

# AVS PTA Agenda

## Tuesday, October 18th 2025

Welcome and Introductions: Steph Billingsley, President

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 p.m. by Tanya Bishop.**

### Membership Update - Jen Alldredge (membership coordinator)

- As of October
  - Single - 33
  - Dual - 41
  - Teacher - 30
- Welcome Letters & Magnets have been sent home with students
- REMINDER: Volunteers have to be PTA members (for insurance purposes)

*Update by Tanya Bishop – Reminder to check child's backpack or locker if the magnets have not come home! Sometimes the kids keep them.*

### Spooky Walk Update - Bailey Trahan (coordinator)

- Saturday 10/18 - The weather was beautiful!
- Scenes changed up from last year
  - 12 foot "Bone Digger - into Graveyard > Possessed Dolls > Haunted Farm > Spiders and Mummies > Zombie Research Meltdown > Aztec
- Exit by Softball Scoreboard - led people directly to Snack Shack - they were busy the entire time!
- 5 Food Trucks
  - Angry Cock BBQ - B's Tacos - Squeeze the Day Lemonade - Just the Sip - Your Baker NH
  - All gave GREAT feedback - 3 of them SOLD OUT!
- Final Numbers Next Meeting - but definitely the biggest sales to date looking at Prelim Numbers
  - Over \$8K in Sales - compared to \$5953 last year

*Update by Bailey Trahan – Great turnout, consistent attendance throughout. New scenes, two new trails received good response. The scare actors were wonderful, and they wanted to stay the whole time! Having less slots for student actors really led to students taking the matter seriously. Exiting by the snack shack boosted sales there. Excellent response with food trucks - 3 trucks sold out and all are eager to return next year! Near \$2K increase from last year. Would love to inquire as to whether the portable toilets can be moved away from the entrance. All snack shack sales get donated and are included in the \$8K figure. Per teacher member, folks liked it better than last year. Membership enjoyed the trail. PTA did not call for volunteers to help set up/break down, as there were some differences and new approaches. May explore volunteers for such next year. Member also suggested an inflatable screen with Hocus Pocus playing during the walk. Another member suggested a flash mob to Thriller.*

### Meadow Farms Fundraiser Update - Steph Billingsley (coordinator)

- Ended 10/15 Online - Paper Forms collected thru Friday 10/17
- Sold 1170 Items Total
- \$20,537 in Sales

- Estimated Profit 40-45%

*Update by Steph Billingsley – Hugely successful for a generally easy fundraiser.*

### **Reflections Update - Kristi Petri (coordinator)**

- Forms went out on Monday October 20th
- Intent Forms Due: October 31st - Reflection Submission Due November 24th-  
Auburn Awards Night: January 8th
- Theme: "I Belong"

*Update by Steph Billingsley – Forms went home this week. Dates changed a bit, so intent forms are due 10/31 and actual submission due 11/24.*

### **Mosaic Mural Update - Steph Billingsley**

#### **Updated Project Costs**

- Indoor Mural – \$10,000
  - \$7,000 – Cultural Events PTA
  - \$3,000 – AVS Student Council
- Outdoor Mural – \$5,000
  - \$2,500 – AVS Photo Account (student activities only)
  - \$2,500 – Principal Account

*Update by Steph Billingsley – Spoke at length at last meeting. We are giving the full \$7K from the cultural events line.*

### **Barnes & Noble Book Fair Update - Tanya Bishop (coordinator)**

- Friday Nov 7th 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- 5 Guest Teacher Readers (every 15 minutes starting at 5:00 PM)
- Requested Teacher Wishlists
- Volunteers needed prior to the event to pull books, will send out emails this week

*Update by Tanya Bishop – Manchester location. We now have 6 guest readers starting at 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Still awaiting further responses from other guest readers. Still working to obtain book wish lists from all teachers, particularly the elementary teachers. If we don't get a list from a teacher, we copy a default list so students have something to purchase. We do get a percentage of online sales (whole week) using the AVS PTA code. Typically have middle school volunteers for coloring activities. Email to go out this week for volunteers to pull books, e.g. from 2-4 p.m. Lots of volunteers last year and it got done quickly. Next week fliers will go home with the slip and code. Member said there was a discrepancy with the date/day on Facebook. Need to update. Will post on Facebook as to which teacher is reading at which time. Bloomz too.*

### **Missoula Theater - Ami D'Amelio & Christine Ducharme (coordinators)**

- 11/10 through 11/11 (Grades 1, 3, 5, & 7) -Hercules
- 11/10 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM & 11/11 (times based on roles) - will be held at Severance School (since no school @ AVS)
- Need a pianist if anyone available - otherwise we will pay for pre-recorded music
- Need volunteers to host Missoula directors (2- each must have a private bedroom)
- Permission Slips going home this week - due back by October 31st!

*Update by Stephanie Billingsley – Forms going out soon, if not already. Need to be returned by 10/31. No school on M and Tues, so will be held at Severance School. Inquired as to whether anyone knows a pianist to play along. If not, we will pay for prerecorded music. Inquired as to whether anyone is willing to host a director, although we did increase our budget to rent an AirB&B for them, if needed. Slots fill up and are first-come, first-served.*

**\*\*NEW\*\* LaBelle Lights Fundraiser - Steph Billingsley & Bailey Trahan (coordinators)**

- Wednesday, December 3rd
- Tickets - \$22 Adult - \$12 Kid
- Santa In Attendance!
- Use Code "Auburn2025" when purchasing tickets online
- AVS PTA gets 50% of the proceeds for all tickets purchased for 12/3 using the code

*Update by Bailey Trahan – We picked a date that Santa is in attendance. Spread the word and use the code when purchasing online. Days to select for fundraiser were restricted, so tried to pick a date that may work best for everyone.*

**Holiday Movie Magic & Kids Holiday Shoppe: - Jennifer Alldredge (coordinator)**

- **UPDATE** - Movie License Fee - PAID BY SCHOOL - PTA will reimburse School \$504
  - School IT Budget - Paid for Streaming Service with Swank Licensing
- Friday Dec 5th 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- Showing TBD
  - "ARTHUR CHRISTMAS"
  - Rudolph/Frosty Mix (with intermission)
- Cost- \$7 individual/ \$25 per family
  - Do we increase to match our Spooky Walk tickets? (\$8/\$30)?
- Bring blankets for viewing
  - SELLING AVS Blankets - limited time only!
- Holiday Crafts - in cafe
- Selling crocheted ornaments
- Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, Baked Goods - in cafe
- Kids Holiday Shoppe (need a coordinator) - in STEM Room (Reinelt's Classroom)
  - Items \$1-\$5
  - Will be wrapped (with help of student elves)
  - CASH or CREDIT accepted
- Fun Family Photo Opportunity
  - Sanya Ryan Photography

*Update by Jenn Alldredge – Well-received last year. This year, the school is paying for the streaming and we will pay for the license. Asking for suggestions on movies. Inquired of membership as to raising prices to be commensurate with prices at Spooky Walk. Member said no need to increase given it is around the holidays, profit from Spooky Walk, and LaBelle event that same week. Perhaps keep as is for now. Selling blankets and crocheted items. Looking for a student volunteer to assist with the holiday shoppe. Helpers/elves help collect options/items for kids and also assist with wrapping. Fun photo opportunity again from last year. Member*

*suggested perhaps keep the theme more inclusive of people who do not celebrate Christmas, such as more winter-based. Frozen? Happy Feet? Balto? Ice Age?*

### **Teacher Grant - Steph Billingsley**

- \$1,137.10 Requested - Linda Reinelt - STEM Teacher
  - Application Attached
  - Approved last year

*Update by Steph Billingsley – Attached to agenda. Request for zero nitrogen ice cream demonstration. Likely to be set up in the cafeteria. Rave reviews last year.*

*\*\*\*Motion by Steph Billingsley to approve the \$1137.10 grant request for subzero ice cream. Tanya Bishop seconds. All membership in favor. PASSED.\*\*\**

### **PROPOSED DATE CHANGE - Tanya Bishop**

- Proposal to switch Father/Daughter Dance to March 14th (previous mother/son event date)
  - Warmer in March - change it up!
- Proposal to switch Mother/Son Event to February
  - Tubing at McIntyre
  - Exclusive event- would have the whole tubing area and room to ourselves 9-11am. 200 people max.
  - Average about \$30 per person.
  - Riders have to be 5 years old and 44" tall.
  - Hot chocolate or Coffee would be available for guests (\$5/person)
  - Would need to watch the budget for big/little events and propose an increase if need be at a future PTA meeting.

