

PTA Agenda

February 17, 2026

Welcome and Introductions: Steph Billingsley, President

Meeting called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Steph Billingsley.

Summer Camp - Coordinator: Sarah Nasbaum

- Registration Opened January 28th
 - NEW THIS YEAR - opened to MEMBERS ONLY for the 1st weekend
- 629 Individual Camp Registrations already made!!
- EARLYBIRD Discount only available until February 28th
- Registration Open until Apr 15, 2026

Update: Camps are filling up very quickly. We are 30 away from the total for last year, which surpassed even the year before that. Camps remain open with the discount through the end of Feb. Non-discounted sign-ups through April 2026. For any instructors that want additional marketing, just ask Steph Billingsley.

Mother/Son Tubing - Coordinator: Tanya Bishop

- Saturday, February 14th from 9 - 11
- Great turnout and great feedback! Moms were looking forward to doing it again next year!
- Had 2 baskets - one for the moms, one for the sons. Also had blankets and winter hats. We sold 3 winter hats.
- We had hot chocolate and a small room for us to use during the event
- Notes for next year- simplify ticket ordering and no tickets needed to be delivered to school prior to event
- Paid out roughly \$6700, took in \$5445 between ticket sales and raffles
- Propose to increase Big/Little event to \$10K, \$6K increase

Update: First time trying something outside the school. We had 191 people who had completed waivers, with 10 more couples showing up day-of. The cut-off was 200. A few that paid were no-shows. Raffle baskets went over well and feedback was great! The tubing hill was just for AVS Mother/Son. Limited set-up/clean-up required. Next year, no need for tickets in advance, as the ski resort has to confirm waivers in any event. The event was more of an expense, \$27/rider. Folks did not have to tube and could spend time in the room reserved for AVS. Exact numbers still pending. Only a small amount spent of favors and the raffle baskets. Carnations for moms and heart lollipop for sons. We need a line item increase to cover what is paid out. We really only spent just over \$1200.00.

****Motion to increase Big/Little event line item by \$6000.00 to a total of \$10,000.00 made by Tanya Bishop. Seconded by Bailey Trahan. **Motion PASSED.***

Light up the Night Father/Daughter Dance - Allyce Stevens & Alana Hedrick

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- Event is Saturday March 7th from 6pm - 8pm
- Tickets went on sale Monday February 9th
- As of Monday we have sold 81 couples, 22 extra daughters
- Sign-ups for Volunteers, Amazon Wish List and Sign-ups have gone out
- Lots of glow in the dark decor and a fun "glow up bar" during the event

Update: New chairs presented the update. Glow theme with lots of LED lights, neon coloring, light-up trees. Hosting in the gym from 6-8 p.m. Soliciting for volunteers ASAP as noted above, including snacks/backed goods. Glow up bar for the girls with swag. Also soliciting for pictures of daughters with their special someone to put into a slideshow. Reminders need to be sent on this. DJ is booked. Photo booth booked. Photographer booked. Looking to borrow black lights. Renting four large lights. Mrs. Murray said AVS may have additional black lights. Should be ok. March 6 is targeted for setup, with residual setup into March 7. Also need someone to put slideshow together! Volunteers needed! Steph to email membership.

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

- Spring Production - The Secret Garden
- March 16th - 21st
- Grades 2, 4, 6 & 8
- Permission Slips to go out by the end of the week. Will fill up fast!
- NEED 2 VOLUNTEERS TO HOST DIRECTORS

Update: Informational packet/sign-ups to hopefully go out end of week. Soliciting interest for director housing for two people for 7 nights (Sunday to Sunday). Need one room – private, clean, comfortable and safe, with access to a phone land-line or sufficient cell phone coverage. Shows written to accommodate 50-60 students, but not all are cast at times. Submit forms ASAP. Shows are 60-70 minutes, no intermission. Staff does its best to accommodate illness that may arise.

Seeking Coordinator: Ice Cream Social

- Event is held during the elementary school open house in September
- Hoodsie Cups with sundae toppings
- Easy event to run, work with Sarah Belanger (food service director) to order
- Please reach out if you are interested or have any questions!

Update: Hoodsie cups with toppings, saves from scooping! Teacher commented to possibly add registration table for PTA membership – maybe give someone a fast pass to jump the ice cream line!!! Fairly easy lift to become more involved, and Sarah B. is great to work with! Event is held on a Thursday from 6-7:30p.m. in September.

Teacher Grant Request - Jenn Alldredge

- 2nd Grade Books - \$2021.25 - Sherri Smith

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- Wellness Day - \$800 - Melinda Avellino

Update: Ms. DuPont brought samples of books that second grade does year to year. Students spend a significant amount of time developing ideas, researching and writing. This year's theme is world landmarks. This is a great opportunity for kids to get excited about literacy, and they are so proud/excited with end result. The classes host a publishing party, as each student gets a full page spread, and dedicates the book. Much anticipated tradition. 72 students.

