

PTA Agenda

January 21st, 2025

Welcome and Introductions — Stephanie Billingsley, President

No December 2024 meeting.

Meeting called to order by Jennifer Alldredge at 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Movie Night & Kids Holiday Shoppe: Coordinator: Jen Alldredge

- Profit: \$1,353
- Overall it was a huge success- we received tons of positive feedback!
- The art displayed all around was K- 4th grade and sent back home with kids after the evening.
- We need to prep holiday shoppe helpers more next year on how to bag gifts.
- Next year we will have a mic for speaking in the gym and helpers to control the kids running around.

Update by Jennifer Alldredge: Chose not to do vendor fair. There was only a \$900.00 difference between this event's profit and vendor fair. We need some organization with wrapping moving forward. Feedback was generally positive, but we need to be cognizant of people being able to hear the movie for next year. This event really focused on benefit to the school families, and we felt that goal was achieved. There was some upset from vendors as to the PTA opting not to do the vendor fair, but communication went out in advance on multiple platforms.

Teacher Grant:

- One received- 2nd Grade: student Treasures Art Book- will bring for a vote at the February Meeting when the Teachers can come. \$1946.25 (~\$450-\$500 a class)

Update by Jennifer Alldredge: Deferred to February's meeting, but heads-up given.

Let it Glow: Coordinator: Steph Billingsley & April Ashby

- 11 houses participated
- Over 250 people voted
- **Congratulations go out to:**
 - 1st Place: Baillargeon Family - 30 Lantern Lane (\$200)
 - 2nd Place: Shinost Family - 12 LedgeWood Drive (\$100)
 - 3rd Place: Smith Family - 14 LedgeWood Drive (\$50)

Update by Jennifer Alldredge: We continue to discuss whether we continue with this event, which is free to entries. Despite that, we ended up with the same amount of entries. A lot of people voted, and families seemed to enjoy the lights. Sign-ups are tough to get.

Family Bingo: Coordinator: PTA Board

- Event was Tuesday, January 14th

- New this Year - FREE EVENT - no charge for bingo cards, popcorn or drinks!
- Prizes were Gift Bags w/ \$5 Barnes & Nobles Gift Cards & Swag or Toys
- Sold AVS Swag
- About 150 people attended
- Mr. T - Bingo Number announcer - always makes it fun!

Update by Stephanie Billingsley: Typically, this is held on a Thursday, but we went with a Tuesday. There was a school board meeting, ski club, and Reflections award night at the same time, which was tough. However, people enjoyed the free entry & snacks. Prize bags with gift cards, toys, swag were provided. Mr. T did a great job calling numbers! We had around 150 people in attendance.

Reflections Art Program: Coordinator: Kristi Petri

- Theme - "I am hopeful because..."
- Awards Nights was January 16th
- 18 Participants - Total of 26 Entries
- Judges - Mrs. Leary - VISUAL ART Jean Wozniak - PHOTOGRAPHY
- 1st and 2nd place winners advance to State level competition
- NEW THIS YEAR - PTA gave Amazon gift cards to winners!

Update by Jennifer Alldredge as per email from Kristi: Winners are as follows –

Visual Arts

Primary

First: Lexi B.

Second: Harper V.

Third: Emma B.

Intermediate

First: Delaney M.

Second: Harper B.

Middle School

First: Averly S.

Second: Erika E.

Third: Quinn B.

High School

First: Anna S.

Photography

Primary

First: Josephine M.

Second: Moxie M.

Third: Harper V.

Intermediate

First: Jacoby P.

Second: Jacoby P.

Middle School

First: Grace G.

Second: Grace G.

Third: Grace G.

Dance Choreography:

Intermediate

First: Evelyn W.

Music Composition

Primary

First: Adeline T.

Middle School

First: Oliver M.

Literature

Middle School

First: Violet M.

Father/Daughter Dance: Coordinator: PTA Board

- **Event Date: Saturday, February 15th (Snow Date: Sunday, February 16th)**
- Theme is selected - will keep it a surprise until tickets on sale
- Tickets go on Sale - Friday, January 24th
- Planning Committee - looking for volunteers
- Raffle Baskets - Looking for Donations

Update by Jennifer Alldredge: Registration to open on Friday! Date is 2/15/2025 with a snow date of 2/16. We are in desperate need of volunteers. We have Friday and Saturday to prep. Volunteers needed to set-up, breakdown, monitor tables. Donations are welcome for raffle baskets to sell at the event. Middle school students may volunteer.

