

## **PTA Agenda** **March 18th, 2025**

**Welcome and Introductions: President Steph Billingsley**

**Stephanie Billingsley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.**

**Admin Update: Dr. Lori Collins**

Update by Dr. Collins: Some of the things on the horizon - After April break will be the assessment schedule. The state gives us a window in which to complete the assessments. ELA is 2 components (reading/writing), grades 2-8. The week of teacher appreciation will have a testing day. Dr. Collins will maintain contact with the PTA to determine which date works best.

Night of the Arts went very well. We are now in the midst of Missoula theatre. They have the first full cast (62 kids) since COVID.

4/03/2025, 1st and 2nd grade music showcase

4/09/2025 is the parent/teacher conference, so no school.

Lisa Pope has a dress rehearsal for the drama club upcoming.

4/22/2025, 5th and 6th grade music concert.

4/24/2025, 7th and 8th grade music concert

Trip to Lowell Mills followed by April vacation.

Tomorrow (3/19/2025), Ms. Reinhelt is getting another STEAM award. This is the second for the program! The commissioner of education will attend to present the award.

Dr. Collins testified before the Senate today regarding loosening the credentials for the school nurse. It is very hard to get someone certified otherwise. We finally got Anita certified. The recommendation is one nurse for every 750 students. We have 700 here, and we meet all criteria.

Town banners on the lamp posts are fading (drawn by AVS students). Dr. Collins asked the selectmen to consider funding another contest with prizes for the kids to redo them. They are about \$1200-\$1500 total. Another thought is to use school donation money to update them. Per a member, the town has not done the contests for the last two years. It used to be done over the holiday break with a given theme.

Per Steph, there may be funds in the cultural line item to use toward this cause. More to come in the next month per Dr. Collins.

**You are my Sunshine Dance: Steph Billingsley**

- SOLD OUT Profit: \$4542.73

Update per Steph: We made a good profit and it was an excellent event. Sold out.

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

- Only 154 Calendars SOLD so far, \$1540.00
- Help us REACH OUR GOAL of \$8K in Sales
- Drawing starts April 1st!

Update per Tanya: We are only at 154 calendars sold. 800 was our goal to reach \$8000.00. We only have a few weeks to push sales. If every student could sell one, it would get us much closer to goal. We understand there are a lot of fundraisers, but it is unclear why calendars are not selling. If it doesn't do well, perhaps it is no longer worth it to do. The thought with cash was to not bother people to donate items. This is a tough time for many, and we acknowledge that.

**Nomination Committee: Chair: Amanda Martinelli**

- Need 2 more members of the committee
  - Minimal work - just an unbiased 3rd party committee available to take nominations
- Election Season - nominations are open- if interested in a leadership position reach out to: Amanda Martinelli email: [amandakbraley@gmail.com](mailto:amandakbraley@gmail.com)

Update per Steph: We need a committee of 3 members to allow an unbiased party know that someone wants to run. Amanda is chairing the committee, but we need 2 more people. Work is minimal, and members provide a point of reference for those looking to run for positions. Asja Pinkham volunteered! We will make a post next month to make folks aware.

**Summer Camps: Coordinator: Jennifer Anderson**

- Early bird discount is closed, community saved \$3268
- There will be no WILD CAMP after Summer Academy this year
  - 2 instructors that ran the trial run last year said signups were not substantial enough to warrant another year and it was difficult with the big age ranges

Update per Steph: Jennifer Anderson will have final numbers after April 15th. It appears that we surpassed the amount of camps registered last year. Wild Camp allowed a student to stay at the school for an afternoon session to allow for a full day attendance, which also made it easier on parents. The lack of sign-ups and vast range of ages for Wild Camp did not make it an option this year.

We are in talks with Sara Nusbaum to perhaps take over summer camp coordinator once Jennifer Anderson steps down.

**Mother Son Event: Jen Alldredge**

- Saturday, March 29th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- \$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 candy bar!
- Pizza for sale - \$2 a slice - please pre-purchase if you can to allow us to order accurately!

Update by Jen: We will have games set up in the cafeteria and outdoors-type games in the gym. There will be a candy bar favor and pizza. This is a very easy setup event, and we had a great turnout last year. The sales continue to come in, but we will also be selling at the door. We are on-track with sales from last year.

**Teacher Grant: Jen Alldredge**

- 7th Grade Rocket Project
  - 2nd Year Requested
  - Reduced as some items were reusable!
  - Incredible Feedback from last years project from both students, teachers & parents

Update by Jen: Ms. Poulin did a grant request for this last year and has some leftover supplies. This is a hands-on experience that goes along with strategic planning. It provides math data, English, science. The feedback from students is that this is a fun experience. Requesting \$321.00.

