



**Andover Middle School Parent Organization (“AMSPO”)
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2024**

Carolyn Matthews, AMSPO Secretary, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. at Andover Middle School. Present were Amy Champlin, Carolyn Matthews, Angie Muether, Anjanette Riggan, and Janelle Tittsworth.

Principal’s Report: Amy Champlin

Thank you to AMSPO for organizing volunteers for RealityU and providing lunch, it was a great day.

The seventh grade boys basketball team finished third in the Wichita Suburban League. The eighth grade team finished second. Track and boys tennis are starting.

The orchestra and seventh/eighth grade band concert was February 27. The bands performed at the WSL Instrumental Festival on February 28. Both bands received 1 ratings; the solos and ensembles also did well. A majority of the orchestra are sixth graders, so it could not participate in the festival this year. The orchestra had a private performance for a music educator today to receive feedback. The vocal music concert is March 5. The choir will perform at the WSL Vocal Festival on March 6.

Eighth grade StuCo speeches and voting were today for high school officers.

Counselors have been to Wheatland and Cottonwood and will go to Martin next week to talk with incoming sixth graders about enrollment. Pre-enrollment for current sixth and seventh graders is next week.

Sixth graders are going to the Sedgwick County Zoo on March 7.

State assessments will begin after Spring Break. The schedule will be in the newsletter this week. Please avoid appointments for your students during their assessment times.

AMS has an opening for a sixth grade science teacher and librarian. Ms. Padgham and Ms. Hobbs are retiring. The positions are currently posted.

Steppin' Up Day: Janelle Tittsworth

The second year of AMS Steppin' Up Day will be Friday, May 10. This is an opportunity for students and the school to give back and to have a day off from their regular schedule. Last year, Steppin' Up Day was three 90-minute rotations by grade level: (1) field games, (2) yearbook signing, free time, and popsicles provided by AMSPO, and (3) community service. At the end of the day, there was time for reflection on the day and suggestions about next time.

This year, they are planning on rotations of field games, clubs, and community service. Each teacher will offer a club/activity in their classroom. Students will sign up for their top choices and be assigned two activities during the 90 minutes rotation. Teachers will need materials for the activities. Watch for information on what you can help provide. The yearbook signing will happen at a later time.

For the community service rotation, they are looking at coordinating a Giving the Basics drive with AHS and Cottonwood, then students would sort the items for pickup; dental kits (seventh graders did last year), and fleece blankets. Projects have not yet been decided. If you have ideas on possible projects, let Mrs. Tittsworth know.

Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin

Recent expenses include Sports Buttons, \$12.21; spring conference meal, \$850; staff birthdays, \$71.89; and administrative supplies, \$43.60.

Event Updates

Reality U for eighth graders was February 14. We had 47 volunteers, with 10 volunteering the entire day. The families of eighth graders filled up the signup, and we did not need to send it out to the rest of the school. AMSPO provided pizza, snacks, and District Bakery cookies.

AMSPO provided staff with a meal for the spring parent teacher conferences on February 15. Rent the Chef set up a taco bar and parents provided snacks. Thank you, Katlynn Jamerson and Lindsay Sanner, for organizing.

For the All School Treat Day on Leap Day, February 29, AMPSO provided Pringles for all students at lunch.

Upcoming Events

The next Teacher Treat Day is Wednesday, March 6. Anjanette Riggin, Ashley Snyder, and Kelly Edgar are planning a breakfast burrito/taco bar, muffins, District Bakery cookies, brownies, and a Grab and Go snack mix. Watch for a sign up for needed items or monetary donations.

The spirit wear store will be open soon for the last time this school year. Please share the link with families of incoming fifth graders so they can get ready for their time as AMS Trojans. The store will close March 20 and items will be ready the first week of April.

The third quarter Honor Roll Party is March 22. Kandace Hunt and Mendy Roberts are planning.

AMPSO will provide Staff Meeting Treats on April 3. Anjanette Riggin, Ashley Snyder, and Kelly Edgar are planning salad cups, Crumbl minis, and a sparkling drink.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Angie Muether is working with Mrs. Champlin on a week of themed days. Watch for the opportunity to provide gift cards for the staff gift card drive.

The next AMSPO meeting is Friday, April 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at Andover Middle School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn L. Matthews, Secretary