****Motion to approve teacher grant of \$2021.25 for second grade book project made by Jen Alldredge. Seconded by Heidi Mader. All in favor. **Motion PASSED.***

Ms. Avellino is seeking a grant for an experimental workshop focused on leadership and community values. The proposed date is May 19, during school. It mirrors Project Safeguard.

****Motion to approve teacher grant for \$800.00 for wellness day. Seconded by Steph Billingsley. All in favor. **Motion PASSED.***

Nomination Committee - Tanya Bishop

- 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: A nominating committee allows a neutral party to receive nominations from the community. Will circle back in March 2026. The chair last year used a personal email for solicitations. Any interest, please let the PTA know sooner rather than later. All interest is most welcome!!!

Financial Report - Andrea Sankovich

Update: The only major thing is an expense from last year that came out in January 2026. We had a food truck for teacher appreciation (May 2025), who just cashed the check. All other financials speak for themselves.

Administration Update - Lindsay Murray

Update: Registration for 2026-2027 school year is open. Winter Carnival had nearly 60 kids that were supervised by the AHS crew. Spelling Bee with Violet Monroe being champion. Boys/girls basketball made it into playoffs and had strong seasons. AVS Cheer became tricounty champs – a year on the banner added, not since 2002! Small lull before spring sports. Signups have already started and preseason sessions start tomorrow (2/18). These are NOT tryouts, just an opportunity to get some work in before tryouts (baseball/softball). Per School Board, agreement with indoor facility to use for this purpose. Successful STEAM night with Ms. Reinhalt, which

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was expanded with a truck outside to explore. Literacy night in April 2026, similar to math night in the Fall. March 10 is voting day, profession development – no school. Night of the Arts is March 26. Get here early! Book fair happening at the same time (and all week). Newsletter coming out tomorrow with more information/important dates regarding music performances, 8th grade events, etc. Member asked if there was a lacrosse coach. Ms. DiClemente is coaching. Lacrosse tryouts are 3/30-3/31. Also, new AVS calendar on the website to see who is using the school and when! Graduation is on a Thursday, but the senior BBQ is on the Friday this year (9th-12th of June is for all 8th-grade events).

School Board Update - Anthony Piascik

Update: Updated policy just approved. Some changes made last week, has to do with school usage. All to be handled through calendaring schedule. The deliberative session happened a few weeks ago and went well. AVS is largest K-8 school in the state. We excel in academics across the board – hats off to AVS team! Everything got passed budget-wise as to amendments to go onto the ballot for the upcoming election. An email went out with regard to a selection committee as to Dr. Collin's replacement. In January 2026, applications received. Committee being created with school board members, teachers, lay community members. Goal is to thoroughly evaluate and find a suitable replacement. Goal is to have a transition, if at all possible. Did have the school care (insurance) bill come in that was paid with fund balance. Looking pretty healthy this year, want to be able to give some back to the town, but also build up some of the trust funds. Will be on the ballot in March 2026. ***Open enrollment bill – can swap schools just by asking. Board trying to understand bandwidth in terms of what capacity looks like for AVS. No policy outlining this issue. Could theoretically have someone move in and not be able to attend AVS because open enrollment may max out capacity. More to come in terms of logistics. Unclear if this actually passed yesterday. There are a lot of unanswered questions, which makes policy writing difficult. Bill will be effective upon passage. Anticipation is that the governor will be signing it, if passed. This does NOT apply to Pinkerton because semi-private.

Projected first date of school is August 27, 2026 – a Thursday. Labor Day is not that following Monday. Draft calendar is posted. Will be coming back to the School Board next month. School year should end on a Friday.

Upcoming Events:

MARCH

2-6 Read Across America

7 Father/Daughter Dance

16-21 Missoula Children's Theatre- Secret Garden (Grades 2, 4, 6, 8)

17 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**NEED 3 PEOPLE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**)

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- 21 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESENTED**)
27-1 April Break

MAY

- 11-15 Teacher Appreciation Week
19 6:30pm PTA Meeting in AVS Library (**VOTE FOR BOARD POSITIONS**)

MEETING ENDED AT 7:19 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

- Steph Billingsley
- Tanya Bishop
- Jennifer Aldredge
- Heidi Mader
- Bailey Robbins
- Anthony Piascik
- Alana Hedrick
- Allyce Stevens
- Emily Seidell
- Brittany Carlson
- Nicole DuPont
- Jen O'Toole
- Lindsay Murray
- Alyssa Stanton
- Melissa Mavrogeorge
- Kate Phengsysouvanh
- Bethany Keefe
- Jeffrey Barrientos