

General Board Meeting Minutes

AGMS PTO



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Friday, September 15, 2023

12:00 pm

AG Media Center & via Zoom

Attachments: August 2023 AGMS PTO Financial Report Budget

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm. Several participants joined by Zoom

1. Welcome/Introductions – *Carolyn Floyd/Tempie Largen*

5 members joined by Zoom. Carolyn welcomed everyone and thanked them for joining. She introduced herself as co-president along with Tempie Largen. The Executive Board introduced themselves.

2. Principal Update – *Mr. Conner*

Mr. Conner thanked everyone for joining this afternoon. It has been a great start to the new school year. Teachers have engaged in *Capturing Kids Hearts* framework this year to help with discipline incidents and improve staff and student relationships. The framework uses 4 questions to redirect classroom behavior and all teachers are using it consistently in the classroom.

Mr. Conner also addressed the school grade designation - how it was determined and what plans are moving forward. AGMS school grade has dropped over the last three years. Mr. Conner said that ML population, which is the largest population at AGMS, will be a major focus for the upcoming school year. Mr. Conner explained how a school's designation is determined around student growth. AGMS did receive an additional ML position this year, but it is very difficult to meet specific ML certifications, so that position has not been filled yet. The grade of the school can be a concern especially from community perception. How does CMS support Mr. Conner and fight for AGMS at the state level? CMS does provide strategic support and a resource is at the school now helping put plans in place. How do we improve the experience for all populations so that we can encourage communities to stay? It is important to share in communication how students that are achieving 4s and 5s are continuing to be challenged. AGMS has a lot more students with different needs than we have had in the past and we're trying to determine how to best support such a vast array of students that we have not had to support before. Team discussed opportunities for volunteers to read weekly with ML students. Look for more communication through the Bulldog Bulletin.

Parents are able to pull EOG and MAP test scores in PowerSchool. Katie Williams and Mr. Conner will meet to discuss the best communication plan regarding the new grade designation. The team suggested that the communication be something that can be sent to a broader community including potential new parents. Parents need to hear that the high performing students are also being challenged so they will continue to stay and support the AGMS community.

There was a concern about not being able to use the back exit without supervision at dismissal. Students are to go through the track or the back baseball field. There is supervision in the front to monitor students exiting. Mr. Conner will work with Mr. Lebowitz to discuss back bus lot and Ms. Walters who is responsible for back carpool. Mr. Conner will follow up with the parent that brought the issue forward.

3. Financial Report – *Mickie Hunneycutt*

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Mickie Huneycutt reviewed the attached financials in detail. If additional funds come in through fundraising efforts, it will be put into a carryover fund.

4. Budget Approval – *Carolyn Floyd/Tempie Largen*

Anne motioned to approve, Brooke seconded and the board approved the financials.

5. Communications Report – *Katie Williams*

Katie Williams gave a big thank you to her team that helps with the website, social media and marquee. Katie gave a quick reminder on how to submit items to be published in the Bulldog Bulletin. Please give Katie and her team as much lead time as possible. There is a communications submission request on the AGMS PTO website.

6. General Questions - *Mr. Conner*

- A parent asked if there is an AG Bulldog character uniform. The school does have one but it is very dated. Krissy Sternberg said she would send the costume link to Tempie and if there are additional funds it will be replaced.
- The gym floor is currently in the process of being fixed. The first volleyball game will not be at home but will be ready moving forward.
- There have been student cell phone policy changes. Last year the staff discussed how best to come to a compromise with students using their phones during class. There is no cell phone usage during instructional time. But cell phones can be used at lunch time and FIT.
- There was a question also about the use of lockers because student backpacks are heavy. Mr. Conner said it could be considered in the future but not this year. Lockers can sometimes add safety concerns as well.

7. Meeting Wrap Up/Appreciation – *PTO Exec Board*

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm