

# AJH PTO Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2022

9:00 am

Meeting called to order at: 9:14 am by President, Darcie Parsons

**President: Darcie Parsons** ([ajhpto1@gmail.com](mailto:ajhpto1@gmail.com))

- Membership and Dues
  - Membership is needed to vote and hold a chair position
- Grants - Mrs. Weir will email a grant request.
- AJH PTO Board positions for next year (2022/2023)
  - President - Darcie Parsons  
Teri Burich made a motion for Darcie to be President, Heather Pearch seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**
  - Vice President - Amanda Beres  
Dawn Clappas made a motion for Amanda to be Vice President, Heather Pearch seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**
  - Secretary - Elizabeth Fought  
Dawn Clappas made a motion for Elizabeth to be Secretary, Teri Burich seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**
  - Treasurer - Dawn Clappas  
Heather Pearch made a motion for Dawn to be Treasurer, Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**
- AJH PTO chair and co-chair positions for next year (2022/2023)
  - Please let us know if you are stepping out of your chair position or would like to continue for next school year.
- The Bus Garage may be looking into a possible PBIS reward system- more details to follow in 2022/2023 school year
- Academic Awards will be on May 18th for 6th grade, May 19th for 7th grade, and May 20th for 8th grade at 8:45am each day. Two parents will be needed each day to hand out prepackaged cookies to the students. No drinks are needed.

Parents of each student receiving awards are invited, though space will be very tight. Mr. Gibson said that some emails are not getting to parents as there have been issues with PowerSchool, as every section for emails has to have the same email. Parents are encouraged to check and update PowerSchool to ensure all the email sections have the same email.

**Principal: Andrew Gibson** ([andrew\\_gibson@amherstk12.org](mailto:andrew_gibson@amherstk12.org))

- The recess area is closer to happening and will be about 65' x110' and fenced on three sides. The PTO will be providing basketball hoops, 9 Square and other items for students to be active outside during M.E, and possibly a shed to store items unless an area can be repurposed for ME. The school will also get three security cameras for the back wall.

Heather Peach made a motion to save this year's remaining Walk-a-Thon fundraiser funds for the 2022/2023 school year. Sherry Glass Strohsack seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays.

**Motion passed.**

The Walk-a-Thon fundraiser funds next year can be used for recess items and the new recess area as well.

- There will be PE next year for 6th- 8th grade students thanks to creative scheduling!
- Mrs. Neuhoff thanked the PTO for the Spare Apparel clothing to be used for students who need a change of clothes. She also said the PTO has outdone themselves with the gifts and items for staff and students.

**Vice President: Heather Hatten** ([heathermhatten@gmail.com](mailto:heathermhatten@gmail.com))

- Heather had given Dawn the updates as she was unable to attend the meeting. Kalahari summer dates are still being looked at, along with a rate and room deal option, with any summer date as an option and advertising online, with tickets being picked up in person.
- \$20 day pass tickets, so the PTOs can sell for \$25 as a fundraiser.
- This will be for the entire District and the three PTOs will split the fundraiser profits.
- Some possible dates discussed during the meeting are Friday June 3rd, towards the end of July after the 15th, and/or a possible overnight Sept 18th-19th

**Secretary: Elizabeth Fought** ([ohhappyday789@gmail.com](mailto:ohhappyday789@gmail.com))

- Please sign attendance sheet
- Heather Peach made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes, Teri Burich seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

**Treasurer: Dawn Clappas** ([ajhptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ajhptotreasurer@gmail.com))

- Remember that we are tax exempt; if you need to get any donations or supplies for your committee, please email Dawn for a copy of the form needed.
- Bank Balance: \$19,593.60
- Quickbooks: \$19,593.60
- Outstanding: \$0
- Increase Hospitality budget by \$20.99.
- Academic awards fund was suggested to be increased from \$500 to \$750. Pre-packaged cookies will be the easiest to pass out to students after the awards.

Teri Burich made a motion to increase the Academic Awards fund from \$500 to \$750. Heather Peach seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

- The 8th grade snack fund was recommended to be increased from \$200 to \$500. Juice boxes and water, packs of cookies, rice crispies, pretzels were suggested to be purchased, then taken to the office for students to separate and put together before Friday, May 20th.

Heather Peach made a motion to increase the 8th grade snacks fund from \$50. Heather Peach seconded the motion. Vote all ayes, no nays. **Motion passed.**

- There have not been any Stellar Student invoices yet.
- The Spare Apparel purchases were decided to come out of the Discretionary Fund

## **Committee Chairs:**

### **Apparel Sale (Spring): Heather Hatten** ([heathermhatten@gmail.com](mailto:heathermhatten@gmail.com))

- District wide sale with all 3 PTO's
- The sale was going smoothly and many orders have been turned in.
- There will need to be a new Chair as Heather Hatten will no longer have a student at AJH.

