

# PTA Agenda

## Apr 15, 2025

### Welcome and Introductions

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

### Cash Calendars Update: Tanya Bishop (co-coordinator Christine Bary)

Total Sales: \$3450.00 Estimated Profit: \$1450.00

#### TOP SELLERS:

James Killeen (14)  
Aurora & Lachlan Mason (10)  
Lawson Martinelli (10)  
Christopher Pepper (10)

#### WILL BE AWARDED:

\$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card  
\$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Card  
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**Update by Tanya:** We could still have some late arrivals purchasing but none yet. Per Steph, at next meeting, we will propose whether cash calendar will remain as a fundraiser as opposed to being assigned to another group. Perhaps Booster Club may be better suited? The winnings will be mailed to all winners.

### Missoula Update: Ami D'Amelio & Christine Duchame

- For the first time since COVID, we had a completely full cast of 62! This means we are back to our normal levels and will be on a first-come, first-served basis as far as permission slips go moving forward.
- We would like to invite anyone even *considering*, possibly hosting a director for the fall residency to *PLEASE* reach out to learn more! We are finalizing dates now but looks to be the week of November 10th. There is nothing required beyond a safe and private place to sleep and wifi access.  
If we have no host family, we will need to book an AirBnB which is about \$500 per director
- This residency cost around \$6,985.00 to produce and we raised around \$6,584.00 through fundraising activities related to the shows. This leaves only about \$401.00 for the PTA to cover from other funds, which breaks down to about \$6.46 per child to experience a unique, skill-building, intensive theater program for an entire week! Thank you! :-)
- The Fall 2025 show will be *Hercules* and looks to be the week of November 10th (still confirming with athletic schedule). This residency will be for grades 1, 3, 5, and 7.
- The 2025-2026 school year will be my last as the Theater Residency Co-Chair ... it is definitely an end to an era! My first residency was October 2011, and March 2026 will be my 26th theater residency over a 15-year span.

**Update by Steph:** Return to full cast - first-come, first-served basis, so some folks did get turned away. We did have to book an air BnB room for one of the directors. The budget will be increased to account for this possibility moving forward. This will hopefully eradicate any stress associated with rooms. We will always entertain anyone wanting to host. Ami does a great job with advertising and makes up much of what needs to be paid out. Left over expenses are, therefore, little to cover. Ami will be done after next year! Big shoes to fill. Ami is proposing for fall to be the week of 11/10/2025. This may not work with sports schedules, so more to come. We do not know what the spring show will be.

**Reflections: Kristi Petri**

- We had five 1st winners from AVS- win at the state level and they are moving on to nationals!

***Dance Choreography:***

Evelyn Whittum - First Place - Intermediate (This is Me)

***Literature:***

Violet Monroe - First Place - Intermediate (A Blanket of Imperfection)

***Music Composition:***

Adeline Tengstrand - First Place - Primary (I like Imperfections)

Oliver Monroe - First Place - Middle School (A Musical Recovery)

***Photography:***

Moxie Montecalvo - Kindergarten - Primary (Popsie)

***Visual Arts:***

Anna Stanton - First Place - High School (An Imperfect Scene)

**Update by Tanya:** Five first place winners at AVS! Super exciting! AVS always does well.

**Mother Son GAME TIME Event: Tanya Bishop**

- Saturday, March 29th 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- Attendee's: Estimated 250 people - sold tickets @ the door
- Mostly younger crowd (K-4th)
- Feedback: Another fun event, moms love they get to spend time with sons, 2 hours is sufficient - open to new ideas for next year

**Update by Tanya:** This event was a bit more rambunctious, needing to corral kids at the event. Having the event at night was nice, and two hours is plenty of time. We ordered too much pizza. This may be the event where we had the least amount of volunteers thus far – zero. Volunteerism is down all around, and we realize it is hard to juggle commitments. We are open to other ideas for a mother/son event, although those that attend do enjoy it. It is also a relatively low-stress event. The year at Block Party Social was expensive and saw separation of mothers and sons as opposed to coming together to enjoy time together. Thoughts of a dance have been discussed. All suggestions are welcome. One member asked about an outdoor idea. Weather is a problem and, if we want the highest attendance, the end of March is the target. As we are currently experiencing, weather is an issue!