Summer Camps: Coordinator: Jenniifer Anderson & position is open

- 3 Full Day Weeks - confirmed
 - June 23rd - June 26th
 - June 30th - July 3rd
 - August 4th - August 7th
- Camps run Monday - Thursday

- AM Session 8:30 -11:30
- PM Session 12:00 - 3:00
- Camp Registration estimated to open by January 27th

Update by Jennifer Anderson: We have three full day weeks confirmed. We end school mid-week, with 6/23, 6/30, and 8/4 camp weeks. Camps have morning and afternoon sessions, and there are 64 different options. There are a few repeat camp topics – drawing, Lego, crafts. Once we receive all information from teachers, Cheddar Up will create a sign-up. Between April and June 2025, we will determine if camps can be filled and what options might be, if not. Advertisement to consist of social media, Bloomz, and possibly a flier. Camps are pretty evenly split between middle and elementary schools. The third week usually has less attendees, but we are still looking to fill all camp slots. The potential exists to have a summer camp directly after summer academy for those students. TBD.

We will be doing an early bird discount. Discussion has been had as to considering an increase in the base camp rate. However, all camps have gone up price-wise, so no increase at this time.

→ Jennifer Anderson is looking to pass on responsibilities of being Chair of summer camp. It is all online and hours can be whatever works for anyone who can take on this responsibility.

→ One member asked about extending camp until 4pm. However, camps are at the mercy of hours as offered by the school. The school only allows until 3pm.

Cash Calendar: Coordinator: Tanya Bishop

- All Cash Prizes AGAIN this year
- THIS YEAR - Sale of Calendars in MARCH
- Winners selected in APRIL

Update by Tanya Bishop & Steph Billingsley: We shifted the months for the cash calendar this year because we had a scheduling conflict with the heart/jump rope fundraiser before. We did not meet our goal last year. Doing only cash is much easier! We have cut back on trying to reach out for donations. Calendars will get sent home before February vacation with online registration open as of March 1st.

PTA Funded Clubs - Steph Billingsley

- PTA would fund stipend for teacher
- Application Process
 - Minimum # of Students
 - Open to multiple grades/classes
 - Minimum # of Weeks
 - Teacher will need to be a PTA Member (for insurance purposes)
- PTA would only fund max of 3-4 clubs per year

- Board would review application when submitted to make sure meets guidelines & approve (rather than waiting for next meeting to have members vote - could delay start of club)
- First come first serve basis?
- Propose add \$1500 line item to budget - VOTE

Update by Steph Billingsley: Met with Dr. Collins today, 1/21/2025. We had talked about this last year, but such was deferred due to school budget concerns. PTA would like to fund teachers who would like to do clubs. There will be a minimum number of students per club for multiple grade levels, as well as a minimum number of weeks. The cost includes per meeting with the kids over an 8-12 week course, at \$75 per meeting. The thought is that there will be 3-4 clubs per year. The teacher overseeing the club needs to be a PTA member for insurance purposes. With clubs, if a teacher meets requirements in the application, the PTA board can approve on a first-come, first-serve basis so long as the offerings covered a variety of the student base. We can set a line item, and vote to increase same if the demand is high.

These clubs will be in addition to clubs already offered by the school. It is a process to otherwise get a stipend approved from the school for new clubs. The goal is to provide the students with different options throughout the year. If we have a budget approved, we should be able to move relatively quickly. It starts with teachers, admin approval, then PTA board vote. This would need to be an annual line item in the PTA budget.

→ Do the clubs continue in years to come or does it require a new application in the years that follow? Perhaps deference to the teacher running the club? How do current clubs work? Towards the end of each school year, Ms. Aubin reaches out to teachers and gauges interest in established clubs moving forward. We would likely need to renew on an annual basis. Student interest is definitely there!

→ Something to consider is a form or forum for feedback with the club, e.g. how many students, positives/negatives, things to do differently, etc.?

