

**Andover Central Middle School
P.A.W.S Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011, 2:15p.m.
ACMS Conference Room**

Attendance

Attendees at the September meeting included Alice Collins (President), Dawn Monroe (Secretary), Kristi Pedersen (Treasurer), Amy Rech, Lisa Johnston, Rita Malinauskas, Jana Farney, Lena Duncan, Sarah Ullman, Heather Hawkins (Librarian), Kaylynn Smith (Counselor) , and Tim Hayden (Principal).

MINUTES

We didn't have a copy of the May 2011 Minutes since our former Secretary, Diane Tauscher, had moved over the summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Jana, seconded by Lisa, and passed. Our bank balance as of 09/12/2011 was \$10,707.33.

OLD BUSINESS

Activity Buttons

Dawn reported that Buttons had been created for Football, Tennis, Cross Country, Volleyball and Cheer members. Monica Johnson taught Ann Cole and Gracie Fugit how to use the button making equipment. \$618 was earned. Dawn said the committee had discussed making some generic Jaguar buttons to sell at the upcoming games.

T-Shirt Sales

T-Shirts and Hoodies were sold during enrollment and Meet the Teacher Night, August 16th. Dawn, Alice and Lisa were able to bring in an additional \$889 in clearance sales. We have finally reached the point of "profit" and are out of the red on last year's designs. We will continue clearance sales for the upcoming home football games: Sept 15, Sept 29 & Oct 13. Lena Duncan has arranged volunteers.

Scripts Fundraiser

The attendees discussed the Scripts program suggested by Diane before she left. The band has since launched a similar program using Dillons gift cards. No one has volunteered to follow-up on this project at this time.

Supply Drive Committee

The September theme will be “Germy Stuff” to collect antibacterial gel, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes, etc. Beth Cunningham leads this committee and has begun communicating to committee members via email. Please deposit these items in the box in the office by October 1st.

Rachel’s Challenge

The kids were able to experience the Rachel’s Challenge program presented at ACHS on August 31st. PAWS contributed \$1,330 to bring this program to Andover Central.

New Staff

Six new staff members were presented with “coupons” to receive a Central t-shirt. They can collect from what we have in stock, or order from our new selection. Alice coordinated this effort.

NEW BUSINESS

William Allen White Reading Program

Heather Hawkins, Librarian, requested that PAWS consider contributing to the field trip to Emporia for the William Allen White readers this year on Sept 24th. ACMS plans to send about 20 students who have qualified by reading the William Allen White book list. Our shared cost is about \$70 (shared expenses with AMS, Sunflower, & Prairie Creek). Students will have opportunity to meet with authors, eat lunch and celebrate reading. Amy made a motion to pay for this expense, Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Filling Empty Leadership Roles

Several positions were filled during the meeting. Here is the list of Officers and Committee Chairs:

OFFICERS	
Alice Collins	President
OPEN	Vice President
Dawn Monroe	Secretary
Kristi Pederson	Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Buttons	Gracie Fugit
Buttons	Ann Cole
Concession	Lena Duncan
Conference Meals	Laura Naff * Fall
Conference Meals	Lena Duncan * Spring
Faculty Bdays	Sheona Davidson
Golf Fundraiser	Jana Farney * Research
Shirts	Lisa Johnston
Student Bdays	Heather Scott
Student Bdays	Karen Lawrie
Student Bdays	Rita Malinauskas
Supplies	Beth Cunningham
Supplies	Amy Rech
Supplies	Keely Cone
Teacher Apprc	Amy Rech * Fall
Teacher Apprc	
Vet Day	Sara Bishop
Vet Day	Sara's Friend?

These positions remain open: Vice President, & Spring Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Fall T-Shirt Designs

Lisa Johnston, Dawn Monroe & Alice Collins have collectively designed new shirts for the 2011-2012 school year. Flyers will be distributed via email and collected in late September. It will take about 2 weeks to have shirts printed. It was decided to do order forms for pre-orders, rather than print a large supply of shirts and have difficulty selling the stock (as have happened in the past). Tory with Rookie will be doing the shirts.

New Fundraising Ideas

Alice suggested looking into some new ideas like ink recycling. It was confirmed that ink was already being recycled in the ACMS Library. Discussion about Recycling in general came up. Mrs. Smith talked about having the Ambassadors work on a paper recycling project this year.

Tim Hayden suggested a golf fundraiser for the Spring. He described an event another school does that he was aware of. This one-day event would be lots of work, but could potentially make a good deal of income. Jana agreed to start making calls to local golf courses. Lisa agreed to help if this gets going.

Tim also suggested ACMS sunglasses. Alice suggested some drawstring bags, pre-printed with paw prints. Both agreed to look into cost and suppliers.

Other Business

Mr. Hayden thanked all the parents for volunteering their time with PAWS. He reiterated his pleasure at being in Andover. He looks for two things in people: energy and ability to build relationships. Other skills can be learned.

He talked about building 21st Century Skills that students will need in the real world. Things like critical thinking, collaboration and teamwork. While test scores are important, he wants to focus on developing these skills.

In early October, grade level meetings will be held in pods to discuss the Bullying Cycle with students. Mr. Hayden has established a Helping Hands Report to anonymously report bully activity.

Work has continued to improve the ACMS website to make it user-friendly. Several parents commented on appreciating the improvements.

Testing is underway to see where kids stand on math and reading in an attempt to capture the lower learners. AIMSWeb is the screening test. They can then utilize MTSS (Multi-Tier Systems of Support) to support these students.

A Brown Bag lunch is being offered through Mrs. Breitenbach every other week. A Navy Seal is coming in this week.

Mrs. Smith had stopped by to talk about bringing a service dog into school. Her family will be training one this year and wanted to see what parents thought of the idea. We had run out of time and this was not discussed during the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on October 10th at 2:15pm in the ACMS Conference Room.

Meeting Adjourned