

Andover Central Middle School
P.A.W.S Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011, 2:15p.m.
ACMS Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Attendees at the October meeting included Alice Collins (President), Dawn Monroe (Secretary), Kristi Pedersen (Treasurer), Amy Rech, Lena Duncan, Sarah Ullman, Beth Cunningham, Deb Reiger (Asst. Principal) and Tim Hayden (Principal).

MINUTES

Kristi Pedersen made a motion to approve the September 12, 2011, minutes. Motion seconded by Amy Rech. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Dawn, seconded by Lena, and passed. Our bank balance as of 10/10/2011 was \$12,000.18.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Buttons

Dawn reported that she created some generic "I ♥ Jag" and Jaguar picture buttons to sell for \$3 each. Committee members Ann Cole and Gracie Fugit helped assemble the buttons. Sales were kicked off at the last football game and will be sold again this Thursday. Only six buttons were sold, but we anticipate doing better with some marketing. More designs will be introduced as needed.

T-Shirt Sales

Lisa Johnston & Dawn Monroe will continue clearance sales for the upcoming home football games on Oct 13. Lena Duncan has arranged volunteers – all shifts are covered. It was decided that we should also setup our PAWS table for sales during Conferences on Oct 20th & 25th.

Filling Leadership Roles

The Vice President and Spring Teacher Appreciation jobs remain open. No volunteers were secured.

Supply Drive Committee

Germey items were collected in September and were well received by the ACMS staff. Paper items will be the theme for this month. Beth Cunningham has emailed the new requests. Donations should be submitted to the office by October 21st.

New T-Shirt Sales

\$1,850 in new shirts and hoodies have been ordered from Rookie Tees. Shirts should begin printing today or tomorrow. We paid \$1,000 down to secure the order. Kristi questioned the overage based on the income she had reported. Alice explained that extra shirts have been ordered to fill new staff gifts, monthly student birthday drawings and a request by Mrs. Breitenbach to give an ACMS shirt to her Brown Bag Lunch guests.

Recycling

Deb Regier reported that Mrs. KayLynn Smith (Counselor) has organized a paper recycling program with her Ambassadors as discussed at our last meeting. The Ambassadors were selected primarily to welcome new students, but she had so many wonderful kids, Mrs. Smith decided to utilize them for a recycling program. Arrangements have been made with International Paper and \$2 paper collection boxes have been purchased and placed throughout the school. (48 boxes * \$2= \$96). A request was made that PAWS possibly cover this expense. A motion was made by Amy Rech, seconded by Lena Duncan. Motion carried.

Concessions

PAWS will again work the ACMS concession stand for this Thursday night's home football games, and will receive a portion of the income raised. Lena Duncan has arranged volunteers. We've made a total of \$535 from our work at the first two games. We are fully staffed and Lena has sent reminders.

Fundraising Follow-up

Alice has found a supplier in El Dorado that will make custom printed drawstring bags. \$4.50 each for 50 or \$3.99 each for 100. Sounds like a higher quality than the simple paw-print bag available in catalog that we discussed last month.

Mr. Hayden reported that we could order the customized sunglass \$5 each for 200.

PAWS members discussed designs and different options for these products. Kristi suggested we go ahead with an order before another organization begins selling like items. Motion was made by Dawn Monroe to order a minimum quantity of the drawstring bags (100) and sunglasses (200). Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Hayden reported that he participated in the Goddard golf tournament fundraiser and took lots of notes for us to use to develop our spring golf fundraiser. The big money makers appeared to be the beverage cart, raffles and specialty holes on the course. Jana Farney was not in attendance today, but was going to work on some initial contacts for us.

NEW BUSINESS

Book Fair

Mrs. Hawkins (Librarian) has requested that we help run the Book Fair during Conference nights on October 20th & 25th from 4:30-7:30. Alice provided her with a list of PAWS Helping Hands. Mrs. Hawkins will make the contacts herself using our list.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Laura Naff is chairing the Conference Meal for staff hosted by PAWS on October 25th. She has been in contact with Alice and will begin making arrangements.

Dawn Monroe offered to coordinate volunteers to man the PAWS table to sell shirts & buttons during conferences.

Mr. Hayden suggested trying a raffle fundraiser during conferences. He described purchasing a flat-screen TV at his last school and selling chances to win. They were able to clear a profit of about \$700. There was

quite a bit of discussion on the topic and it was decided that our timeline was too short to do that for this conference period, but perhaps plan a raffle in the near future.

Veteran's Day

Sarah Bishop is chairing our annual Veteran's Day Assembly again. She and her committee will provide breakfast items for the many Veteran's and active military guests that we'll have here at the school on November 11th. Mrs. Breitenbach's 8th Grade ELP class is coordinating the actual program. The event usually begins with a flag ceremony outdoors and continues in the gym with speakers and essays. Dawn provided Sarah Bishop's contact information to Mrs. Breitenbach's class today.

Other Business

Mr. Hayden thanked parents for attending and being involved at ACMS. He reports that behavior has been terrific and that he hasn't had to deal with a great many conduct/behavior issues thus far. Mrs. Regier adds that she has had a few 😊, but agrees that we would like to reward the good behavior with the behavior card drawings at the end of the semester like PAWS sponsored last year. Next month we should talk about doing the \$5 gift cards from area businesses again.

Teachers have been attending conferences and bringing back new ideas. Mr. Hayden is trying to expose faculty to more technology tools that could be used in the classroom.

Testing has been done to see where kids stand on math and reading in an attempt to capture the lower learners. AIMSweb is the screening test used district-wide. Faculty can then utilize MTSS (Multi-Tier Systems of Support) to support these students. Results will follow students K thru 8.

A Brown Bag lunch series is being offered through Mrs. Breitenbach every other week this year. So far, we've had a Navy Seal and a Violinist. A Flight Tester will be our next guest.

Mrs. Regier has requested that PAWS help fund the depleted Activity budget used for a variety of needs throughout the year. This fund pays for things like in-service snacks, 4.0 breakfast donuts, etc. Everyone agreed that we'd like to help, but we wanted more details on what has been contributed in the past and how deeply the budget was cut in this area. Decision was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on November 14th at 2:15pm in the ACMS Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned