**
 - a. Halloween Party
 - b. Pick-up/Drop-off Procedures
 - c. Spirit Wear – ACES Shirts
 - d. Book Fair
- 3. Principal's Report**
- 4. Teacher's Report**
- 5. Educational Segment**
- 6. Secretary's Report**
- 7. Treasurer's Report and approve Budget**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Star Boards and Training
 - b. Watch Dogs
 - c. Class Directory
 - d. Scholastic News for 1st Grade
 - e. Aurora Skate Night
- 9. Committee Report**
 - a. Fall Fundraiser
 - b. Game Night
 - c. Family Fuel Up – Nov 11th
 - d. Teacher Luncheon – Nov 13th
 - e. Box Tops
 - f. Market Day
 - g. Restaurant Night
 - h. Grants and Gifts
- 10. Open Forum**
 - a. No Halloween candy/treat bags
- 11. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Tuesday, November 11, 2014

MINUTES

Autumn Creek Elementary School PTO

Date | time 10/12/2014 6:07 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jill Roberts

In Attendance

Jill Roberts-PTO President, Angela Hansen-PTO Vice President, Crystal Rutherford-Secretary, ACES STAFF: Mayra Johnson-Principal, Melinda Hafenrichter-Assistant Principal, Mrs. Gambro, Mrs. Boone, Ms. Wood, Miss Perez, Ms. Bistrain, Ms. Jacobs Parents: Veronica & Lalo Garcia, Jewel Wacker, Natalie Meyer, Elizabeth Joyce, Jill Podzimek, Monica Gordon, Kit Neel, Areli Perez, Bridget Winz, Kelli Stewart, Debbie Davis, Jennifer Jones, Leslie Smogor, Terri Stancel, Magda Emmert, Kris Smith, Lisa Casbarian, Laura Levine, Jamie Holbrook, Kathy Reeder, Maribel Cruz, Jose Hernandez, Linda Hartooniah, Becky Lee

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from September. Motion to accept: 1st Natalie Meyer 2nd Bridget Winz. All Approved.

Board

President- Jill Roberts- Welcomed all in attendance. Discussed Halloween Party-Due to the lack of head room parent volunteers to plan the parties, the room party committee decided to take on the huge task of planning different games/crafts/activities for each grade level. \$\$ from the principals fund and pto funds will be used to purchase supplies vs. asking for parent donations. There will be no food at parties. Room Party committee will meet at least two more times to discuss/plan holiday parties.

Pick-off/Drop off procedures will have some changes starting Nov. 3rd. There will be more information posted soon on website, along with a video. Parent volunteers will be needed to help out for 20 minutes before/after school. An on-line signup will be on the blog soon.

Secretary-Crystal Rutherford reminded parents to join our ACES PTO Facebook Page to get reminders, as well as to visit/signup for email updates on our acespto.blogspot.com

Budget

The budget was presented by President Jill Roberts and reviewed. No questions arose. Motion to accept: 1st Leslie Smogor All approved

Principal's Report

Principal Johnson has said the 1st quarter has been off to a great start, but also a whirlwind, not just at building level, but also district level. Implementing Science Common Core this school year. ACES has been practicing Fire, Tornado, and code red drills. Spirt week will be this week, and an upcoming Veteran's Day Week will be coming up. She has met with room party and traffic parent committees to continue to work on improving these at our school. Mrs. Johnson appreciates feedback, and just a reminder that she has an open door policy... feel free to email or call with questions. She also explained that there is a new Connect Ed System, and some parents have been having issues with emails/phone calls, however there is nothing they can do at the building level to fix this.

Teacher's Report

Teachers in attendance wanted to say thank you again to the PTO for purchasing the guided reading book sets, and said they have been a great resource this year! Mrs. Gambro presented ways to help your child—encourage your child to be their own advocates-encourage your child to ask questions/be a problem solver. Also stressed the importance of reading with your child & making that a priority no matter what grade/age.

