

PTA Agenda

Feb 18, 2025

Welcome and Introductions: Steph Billingsley, President

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Steph Billingsley.

Summer Camp - Coordinator: Jennifer Anderson

- Registration Opened January 28th (a few weeks earlier than last year!)
- 412 Individual Camp Registrations already made!!
- EARLYBIRD Discount only available until February 28th
- Registration Open until April 15th

Update: Notices for camp sent once via Bloomz and social media and we got an amazing response so far. Registration end date is a bit earlier this year because a lot of work needs to be done on the back end, particularly with the end of the school year. A flier went out this week to boost camp sign-ups. Individual instructors are welcome to email for further sign-ups. Summer camp chair replacement NEEDED!

You are my Sunshine Father/Daughter Dance - Jenn Alldredge

- Event was Saturday, February 15th (6PM - 8PM - despite the snow)
- Approximately 350 girls and their father figures were in attendance
- SOLD OUT again for the 4th Year in a Row
- Thank you to all of our Volunteers!
- Sold a ton of raffle tickets (6 Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Raffle)
- Update for final \$\$ numbers at March Meeting

Update: Dance was kept at 6-8 p.m., and we lucked out with the snowstorm. We sell out every year. We had volunteers for the entire event, but were light for set-up and clean-up. However, Friday night went smooth and Saturday finishing touches went well. We sold a lot of raffle tickets this year for 6 baskets and a 50/50 raffle. The ticket otherwise covers all drinks, snacks, photos, favors, etc. Winter events are difficult due to illness, but everyone had a great time. Update on numbers to come at next meeting.

Cash Calendars - Coordinators: Tanya Bishop & Christine Bary

- All Cash Calendar Again
- 3 Paper Calendars will go home with students THIS WEEK
- Sell Calendars ALL of MARCH
- Daily Winners ALL of APRIL
- **GOAL: \$8K in Sales**
 - only sold \$5500 last year - prior years always closer to \$10K

Update: Went in teacher's mailboxes today to be distributed. Folks have all of March to sell, with winners being selected through April 2025. Last year was tough - we sold in February and

picked in March, which conflicted with other events at the time. We acknowledge that there are a lot of other fundraisers happening now.

Member asked what a cash calendar is? Tickets are sold for \$10. All digital. Your name goes into a spreadsheet and each day has an assigned amount to win if your name is pulled. The link can be shared with family, so anyone anywhere can win. Prizes range from \$25-\$250.

Mother/Son Game Night Event - PTA Board

- Propose to Change Date to Saturday, March 29th or Saturday, April 5th
 - Need to confirm availability with School
- Originally scheduled for 3/15 - But with all the snow - ARBL Basketball Playoffs moved out to beginning of March (don't want to conflict with gym use if possible)
- Propose time of event this year be 5PM - 7PM (evening rather than afternoon)
- ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
- Raffle Donations WELCOME!

Update: The scheduled date was 3/15, but we are aiming for 3/29 due to travel basketball. We would like to keep this a night event, and this will give us an extra week. April would not work because soccer will start on 4/12. This appears to be a sweet spot. We are looking for volunteers and raffle donations. The goal is 5-6 baskets, geared to mom, son, both. We did have some fathers supervise last year, which was great! The game theme last year went very well. Good feedback from moms and kids. Ordered way too much pizza! The event at the school was a great choice based on feedback, versus another venue. It allowed mothers and sons to actually spend time together. Last year, there was talk about a live candy land game. This would be very cool, but tough to pull off. We NEED to announce the change in date ASAP.

Member asked what is needed for raffle donations? It is great to have gift cards. Otherwise a lot of times we get donations for specific items, e.g. a new Wilson basketball or legos.

Missoula Children's Theatre - Coordinators: Ami D'Amelio & Christine Ducharme

- Spring Production - Sleeping Beauty
- March 17th - March 22nd
- Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8
- NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS TO HOST DIRECTORS

Update: Ami D'Amelio already reached out to former hosts, but anyone that has a spare room is welcome to volunteer as hosts!

Teacher Grant Request - Jenn Alldredge

- See Attached
- 2nd annual request for this grant

Update: See attached below. Mrs. Smith is present to discuss the request, which is a request to fund a book for each second-grader. She brought a sample from last year. The kids have a

research standard and topic, e.g. countries. The kids research the topic, draw a picture, and a bound book is created of all entries. The cost of the books is expensive, and there are issues with affordability for students and families. The students are very proud of their work, and the goal is to be fully inclusive of all kids' writing. The kids can sign each other's books, and the classes do an author party. It is a very fun, nice day that the kids enjoy. This is the second year requesting this via a grant, which is a relatively new offering from the PTA. The intent is to request this again in future years.

****Motion by Steph Billingsley to approve the \$1946.25 for second grade teacher grant regarding the bound books. Andrea Sankovich seconded. All in favor. Motion **PASSED**.****

PTA Sponsored Club - Steph Billingsley

- First Request Submitted - Jump Rope Club
 - 2 Instructors - 8 Meetings - Total \$1200 Stipend (\$600 Each)
- Propose to increase Budget Line to \$2500 to cover any other potential submissions

Update: We had a line item approved for PTA-sponsored after school clubs. A Google survey form was created for teachers to complete. We have our first request for a jump rope club. We would pay the teacher stipends. This club has happened multiple years, although the instructors have not been paid for the 4 weeks, 2 meetings per week in the past. This will use up \$1200.00 of the approved line item. Because of this, Steph proposes increasing the line item to \$2500.00 to ensure other clubs that may come forward get approved. Also, we will need to send a 1099 to the instructors of these clubs if the cost is over \$600.00 each, so we need to be mindful of this.

