

AG PTO Committee Chair Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 21, 2018

Meeting called to order by Rebecca Drendel and Ghazale Johnston at 8:30am.

- Welcome and Exec Board introductions
- New website for PTO. All BTS forms are online. All homeroom teachers also had paper forms available. 690 students and 600 families have responded so far. Last year approx 530 at this time. Chairs should review the new website and any updates can be made by contacting Patrick Boyle. Volunteer forms may not have been filled out due to users stopping after the payment form. There will be a push for volunteer forms and will make more obvious to users for next year.
- Bulldog Bulletin (Carmalita and Denise): Updates for Bulletin should be submitted by Friday to make the BB on the following Wednesday.
- Invest update by Katie Davis: so far \$25,000 has been collected of which \$3,000 earmarked to Sedgefield. Invest campaign usually kicks off at Curriculum Night, however this year the kickoff will be pushed back to Oct 15, with campaign ending Jan 15. Katie and Jamie have met with the Charlotte Checkers Hockey Team who has offered to help again this year with the creation of the Invest promotional video.

Treasurer's Report by Heather Davis

- Proposed Budget was distributed and a Motion to Approve the 2018-19 Budget was approved.
- There is a substantial carryover from last year, so numbers to spend are up for this year. There is a push to spend money in the years that it is raised. The Bulldog Club had carryover as well, much from the large spring fundraiser.
- All expenses over \$500 need approval including two quotes. Procedures are posted on the PTO website with check request forms. Please allow 7 days for reimbursement checks.

Bulldog Club Report by Kipp Kiger

- Main Field renovation is complete and a new maintenance contractor has been hired to care for the football field, outside the track area, and the baseball/softball outfield. The baseball infield needs work, but CMS should provide service.
- The BDC budget includes parent donations (BTS forms) and sponsor banners (\$1,500/year double sided). The banners will pay for the field maintenance.
- Food trucks will be at football games again, hopefully with a better price point.
- 1st Quarter FIT equipment has been purchased.
- BDC has some money to spend so they have requested a prioritized list from Mr. Folk and Mr. Blumenstetter (AG Athletic Director). They will be working with coaches for wish/need lists.
- Field Hockey needs a flat practice area, maybe the new Selwyn upper parking area will work.

Principal's Report by Mr. Folk

- AG's School Rating is a C this year based on EOG results. 75% of the rating is based on the school's proficiency level and 25% is based upon the school's year over year growth. The 68-70% proficiency has remained steady, however AG did not achieve the growth target (after 8 years of showing growth.) Mr. Folk will drill down into the specific grades and teachers to understand the drop in reading proficiency.
- AG has a dress code and it is currently being enforced which means there have been violations the first few weeks of school. The most common violation has been with the length of girls' shorts. The PTO offered to provide a parent committee to review further. The main concerns voiced are whether there is the need for the dress code, if it is being applied consistently, and why 6th graders seem to be exempt.
- 8th grade will no longer go to Washington, DC for a field trip. The class size is too big and only 250 of the 500 students can attend. The school is seeking an alternative trip to replace DC, perhaps an overnight or perhaps a day trip, where 2 groups of 250 can be taken.
- A new marquee is going in at the entrance to the school. The brickwork is complete and a digital board will be installed soon. The sign was paid for with a gift from Ann Clark, with additional funds provided from the PTO.

Committee Reports

- *After School Clubs* (Liz Waller) – Information will be in the Bulldog Bulletin on Wednesday. Signups will be online and in person at lunch next Thurs, Fri, Monday. New clubs include knitting and hand lettering.
- *Bulldog Prayers* (Leigh-Christie Cooke) – Club starts next Thursday at 7:45am. Sign Up Genius for snacks will be going out. This is an inter-faith meeting with positive messages meeting weekly on Thursdays.
- *Support for Sedgefield (AG Partner School)* (Dawn Davis) – Committee members are needed to help at Sedgefield.
- *Copy Shop* (Nadija Golden) – May not need as many volunteers as have signed up as copy demand is down. Volunteer form should be updated.
- *Spirit Wear* (Merri White) – Inventory closet was reorganized this summer. Inventory is depleted/outdated and needs to be reordered. They are looking for a new design for t-shirts. There will be a sale to Staff Members scheduled. There is a kiosk in the cafeteria that sells pencils that is full of quarters that needs to be emptied. It was suggested that AG yard signs should be available for sale next year, perhaps on BTS forms.
- *6th Grade Events* (Anne Lam) – Kinetic Heights has been booked for October 22, 23, 24. Ben & Jerry gift cards have been procured. Parent Lunch is scheduled for December 17.
- *Inreach/Outreach* (Shelly) – Christmas gift bags are being discussed. Bulldogs Matter snacks will have a Sign Up Genius. The new Breakfast Club was discussed, which will provide mentoring and breakfast to a group of at-risk

students coordinated by Courtney Armstrong. Inreach will create a Sign Up Genius to buy breakfast items and money has been budgeted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.