

ACC March Meeting – April 11 at 4pm

Aspen/Teacher Update

Mr. McNulty – Ask parents to collect and hold boxes for packing the rooms this summer during the construction process. With many of the rooms moving this spring/summer and again in the fall once the construction is completed, if people could collect and hold moving boxes for the staff, it would be appreciated. Between the ACC and admin here at Aspen, we then could coordinate when boxes are needed. Brooke will promote on facebook and email blast.

We need families to collect boxes and hold onto them so that the school/teachers know they are available. We (ACC members) will share any communication about this among the various classroom Facebook pages to help spread the word. Also, teachers will need help once they are allowed to be back in the building to get their classrooms set up and organized for Back to School Night. Majority of teachers will be moving classrooms and would appreciate assistance from families...can the ACC create a sign up genius for families to select days/times, etc.

Mrs. Torvik and Ms. Peterson –

- Field Day - Ms. Peterson created signup genius (thank you). It has been shared and many spots already filled.

Secretary

Stephanie Smitley (coming to meeting late, maybe discuss her stuff toward the end of the meeting)

- Teacher Appreciation Month – Ms Peterson did a survey of teachers – comments? Ms. Peterson did a Survey Monkey among the teachers; teachers would like food, snacks and possibly a potluck. Gift cards were mentioned - chocolate to be given with gift cards. In the past, e-mail went out to families to have their children turn in thank you notes to the school office and teacher mailboxes would have a ton of cards from students from all different grades. Only 21% of teachers chose the ice cream sundae option - doesn't seem to be a big hit. Teacher appreciation is in the month of May - specifically there is one week dedicated to teacher appreciation however, we have spread it over the month - typically something once a week

Treasurer

Rachel Mong/Nicole Suyak

- Nicole taking over as Treasurer next year – THANKS Nicole! No update - Rachel and Nicole haven't met yet

Fundraising

- Book Fair (Alanna) – total after sales tax were \$3,122.28, of which we get 60% since it was our second sale of the year. It has been harder and harder to get volunteers for the book fair. Alanna will be around next year to chair the Book Fair but is looking for someone to co-chair with her - especially someone that can take over in the next couple of years
- SCRIP update (Heather) – Scrip sold \$295.00 (total of 44 cards) over spring conferences. Most requested cards were \$5 B&N, \$5 Target and Applebees. We had two families place on Mon. 4/10 order which generated in approx. \$30 for Aspen; one more order in May and then Scrip will concentrate on promoting Lands' End (and other retailers that carry our uniform) for the upcoming school year. And Heather will work on getting an attachment to the incoming Kindergarten Facebook group that will list instructions on how to sign up for scrip as well as list our other fundraisers
- Butterbraids (Natalie) – happening now, orders due April 20; braids delivered on May 11; Natalie – do you need help with handing out orders on the 11th? No help need for the 11th
- Dinners (Nicole) – Aspen Dad contacted us about doing an Arby's dinner fundraising night.

Thoughts? *No update regarding Applebee's; check is sent directly from Applebee's headquarters to the school office so once office receives check, we will find out how much was made. We have tabled the Arby's dinner for next ACC meeting - we believe we discussed this in the past and didn't move forward for some reason*

- Box Tops (Amy Herendeen) – *No update*
- Tyson labels (Heather/Kim) – *No update*
- Amazon Smile (Heather) – *No update*
- SchoolStore (Alison) – *No update*
- Heggies Pizza Fundraising Opportunity – *Mrs. Halko emailed and like the idea of doing a Heggies fundraiser. Heggies is locally owned company. ACC sets selling price (approx.. \$9-\$11 each) Thoughts? Volunteer to lead if we wanna go ahead? In order to do this fundraiser, we would need board approval. Not too much enthusiasm among us ACC members for this however, perhaps we should throw it out there to see if anyone is interested in handling?*

Communications/School Liasion

Brooke Flesner

- Summer ACC meetings – *need to meet somewhere offsite (due to construction). Location ideas? Suggestion was made for the meeting rooms at the Savage library; those tend to be free during the day over the summer months. Otherwise, Caribou or Starbucks might work*
- ACC roles for next year – *Does everyone want to continue on in current role for next year?*

Hospitality and Outreach Committee

Welcome New Families Committee (Holly Johnson & Kylee Koecheler)

- New Families Packet (Holly/Kylee) – *Holly is the only contact for this now*
- Grade Level Ambassadors Program –
- ACC at Prospective Parent Meetings/Open Houses –*would like an ACC representative at the following Parent Info Meetings: 4/20 @ 5:15 PM. **Let Brooke know if you can attend one of these.** No one available at this time*

Special Events

(Nicole Suyak & Melissa Wexler) - Nicole is the only contact for Special Events now

- Uniform Sale (Amy Herendeen) – *Due to construction sale cannot happen at school. Other location options or facebook online sale? Didn't get too much time to discuss as we ran out of time; e-mails have been exchanged and general consensus is that having it somewhere will be helpful to families (especially new families) and give a more positive impression of the used uniform sale. Nicole has connections at Harbor Church and may be able to get use of their space for a couple of days. We definitely need to discuss this at next month's meeting more*
- Dan Patch Parade - ? *Parade is being held Sat. 6/24 at 11:00 a.m this year. An Aspen family approached Heather during conferences about Aspen participating again however, family isn't willing to organize/handle. Entry for the parade is \$25 for non-profit (\$75 for profit) and deadline for submission is June 1st. Hard part in the past has been getting families to participate so at this time, most likely not going to move forward.*
- Art Exhibit – *desperately need volunteers to help hang/display art. Brooke will promote more on facebook (please like and share) and send an ACC email Mrs. Elsberry can use help whenever families can give it - if families give her a day's notice, she can get stuff ready if anyone is willing to come in for a few hours during the school day. She has not gotten any volunteers for the 4-6 pm shifts yet.*
- Spring / End of Year Event – *did not discuss*
- Middle School Dance – *Mrs Herman and the MS teachers are organizing this dance. They will let the ACC know if and when they need our help. Relayed info to everyone there*

- Summer events – Incoming Kindergarten Ice Cream Social (Heather Allison) – date? Place? Heather needs to pick a date, time and place. Was hoping to get lacrosse game schedule soon but that doesn't come out until end of June (trying to make sure my girls can attend so they can help interact with kindergarteners and siblings). Need to contact school office to see when they are mailing information out to the incoming kindergarten families to help determine when information needs to be decided upon

Other items discussed:

Playground info: other than the money raised for the two Apex fun runs (which equates to approximately \$23,000), there is no money for the playground. Ms. Peterson is chairing the Playground Committee and there will be three playground spaces: PG-1 with equipment for K-2; PG-2 with grassy area (for soccer, football, etc.) for grades 2-5 and then PG-3 which is a blacktop with basketball and 4 square court (again more geared towards grades 2-5). \$23,000 isn't a lot of money for the playground...for example, there is money for grass seed (for the grassy area) but not money for sod which means that there would be no grass on that playground for this upcoming school year. Ms. Peterson is looking for any assistance with grant writing, contacts with landscaping companies, colleges and universities with students looking to do interns, etc. There could be a lot of free money to help the playground committee out there - she just needs assistances with parents tracking down the right contacts to work with.

One suggestion for helping raise playground money was to charge students \$2 or \$3 for wearing jeans to school on selected days. Ms. Peterson will discuss with Mr. McNulty to see if this is an option.

Service Fundraiser - we briefly discussed this. We will continue discussion at the next ACC meeting.