

## **PTA Agenda March 19th, 2024**

**Welcome and Introductions: President Kristal Diorio**

**Beauty & the Beast Dance: Coordinator Johanna Rolfe**

- 350 attendee's! SOLD OUT Profit: \$3937.54!

*Meeting Minutes:*

*Nothing additional*

**Cash Calendars: Coordinator Tanya Bishop & Christine Bary**

- Estimated \$3500 profit

*Meeting Minutes:*

*Nothing additional*

**Nomination Committee: Amanda Martinelli, Stephanie Beaudet, Karen Florenzano**

- Election Season - nominations are open- if interested in a leadership position reach out to:  
Amanda Martinelli email: [amandakbraley@gmail.com](mailto:amandakbraley@gmail.com)

*Meeting Minutes:*

*Nothing additional*

**Summer Camps: Coordinator: Jennifer Anderson**

- Early bird discount is closed, community saved \$3155!

*Meeting Minutes:*

*Almost 500 registrations so far. Registration is still open until April 15th. May 1st PTA will be closing registrations. 5 camps have sold out already. Last week adjustment for an Art camp to add younger students based on comments on social media.*

*Mrs. Skinner's card camp is really looking for attendees. Relaxation camp is also looking for attendees. People are looking for camps for K-3rd grade for 3rd week PM. People should email the summer camp email for questions and/or concerns.*

**Additional items to vote: Steph Billingsley**

- After school clubs - Chess & Jump Rope Club - Revisit at our April meeting
- Amending the bylaws - Adding an assistant treasurer position - Vote on
- Breakdown of mini grant/bus situation- review
- Increase mini grant budget- vote needed.
- Pecuniary benefit for family \$500 for entertainment services- vote needed

*Meeting Minutes:*

*Motion to Vote made for an assistant treasurer position added to the board for 2024-2025 and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Mini Grants are to fund field trips for all grade levels for \$15 per child. The PTA has had a lot of requests for busing due to the school budget concerns. The board wants to increase the mini grants line item to cover busing expenses up to \$15 per child. Every grade level has submitted a request and busing is exceeding the budget. Motion to vote on increasing the line item to cover some busing and UA costs by \$1500. Motion approved.*

*Tara Kelly suggested adding a line item to a membership enrollment for a donation for parents who just want to financially back the PTA.*

*Jen Anderson suggested relooking at fundraising to see what works and what has expired.*

*A comment was made in regards to parents not knowing that PTA funds field trips for all kids. A suggestion from Jen Alldredge was that teachers should add to permission slips that the PTA funds the field trips up to \$15 per child. First grade did indicate it on their permission slips. PTA will initiate social media posts about what the PTA does to support the school.*

*Motion to Vote made for pecuniary benefit for Heidi's Maders husbands company (ECA Entertainment) for assisting the PTA for entertainment benefits over \$500. First payment was \$300 for father daughter and \$500 for Mother son due to having to hire and staff the machine. This motion was approved unanimously.*

**Mother Son Event: Tanya Bishop**

- \$20.00 per couple \$5.00 for additional son
- Mother vs Son games include: Large Checkers, Big Jenga, Big Connect 4, Big Yahtzee, The Floor is Lava, Giant Sorry, Musical Chairs, Ladder Ball, Twister and More!
- Ticket price includes snacks, drinks, photo booth, board games, yard games and a party favor!

**Meeting Minutes:**

*Auburn Soccer club will try to adjust games around 12p-2p to accommodate the mother/son event.*

*Thanks to Tara and Pat Kelly.*

**Financial Report: Treasurer: Andrea Sankovich & Stephanie Billingsley****Meeting Minutes:**

*Andrea will update the mini grants budget to include the \$1500 increase for mini grants. Other increases from February were also recorded on the expense report. See report for more details.*

**Admin Update: TBD****Meeting Minutes:**

*Nothing additional.*

**School Board Update: TBD****Meeting Minutes:**

*Budget deficit - School Budget was made over 18 months ago. Projections are used based on previous years. Nothing is padded in the budget to protect taxpayers. The reason for the school being over budget is an influx of students who needed special ed services that the district was not aware of. Law in 1972 - Individuals with disabilities education affords those families cost for care from 3-22 years old. Some of the children have significant needs. Special ed services are authorized by the special ed director. The business admin for the SAU pays the bills for all services. The SAU Business admin and special ed director are no longer with the district. There was a collapse of reporting and oversight. Over the weekend the deficit grew to 890k, however, the district has recovered some funds. The SAU has a new business admin helping the district understand the issue and get real numbers. The superintendent discovered this in Dec/Jan and alerted the school board. In the February School board meeting the budget came up again for discussion. Special ed trust fund has \$160k and is inadequate for needs. Special Ed trust fund needs to meet the needs of the community. The board will adjust this fund moving forward. Additional issues the SAU found were missed revenue due to paperwork that wasn't signed and submitted to the state. It cannot be reimbursed because it was not complete. In the meeting last Tuesday the school board could not get real numbers from the SAU, so they rescheduled for Thursday. It will dramatically affect this year and next years school budget. There will be hard decisions made, The process will evolve daily and some decisions will not be made this Thursday at the next school board meeting. The fiscal year ends June 30th and the SAU/School Board has to balance books by then. They cannot end the year over budget. Difficult decisions will be made and it will be spread across next year. April 15th is the deadline the district needs to notify teachers if they will not be renewed for next year. Maintenance items might not be completed to find funds to cover the overage. Special Election is a Hail Mary if Auburn town approves it. The school board is working with New Hampshire state government to get approvals to cover some of the funding.*

*A question was asked about what is on the table for budget cuts. Alan, school board chair, indicated that bus transportation for HS is on the table, teaching positions, custodians, paras, sports, class sizes, etc. Alan indicated that moving forward policies have been updated for a new pattern for approvals through building administrators. Potential for monthly meetings to discuss status.*

*Questions came up about School Sports. Alan indicated Auburn is already registered for tri county.*

*Parents asked questions about how to fund pay for play.*

*Alan indicated class sizes are small in auburn and removing teachers helps with the deficit, so class sizes are up for discussion.*

*Questions about Auburn town supporting the school were discussed and the town cannot assist with the funds.*

*A comment was made about current special ed referrals and testing for IEPs are getting pushed out until next year. Alan indicated the school board has not authorized this. The school board will bring it up. The state average is at 18% student special ed needs and auburn is at 13%, so we are under the norm. All parents were encouraged to attend the special school board meeting on Thursday March 21st, 2024 at 6pm.*

**Upcoming Events: Jennifer Alldredge**

March 18-22nd	Missoula Children's Theatre - Jack and the Beanstalk (2,4,6,8)
April 13th	Mother Son Event- 12:00-2:30pm
April 16th	PTA meeting 5:30pm start time due to band concert
May 6th-10th	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 21st	PTA Meeting-Last meeting for the year vote in new board and proposed Budget, proposed event calendar - meeting @ 6:30pm

**Attendees:**

Kristal Diorio  
Stephanie Billingsley  
Jen Alldredge  
Heidi Mader  
Jen Strabone  
Kate Cox  
Andrea Sancovich  
Adrian Newton- School Board  
Tanya Bishop  
Bailey Trahan  
Jen Anderson  
Asah Pinka  
Allysa Stanton  
Stephanie Beaudet  
Dan Beaudet  
Tara Kelly  
Pat Kelly  
Christine Barry  
Andrea Robbins  
Alan Villeneuve- School Board Chair