### **Community Support, General:**

- Link Amazon Smile through Powers Elementary; Coke rewards- you can enter them yourself on Coke's website, under Powers Elementary. All money earned is split evenly between Powers, Nord, and AJH PTO's.
- \$24.50 was deposited for Box Tops

### **Community Support:**

- **Donation Drives: Teri Burich** ([teri@danbinford.com](mailto:teri@danbinford.com))  
Teri said that she will stay on for next year and will plan for a Second Harvest food drive in the fall, with possible dates of October 17th to November 11th, using a large paper thermometer to track how many pounds of food has been donated.
- **Cram the Cruiser: Heather Hatten** ([heathermhatten@gmail.com](mailto:heathermhatten@gmail.com))  
This is not a PTO sponsored event- this is put on by the Police Department, with school supplies being distributed locally. More details to follow, with a tentative plan for early August.

### **Dance: Sherry Glass Strohsack** ([sherryglassLAW@gmail.com](mailto:sherryglassLAW@gmail.com))

- Ticket sales will start Tuesday, May 10th for the week
- Tickets are \$5/student
- The dates are Thursday, May 12th from 2:30-4:30pm for 6th grade, and Friday, May 13th from 2:30-4:30pm for 7th and 8th grade.
- Sherry will be working with the Head Custodian.
- The DJ will be encouraged to take items of value, but has permission to store some items on the stage area.
- There will be contests, and three basketballs are requested from the school.
- There will be water and chips that students will receive,, using different colored tickets that they will receive.
- Pizza, powerade, and candy will be available for purchase of \$1 each.
- The budget of \$2500 is going quickly with the DJ, photo booth, decorations, and pizza.
- Around \$300 have been donated in prizes.

### **End of School Reward: Elizabeth Fought** ([ohhappyday789@gmail.com](mailto:ohhappyday789@gmail.com)) and **Dawn Clappas** ([dclappas@gmail.com](mailto:dclappas@gmail.com))

- Elizabeth and Dawn met with Karen again from Sugar Buzz to plan
  - Monday, May 23rd during ME
  - One scoop cups- Karen recommended a dairy free, sherbert, a vanilla, chocolate chip cookie dough, and a chocolate brownie bites (50 scoops in 3 gallon tub)
  - There will be two cotton candy options- blue raspberry and strawberry
  - She will provide gloves, ice cream cups, spoons, napkins, and the equipment
  - She just needs two outlets outside and one or two more volunteers
  - There will be an indoor rain plan.
  - Karen will come with pre-scooped ice cream as a backup for busy times
  - Staff are included!
  - Elizabeth and Dawn will stay on as Chairs and Teri Burich volunteered as well.

**Fundraisers:**

- Done for the 2021/2022 school year
- Darcie is still waiting on the money from the Monsters fundraiser.

**Membership: Dawn Clappas ([dclappas@gmail.com](mailto:dclappas@gmail.com))**

Families: 50                      Staff: 53

- Have tables at Walking on Wednesdays for all PTOs, and have one paper form so families can sign up for multiple PTOs at the same time.

**Newsletter to paid PTO members: Elizabeth Fought ([ohhappyday789@gmail.com](mailto:ohhappyday789@gmail.com))**

- A newsletter has been emailed monthly to paid members to inform of upcoming events and news.

**Social Media: Jen Vrooman ([jenvrooman@gmail.com](mailto:jenvrooman@gmail.com))**

- If you need anything posted for Social Media, please let Jen know.

**Staff Hospitality: Elizabeth Fought ([ohhappyday789@gmail.com](mailto:ohhappyday789@gmail.com)) & Dawn Clappas ([dclappas@gmail.com](mailto:dclappas@gmail.com))**

- May: Staff Appreciation Week is May 2 - 6th
  - 4th- Lorenzo's Pizza
  - 6th- Chipotle (Principal's fund)
- Bus Garage: May 6th- pizza and salad from Romeos, pops and water, and cookie trays
- Elizabeth and Dawn will stay on as Chairs.

**Student Clothing Drive: Heather Pearch ([pearch896@gmail.com](mailto:pearch896@gmail.com)), Sherry Glass Strohsack ([sherryglassLAW@gmail.com](mailto:sherryglassLAW@gmail.com)) and Jen Vrooman ([jenvrooman@gmail.com](mailto:jenvrooman@gmail.com))**

- Hold the drive again at the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year

**Student Gifts: Dawn Clappas ([dclappas@gmail.com](mailto:dclappas@gmail.com)) & Elizabeth Fought ([ohhappyday789@gmail.com](mailto:ohhappyday789@gmail.com))**

- More pick-me-up goodie bags were dropped off in the office
- April- the PTO purchased and dropped off large bags of wintergreen mints for the two weeks of testing, and purchased other candy to be given out to students as requested.
- Dawn and Elizabeth will stay on as Chairs.

**Sunshine Fund: Mrs. Aufdenkampe**

**Other Business:**

**Board ONLY meeting to discuss the budget and bylaws will be held in August 2022.**

**Our First 2022/2023 AJH PTO meeting will be in September 2022!**

**Meeting adjourned: 11:09am by President, Darcie Parsons**

**Attendees: Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Neuhoff, Darcie Parsons, Amanda Beres, Dawn Clappas, Heather Pearch, Teri Burich, Sherry Glass Strohsack, Melissa Smith (Zoom), and Elizabeth Fought (Zoom)**