New Business

Star Boards-

- New classrooms are in need of a starboard-PTO was asked to purchase 1
- PTO Will look into costs before voting on whether it will purchased with PTO funds
- Question was asked about teachers receiving training to implement Star Boards more into daily classroom routine. Right now, no training has been scheduled.

Watch Dogs-

- Jamie Jacobs, Art Teacher successfully began the Watch Dogs program at BGS. Now that she is full time at ACES she would like to implement the program here.
- Dads of Great Students-having more male involvement at our building-can be a dad, uncle, grandpa, older brother. Needs to make sure volunteer form is on file.
- They would participate in the daily schedule of the student
- Requested \$500 start-up funds- Motion to accept- 1st-Lisa Casbarian 2nd- Jennifer Jones
- Mrs. Jacobs will send home information to parents about an information pizza night soon

1st Grade Scholastic News

- Last year, PTO purchased scholastic news magazines for 1st grade classrooms. Due to enrollment rates, \$60 is needed to order more. Motion to accept: Elizabeth Joyce, 2nd-Leslie Smogor

Committee Reports

Fall 2014 Fundraiser

- Jennifer Jones chaired the Entertainment Books
- ACES earned \$4,139 and sold 405 Books
- Prizes were awarded. Monkeys for selling more than 3 will be passed out this week. Trying to arrange the best time for everyone to participate.
- Thanks to the office staff, teachers, and the parent volunteers who were a tremendous help.

Spirit Wear- Jill Roberts

- ACES specific spirit wear will soon be available.
- One order will be this fall, another will be during late winter.
- Order forms will be sent home soon. ACES PTO will earn 20% from orders.
- Discussion about donating shirts to each student-parent will look into for next year.
- Suggestion to have a used spirit wear sale/donate old shirts to nurse.

Box Tops-Elizabeth Joyce/Jewel Wacker

- Off to a great start.
- Month of September collected 5,155
- Collection sheets are encouraged-remember to staple or tape box tops only
- Can not submit expired Box Tops
- Coke Rewards can now be turned in for gift cards vs. having to order coke items from the catalog

Restaurant Nights-Leslie Smogor

- Foxy's Night went well-ACES earned \$80
- October's Restaurant Night will be at Millhurst Ale House 4-9pm 10% will be earned, must bring flyer
- November's Restaurant Night -will be at Mongolian 211 4-8pm, 10% will be earned. Must bring flyer, teachers are allowed to help out/serve

Book Fair

- The book fair will no longer be a PTO sponsored event, the librarian and librarian aide will handle
- Family Fuel up on Tuesday, Nov. 13th before school will be sponsored by PTO-Ruthie Giese will chair

School Directory-Natalie Meyers

- Organizing class directory-forms were recently sent home
- A suggestion was made to have a grade level directory vs. classroom directory

Market Day-Deb Davis

- Samples were successful at Curriculum Night
- ACES earned \$98.03 for October.
- November is Pie Month-order those pies for Thanksgiving

Family Game Night-Angela Hansen

- Fun night for those in attendance
- Anticipated more to attend-a lot of pizza was left over
- Suggested to try in January when the weather is cold and not a lot to do

Teacher Fall Dinner-

- Was asked to change to dinner vs. lunch during conference times
- Nov. 13th 5-6pm food will be ordered this year vs. having families donate items

Committees that still need help:-Contact Jill Roberts if interested

Grants & Gifts-collect items for carnival raffle baskets/box top prizes from local businesses

Aurora Roller Skating Night-need someone call to organize date

Open Forum

Classroom Party Treat Bags- Discussion about whether they are necessary, encourage non-edibles. For now, district policy is no home baked treats.

Upcoming Events

October-Halloween Parade/Party Oct. 31st

Market Day Online Order-Oct. 31st

Box Tops Due- Oct. 31st

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 11th 6pm Childcare will be provided- ALL are encouraged to attend. Goal is to wrap up by 7:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Jill at 8:01 PM and all accepted.