**Summer Camps - Jen Anderson**

- Registration ends TODAY, April 15th
- If you need to cancel - no later than May 15th
- Currently **627** registered campers (between AM & PM for all 3 sessions)
- Will confirm with instructors which camps will not run due to not meeting minimums
  - Will email parents - refund for canceled camp - re-register for alternate camp option (will be provided discount code matching the early bird discount)
- Trying to finalize camp rosters by May 15th to give instructors sufficient time to plan and reach out to welcome parents & campers

**Update by Jen Anderson:** Today is the deadline for registration! Camps will be confirmed with instructors, as some camps are more full than others. If a camp is canceled, options for other camps will be provided. We will be working to deal with all those changes in the coming weeks so that final rosters can be provided to teachers. This is our largest summer camp thus far. Per Steph, the money raised from the camp more than covers us in terms of other events that did not perform as well. Jen will be emailing instructors to have better clarity on what camps will be moving by mid-next week.

### **Teacher Appreciation - Steph Billingsley**

- Week of May 12th - May 16th
  - (a week later than last year - give US and PARENTS an extra week after spring break to prepare!)
- Teachers are Like a Good Book, They Can Change You Forever!
- Will send home schedule to parents for daily student involvement ideas
- Donation sign up will go out this week
- School will be having some testing during this week, so we will structure the week as follows:
  - FOOD TRUCK on Monday (breakfast)
  - LEMONADE STAND on Friday
  - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - simple "on theme" setups in the teacher's room so we are not in the building disturbing anyone during testing

**Update by Tanya:** April vacation is a bit later this year. Traditionally, teacher appreciation falls the week after vacation, but gives little time to prepare. This is also coinciding with testing in May. A schedule will be sent home to parents regarding ideas for teachers. Donation sign-ups will also go out this week. T, W, Th will be more quiet with set-ups in the teachers' lounge to accommodate testing week needs. We will also include a donation option for membership. We are hopeful for good weather! The setup will be by the trail heading to the playground. Per Ms. Barnhill, there may be make-up testing on Friday morning. We will target the afternoon. We will need volunteers for Monday morning to greet teachers and Friday afternoon, depending on set-up and breakdown time.

Member asked about student appreciation. The first year we did a mix of popsicles, which went well. They melted a bit and we had a hard time keeping them cold. Last year, we did ice cream sundaes on Hoodsie cups. Very long line, and it made the students late all around. Kids loved it, but that response was not shared with teachers and paraprofessionals. Perhaps a small prepackaged gift bag? One member suggested contacting Stonyfield for yogurt shakes. Refreshers were also suggested. Has to be a grab and go item.

### **Nomination Committee: Amanda Martinelli & Asja Pinkham**

- **POSITIONS & CURRENT NOMINATIONS:**
  - President - Stephanie Billingsley
  - Vice President - Tanya Bishop
  - Secretary - Heidi Mader
  - Treasurer - Andrea Sankovich
  - Asst Treasurer - Bailey Trahan
  - Membership Coordinator - Jennifer Alldredge
- **ANYONE INTERESTED IN NOMINATING THEMSELVES FOR ANY POSITION - PLEASE REACH OUT TO NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIR - amandakbraley@gmail.com**
- Voting will be at last meeting - May 20, 2025 6:30 PM

**Update by Steph:** Amanda is the chair this year again. We are nominating ourselves again, but strongly encourage anyone that wishes to apply to please do so! Please reach out to Amanda!