*Update by Tanya Bishop – As the mother/son game night has been ongoing, it's a lot of kids running around the cafe/gym. Would love to find something different. Not a ton of game playing between kids and mom. McIntyre has 2/14 open! If anyone is against Valentine's Day, we could opt for a different date. Thinking perhaps 9-11 a.m. Could get the boys flowers to give to moms. One member wondered if girls would want something similar. Girls do seem to love the dance, though. The PTA would cover a portion of each tubing ticket. Everyone rides solo, no tube-sharing. The height restriction may cut out some K and preschool kids. This would be more of a give-back event as opposed to a fundraiser. Max is 200 people. The tickets would be first-come, first-serve. We have fire department rules for max attendance with father/daughter, e.g. 315 people. Maybe with switching the date, we will eradicate the risk of winter illness.*

*Thoughts? Consensus is that kids will love this activity. Fun to be out there with parents and friends. We don't have to set up, clean up, find volunteers. The rest of the mountain is still open for skiing/boarding, if folks wanted to avail themselves of both activities. Could be an event with growing anticipation year to year. Is there a snow date? Still pending an official answer, but it would depend on whether McIntyre closes the mountain. If looking to keep numbers low, K and preschool could do a sledding event at the AVS backlot with hot cocoa. Perhaps that is a way to capture all levels? Date switch with two events appears well-received.*

### **Financial Report - Andrea Sankovich (Treasurer)**

*Update by Andrea Sankovich – Copy of expense report for 9.2025 attached. We have a healthy amount of membership donations. Last year, PTA migrated to Quickbooks. When we renewed this year, it was double the price of last year. We transferred to a lower subscription and received a discount. For a renewal next year, it will be closer to \$1500. Member said she has access to contract negotiation, if needed. No guarantee, but may help. Will have numbers at next meeting for Spooky Walk and Meadow Farms.*

### **Admin Report - Jennifer Barnhill Assistant Principal**

*Update by Jennifer Barnhill – Just coming into sports playoff season. New 8th grade math teacher onboard and a new middle school reading specialist, too. October is fire safety awareness month, and just had firefighter challenge. Bumped up to 6th-7th grade, but seventh grade dominated. Need to reconfigure, but day became one of fun fall activities. Elementary grades going to fire station for tours. Next week is red ribbon week for elementary and middle school students. Reminders to come. On 10/31, Brave rallies scheduled. On 11/6, Auburn Honor Society induction. On 11/07, Veteran's Day breakfast. Actively collecting info from local veterans. There is a Google form to use if someone would like to be recognized. First middle school dance is in December (12/12). It is on the AVS calendar online.*

### **School Board Report - Anthony Piascik**

*Update by Anthony Piascik – School Care is our insurance provider. There are about 3 different providers in NH, and they have run into challenges this year with the amount of healthcare bills. One just recently closed due to bankruptcy. The one the School Board uses has a shortfall. There is a special assessment – Auburn being hit for a couple thousand dollars. It will be prorated. Board has a plan, talked about it twice in meetings now. Looking at how to fund. Bill due 7/15/26 – do we put into next year's budget and vote on it? Still up for debate. May be able to pay for it with the fund balance. Board trying to build reserves back up, but we should have enough to cover it. There is also potentially a vote for taxes. The Board has around \$700-\$800K from sale of land that was never used, but there are specific trust criteria, so that would also require a vote. Looking at all options. As year progresses, fund balance may be the ultimate option, but pursuing all three to cover bases. Want to avoid taxes if possible.*

*What happens if current provider bankrupts? The superintendents are meeting this week. The Board asked for someone to take a lead on this, as some schools are looking at \$2 million shortfall/assessment. Board requesting an audit. Would have to locate outside provider. It is bigger than just Auburn because many municipalities use it, and no one is spearheading this. To be addressed at next School Board meeting.*

*When is open enrollment? Unclear. Don't know. Might be different due to way fiscal calendar works. May not be November timeframe. Already committed through this school year, which is why the prerogative is to start looking at other options.*

*No other major changes to report. Pinkerton has a meeting upcoming, 10/30 is SAU budget meeting. Next School Board meeting is Weds, 11/12/2025. Will be a marathon ... Trying to live stream the meetings/legal implications. What about an owl with a 360 camera? TBD.*

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 p.m.**

## Upcoming Events/Important Dates

### NOVEMBER

- 7 4:30pm-7:00pm AVS Book Fair -  
*Barnes & Noble - Manchester*
- 10 **NO SCHOOL** - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** - Veteran's Day
- 10-15 Missoula Children's Theatre - Hercules  
(Grades 1,3,5,7)
- 18 6:30PM PTA Meeting in AVS Library
- 26 **EARLY RELEASE** - Thanksgiving Break
- 27-28 **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break

### ATTENDANCE

Stephanie Billingsley

Tanya Bishop

Andrea Sankovich

Bailey Trahan

Heidi Mader

Jennifer Aldredge

Jennifer Barnhill

Emily Seidell

Brittany Carlson

Jen Strabone

Alana Hedrick

Alex Perone

Bethany Keefe

Alyssa Stanton

Kate Phengsysouvanh