Member asks about how many clubs may come forward - how much should we expand? In the guidelines, we limited PTA sponsorship to 2-3 clubs per year depending on the club's stipend. It is not an unlimited amount. We prefer to keep the amount of clubs and corresponding budget smaller, but our budget is a living document in which amendments can be made. Clubs have to submit ongoing applications each year for the following year.

****Motion by Steph Billingsley to increase the budget line item for after school clubs from \$1500.00 to \$2500.00. Seconded by Andrea Sankovich. All in favor. Motion **PASSED**.****

Nomination Committee - Steph Billingsley

- Need 3 People (1 Chair) to be a part of the Nominating Committee
 - Provides unbiased 3rd Party to collect any requests for parties interested in running for AVS PTA Board Positions
- Will need to appoint and confirm Nominating Committee at March PTA Meeting

Update: This creates an unbiased means for people to come forward with interest. Volunteers will be requested at the next meeting. The committee uses a separate email. Terms are 1 year, although there is no max limitation.

Financial Report - Andrea Sankovich

Update: The budget for last month is attached to the hard copy of the agenda. Missoula has been paid in advance for the spring. Mini grants are doing well. We are up to 4-5 field trips this year. Spirit wear totals correspond to the holiday spirit wear that went out before Christmas. It has been a pretty typical month. Cash calendar will make financials more busy.

Administration Update - Mrs. Lindsay Murray

Update: Invention Convention (8th grade) was today. It was a great success and there were some great inventions. Liam Kelly, Oliver Monroe and Malek Alldredge were winners.

New registration for K and first grade are open. We are also increasing the days for preschool next year. More information to come. There is no need to re-register preschoolers.

STEAM night happened a few weeks ago. It was awesome. Mrs. Reinhalt worked hard coordinating the event. Graduates came back to attend, and kindergarteners were there making slime, lava lamps were popular. The PTA sponsored nitrogen ice cream. Very well-attended.

Night of the Arts is 3.13.2025. If you attend, pay attention to how many pieces of art are hung, as that is the responsibility of only two people! The book fair may not take place at the same time due to concerns with foot traffic.

The Fisher Cat reading challenge is also upcoming this week.

Dr. Collins posted on Bloomz about Meet the Candidates on Monday, March 3, 2025 at AVS. This includes the school board candidates and selectmen.

School Board Update - Adrian Newton

Update: February is a quieter month for the school board. The budget is still looking good for this year. Administrators are feeling confident that the operating budget will get us through with a decent fund balance. May be able to give some money back to the taxpayers.

The deliberative session went quickly, and was very well attended. The process went quite smoothly. The budget to be voted on is just over \$19 million. The default budget is only slightly less. Another warrant article will be to hold \$150K of fund balance into the special education trust that was depleted due to the budget crisis. This budget is de minimus, but it's a start. Going forward, there will be further requests to fill that trust fund. The \$150K will come out of the fund balance at the end of the year and has no tax impact. Next meeting is 3/11/2025 at 6 p.m. This is the same day as voting.

Meeting concluded at 7:12 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

MARCH

1 Cash Calendar Sales Start

3-7 Read Across America

17-22 Missoula Children's Theatre- Sleeping Beauty (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8)

18 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**NEED 3 PEOPLE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**)

APRIL

1 Cash Calendar Winners Selected

15 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESENTED**)

28-2 April Break

MAY

12-16 Teacher Appreciation Week

20 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**VOTE FOR BOARD POSITIONS**)

Attendees at Feb. 18, 2025:

- Stephanie Billingsley
- Heidi Mader
- Andrea Sankovich
- Tanya Bishop
- Jennifer Alldredge (online)
- Adrian Newton
- Sherri Smith
- Mike Mason
- Alyssa Stanton
- Jennifer Anderson
- Lindsay Murray

2024-25 PTA Teacher Membership Grant Application

Describe the project, program or activity for which you are requesting funds (Please provide details concerning time requirements, timelines, etc.):

Student Treasures Book Publishing project - In April, students will research, write, and illustrate a picture about a topic they have researched. The collection of all the writing pieces for each classroom will be published in a book by Student Treasures. Through this grant, each child will be given their own copy of the class book as a keepsake and a copy of the book will be purchased for the class to present to the person voted on by the class for the dedication. Writing pieces will be completed and sent to Student Treasures during the week of April 21, 2025 and will be distributed to students during the last weeks of school in June.

Please describe how the project, program, or activity will benefit students at AVS:

Second graders show great growth in writing skills between the end of grade one, where they are working on writing complete sentences, and the end of grade two, where they can write and organize complete sentences on one topic. Seeing their writing published is exciting and motivating for them as writers, and dedicating a book to an adult who has positively impacted their school year creates an opportunity for them to reflect and contribute to our school community by recognizing someone important to them. We have been doing this project for several years, and many students know about it from seeing their older siblings bring home their class book, and look forward to doing it themselves.

Briefly describe what portion of the AVS Student population will benefit from the requested activity:

All second grade classrooms and students are included in this proposal. Each second grader would get 1 copy of the class book, each classroom would get 1 copy to be given to the person named in the dedication.

What is the amount being requested:

Each classroom would need a separate payment to Student Treasures. A book costs \$25.95.

Dupont - - 18 students, 19 books - \$493.05

Nusbaum - 18 students, 19 books - \$493.05

O'Toole - 18 students, 19 books - \$493.05

Smith - 17 students, 18 books - \$467 .10

Total \$1946.25

If granted, when is funding needed:

If granted, please provide a separate check for each classroom in the amounts listed above on or **before Monday, April 21, 2025.**