#### **Financial Report - Andrea Sankovich**

- Project Safeguard Budget Line Item \$2500 approved to be used for BlueTooth ScoreBoard Remote at October Meeting
  - Total Invoice - \$2555 - Call for Vote to approve increase of line item by \$55
- Playground/Sports Equipment Budget Line \$3699.90 approved to be used for Playground Landscaping at October Meeting
  - Total Invoice - \$4878 - Call for Vote to approve increase of line item by \$1,178.10

**Update by Andrea:** Some line items to highlight – we did payout for the playground landscaping that was voted on in October per request from Dr. Collins. We also paid out for the bluetooth scoreboard and supported Read Across America last month. Middle school offered refreshers, e.g. drinks and cake pops, if they did required reading and sent in logs. There were also \$5.00 gift cards for Barnes & Noble (names drawn) for elementary students.

At the time we approved the landscaping and scoreboard, we only had estimates. Proposal to increase line items for playground landscaping to cover full cost (originally \$3600.00), so want to increase to \$4900 that was spent. The scoreboard also needs to be increased by \$55.00.

*\*\*\*Motion by Steph to increase Project Safeguard line item by \$55.00. Tanya seconded. Motion **PASSED**.*

*\*\*\*Motion by Steph to increase the playground sports equipment line item by \$1178.10 to cover actual landscaping cost. Tanya seconded. All in favor. Motion **PASSED**.*

#### **School Board Update: Fran Anthony Piascik**

**Update by Steph:** Steph and Tanya were at the school board meeting. They voted in Derek Berger as the chair. Janet remained as second chair. They assigned the new committees at that time. The meeting was exceedingly long. There were quite a few teachers that attended. When Fran volunteered to attend PTA meetings from the school board, he suggested that a PTA member be present at the school board meetings. We are open to this, particularly if it keeps lines of communication open. One member noted that there are a few bills coming down the pipeline. It appears some discussion was had about what policies might need updating as a result and what is being required in the State of New Hampshire. Another member said they may have a write-up of what may be changing, but did not want to alarm anyone because it is ever changing at this time. One member asked if there is a ZOOM option for school board. There have been multiple requests, and it was brought up at the meeting, but it is unclear if this is an option. Regarding the Pinkerton bus survey, there was a high response rate and it was clear that we are not in favor. They were going to take it back to the bigger committee to share results, and they will go off what a majority of the sending towns want. There are bigger issues, too, with having high school kids home when younger kids get off the bus. It would change a lot.

#### **Admin Update: Dr. Collins**

**Update by Ms. Barnhill:** NH SAS testing is coming up for grades 3-8. Starting 5/6/25 (writing assessment), 5/8/25 (reading), 5/13/25 (5th and 8th science), then end with math assessment (5/15). A lot is coming up soon - drama club play happening this week. Drama club has gone

through a lot, lost several members, tough to switch parts and learn lines. To ease stress, only one performance this time around (Friday). Next week we have music concerts for 5th, 6th, 7th. The 7th grade is going on a trip to the Lowell Mills. On 5/22, Andrea Johnson has coordinated a school day concert for the elementary students. Fifth grade has an around town field trip, Dan Carpenter will come in and speak to the kids prior to them getting on the bus. The Coder-Z finals are on 4/23 at Pinkerton. There will be some guidance assemblies at the end of next week to encourage positive mental health and wellness, coping strategies, etc. We want the kids to have as much support as possible. The end of the year is right around the corner! For 8th graders, this is our first year doing a Canobie Lake trip! The kids also love the dinner dance.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **APRIL**

**28-2** April Break

### **MAY**

**12-16** Teacher Appreciation Week

**20** 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library

**VOTING FOR NEW BOARD & PROPOSED 25-26 BUDGET**

### **JUNE**

**6** Student Appreciation Day

### **ATTENDEES 4/15/2025:**

Stephanie Billingsley  
Andrea Sankovich  
Heidi Mader  
Tanya Bishop  
Bailey Trahan  
Amanda Martinelli  
Jennifer Strabone  
Jennifer Barnhill  
Mike Mason  
Alyssa Stanton  
Jennifer Anderson

**MEETING ENDED AT 7:18 pm**