Motion to approve \$321 for 7th grade rocket science project by Jennifer Alldredge. Seconded by Andrea Sankovich. All in favor. **Motion PASSED.**

**Missoula Theater: Coordinators Ami D'Amelio and Christine Ducharme**

- Sleeping Beauty - Grades 2, 4, 6, 8
- Shows Friday, March 21st and Saturday, March 22nd
  - \$5.00 a ticket
- We had to rent a room on AirBNB for 1 director as we did not have multiple host volunteers
  - Consistent issue the last few years
  - Will look to increase our budget to allow for room rentals for next year to relieve the stress

Update by Steph: They are rehearsing presently. An email will be sent to admin and PTA members to push attendance. The show is about 45 minutes long. The tickets are sold at the door and we take cash or credit card. We have to typically find volunteers to host directors. We had to rent a room for one of them this year. The director seems to like the AirBnB room thus far. We will propose an approximate \$2000 increase in the budget to host the directors in their own room. Having the budget to cover this removes the element of stress in trying to find host families.

**Additional items to vote: Steph Billingsley**

Update by Steph: Pecuniary benefit for family \$500 for entertainment services - vote needed. Heidi Mader left the room for membership and Board to discuss.

We used a Board member's family member photo booth for the Father/Daughter Dance & Mother/Son event. We are putting to vote to approve the increase to pay. Steph Billingsley made the motion, Jen Alldredge seconded. All in favor. **Motion PASSED.**

**Financial Report: Treasurer: Andrea Sankovich**

**School Board Update: Adrian Newton**

Update by Adrian: All warrant articles were approved. We are moving \$150,000 into depleted trust fund for special education at the end of the year. At the last meeting, we honored Jason and Ellen for 25 years combined on the board. That was their last meeting. Pinkerton is interested in changing the start time for the school to allow students more sleep. They were originally looking for a 90-minute delay. However, now they want to change it by 15-20 minutes (7:15 to 7:45 a.m.). This impacts AVS because it pushes our start/end times, making them later. It would be a huge inconvenience for AVS. Kids would be getting home later to accommodate a 15-minute change on Pinkerton's end. The School Board is not keen on the idea due to the impact on AVS, but the committee is interested in polling the Town of Auburn. Soon, folks will be getting a start-time survey. This is coming from Pinkerton, so people may not be readily aware of why AVS is sending this inquiry.

Adrian asked how much weight would be given to the survey. It will be interesting to see the results. The School Board has not looked at financial considerations yet. Pinkerton has an all or nothing approach. Candia is echoing concerns too. A lot of sending towns are really interested in the research and feedback. Perhaps Pinkerton would provide transportation. How would this all work? It does not seem feasible for AVS. Tuition would likely go up. The committee continues to hold meetings despite concerns being reported by AVS/School Board. There are many things we can control to allow teens to get enough sleep.

In short, there are many factors that aren't being considered. Another member said that Pinkerton gets out earlier than many other schools in the state. It seems like a lot of upheaval for 15 minutes, but perhaps there are differing perspectives that have not been vocalized yet.

The Board's tech director is working on the Power School breach, although there is not much he can do in this instance. In February, the Board asked him to obtain a letter from Power School that there was no breach, as that is what had been communicated. When asked, Power School then changed its mind and said there was an actual breach. Communication is a problem. Heard on the news that senators are pushing Power School for more answers. Heard that the person responsible was not using dual authentication for their system (there is HIPAA data). It appears the breach contained names, emails, and addresses. Power School is offering security protection and steps per the most recent email last month. Per one member, she received mail saying that her child's medical records were accessed. It is unclear who sent the mail, which lends further concern as to scams.

Next meeting 4/08/2025 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **MARCH**

- 17-22** Missoula Children's Theatre- Sleeping Beauty (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8)  
**29** Mother/Son Event - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

#### **APRIL**

- 1** Cash Calendar Winners Selected  
**15** 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**NOMINATIONS DUE FOR NEXT YEAR'S BOARD**)  
**28-2** April Break

#### **MAY**

- 12-16** Teacher Appreciation Week  
**20** 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**VOTING FOR 25-26 AVS PTA BOARD**)

#### **JUNE**

- 6** Student Appreciation Day

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

#### **ATTENDANCE 3/18/2025:**

Stephanie Billingsley  
Jennifer Alldredge  
Andrea Sankovich  
Heidi Mader  
Tanya Bishop

Bailey Trahan  
Lori Collins  
Adrian Newton  
Asja Pinkham  
Alyssa Stanton