*****MOTION BY STEPH BILLINGSLEY TO ADD A \$1500 LINE ITEM TO EXISTING BUDGET FOR PTA CLUBS. SECONDED BY JEN ALLDREDGE. ALL IN FAVOR – PASSED.**

Financial Report: Treasurer: Andrea Sankovich

Update by Andrea Sankovich: Showing transactions that took place over November and December 2024. First, Barnes & Noble netted just over \$1,000 for the book fair. In comparison to last year in which we netted \$53.00.

Fall fundraising net was just over \$2600. Regarding the movie night, we profited almost \$1400, which is just ~\$900 less than last year (which includes a vendor fair and all that comes with it).

It has been a successful year so far!

Principal Update: Principal: Dr. Collins

Update by Jennifer Barnhill: It has been very busy, but we are back into the swing of things. This week, we are doing our first STEAM night with Ms. Reinhalt. There are many volunteers coming to do demonstrations, e.g. Auburn Police Department and a fingerprint demonstration. The date is Friday, 1.24.2025 at 6pm. There will also be food being served in the cafeteria! Should be a lot of fun.

The 8th graders are going to Pinkerton next week for a tour, and will explore different options that the school presents. The 8th graders will also be going to the Krista McAuliffe museum.

Next week is the great kindness challenge with a K-8 spirit week and scavenger hunt. Fun activities are planned for lunches. National school counselor week is also upcoming. Looking out, the next dance is 2/7/2025. Attendance at dances has been ebbing a bit. Curious as to feedback from kids. It's a great opportunity for the kids to mingle.

Early release on 2.12.2025. The one this month was helpful, as teachers did emergency response and cyber security training. Later in February, there will be family folk dance night (no longer part of night of the arts).

Middle school invention convention is also upcoming. No longer an end of year project thing. It has been moved up so that we can participate in the state competition at UNH. We sent some kids last year. There has been a lot more buy-in from students mid-year vs. year-end.

School Board Update: Adrian Newton

Update by Adrian Newton: Met on 1/14/2025 to finalize budget for next school year. Next year's budget includes a 9.2% increase from this year. Very large increase in quite a long time. There is some misconception on social media. The increase is not because of the budget issues from last year. The main driver of the increase is salary/benefits, Pinkerton tuition (up 5.8%), and special education. There is no cap on percentage increase with Pinkerton, so we are at their mercy. Pinkerton is experiencing a slight decline in enrollment, but they want to keep staffing, services, etc. at the same level. Their way to adjust is to charge us more money. The 9.2% increase is over \$19 million dollars. This will be on the March 2025 warrant article.

→ What happens if this doesn't get approved? The default budget is a couple hundred thousand less than the over \$19 million amount. We would need to make up this difference somehow if the warrant article doesn't pass. The difference between the default budget and what is proposed is de minimus. It will be important to show up.

The town deliberative session is 2/1/2025 at 9am. The school district will speak to the budget at this time, and it is also a chance for the community to add/detract from the budget. There is

some concern here given the 9.2% increase and how residents may respond to that. There are not a lot of “bells and whistles” in the budget as proposed.

Warrant articles include budget for next year and to add \$150,000 back into the trust fund for special education services (as this was depleted with the budget crisis next year). This will not be raised by taxpayers. Rather, whatever is left over from the “fun” balance will be put back into this fund. Voters need to approve. We have to have a warrant article annually for this.

The calendar for next year was approved for next year – 8/27 is the first day, 6/15 is the last day. This includes the same amount of early release days throughout the year.

Next School Board meeting is 2/11/2025 at 6pm.

Upcoming Events

February 15th	Saturday - Father/Daughter Dance
February 18th	PTA Meeting
February 24th - March 2nd	February Vacation
March 1st	Cash Calendar Sales Starts
March 15th	Mother/Son Event
March 18th	PTA Meeting
March 17th - March 22nd	Missoula Children’s Theatre- Sleeping Beauty (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8)

ATTENDEES:

- Jennifer Alldredge
- Andrea Sankovich
- Heidi Mader
- Tanya Bishop
- Jennifer Strabone
- Adrian Newton
- Jennifer Barnhill
- Amanda Martinelli
- Bailey Trahan (remotely)
- Alex Russell
- Alyssa Stanton
- Stephanie Billingsley (*not noted on attendance sheet, but present)
- Jennifer Anderson (*not noted on attendance sheet, but present)