



Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Parents of Amsterdam Children Meeting Minutes

Called to order 7:03PM

In Attendance: Jessie Watson, Lori Jo Berg, Nadine Zikmund, Alana Edwards, Johanna Marx, Katherine Dawe, Emily Bates, Maud Gingerich, Holly Boers, Keeley Blanchard, and Megan Ahrens.

Treasurer's Report: Money Market:\$23,331.03, Checking:\$23,453.80, Total PAC accounts: \$46,784.83, Checks Written: \$1,619.72, Deposits: \$459.95, Teacher Fund: \$1,340.12. A detailed report can be found on the school website PAC tab.

Old Business:

Teacher Treats: An email with a sign up genius went out. We are working on getting the information up on the school website. Thanks to all who have signed up to donate treats to our awesome educators!

Ladies Night: September 9th at the Manhattan Bank.

Open House/Welcome Breakfast: The Open House was a great way to introduce ourselves, explain the purpose of PAC, and have some ice cream together. Thanks to all who stopped by! Spirit Wear sales were around \$500. We discussed having more items available for next year's open house. Thanks for stopping by for a cup of coffee and doughnut for the welcome breakfast!

Montana Outdoor School Contract: Date to be determined. We have a \$500 credit coming back from a missed class last spring, bringing the total for 8 classes to \$5,200. Nadine motioned we renew the MOSS contract, Alana seconded, motion passed.

Painted Basketball Court and Cougar Paws: PAC moms and Another Peters Painting recently gave our basketball court a fresh look. Alana Edwards had a metal paw print made up, so kids may be seeing some tracks around the sidewalk in the near future.

Spending of Money Approved Last Year: Each grade now has a bin outside their classroom with their requested balls/playground equipment inside. Students are responsible for taking care of the item they requested. Total spent on playground

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equipment for classes totaled \$974.37. Library books from Whooo's reading totaled \$1000. Painting the basketball court was \$600.

Teacher Instruction Sheets: Please remember to provide clear instruction/ communication to teachers when hosting an activity, so they know what to expect, and what is expected of them.

2021-2022 Calendar Review: Discussed was having the Halloween Carnival on the 15th of October at the Pasture Drive-In. We would like to have a haunted woods, concession stand, trunk or treat with teachers, and movie or two. We will send an email with more information as the date gets closer, and possibly hold a special meeting for those who would like to volunteer to help set up.

PAC still needs to determine dates for Pottery, Missoula Children's Theatre, Montana Outdoor Science School, Motion Athletics (K), and Spire (1st & 2nd). The following dates can be found on the school event calendar:

Parent Teacher Conference: Nov.4th-5th

PAC Thanksgiving Lunch: Nov. 23rd

Santa Store: Dec. 6th-8th

Ski Days (grades 3-6): Jan.28th, Feb.4th, Feb.17th

New Business:

Climb-a-thon: Climb-a-thon will take place on Thursday September 16th. Students will climb the A behind the school as many time as they can, to help raise money for school programs (MOSS, Field Trips, Art, MCT). Students will compete for prizes which will be set up in the MPR room. Parents are welcome to come spectate, volunteer to pass our bracelets/snacks, or climb the hill! If you would like to volunteer please contact Nadine at nzikmund@nandrlaw.com or text (406) 240-8181.

5th & 6th grades: 8:45am-9:30am

3rd & 4th grades: 10:30am-11.15am

1st & 2nd grades: 12;30pm-1:15pm

Kindergarden: 2:30pm-3:00pm

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Spirit Wear: A spirit Wear order form is available on the Amsterdam School website. Please have the form, and payment returned to school by September 17th. Thanks in advance, and remember Spirit Wear Fridays!

PAC spend \$500 to replenish stock of Spirit Wear items, Megan seconded, motion passed.

Banner in Gym: Nadine motioned that PAC purchase a banner for the gym at \$300, with \$100 yearly renewal, Johanna seconded. Motion passed.

Spending: Discussed was purchasing risers as backdrops for future concerts, as well as new volleyballs for girls volleyball, and PE class. We also discussed purchasing a GAGA ball pit. PAC will look into what these items cost and bring to next meeting. Nadine motioned PAC buy tether balls, Maud seconded. Motion passed.

Pottery Teacher: Bonnie Kinnear from 406 Pottery will host 3 pottery sessions per grade, so that students can bring home their own kiln dried and painted pottery piece. Nadine motion PAC spend \$1500 for pottery classes, Meg seconded. Motion passed.

Rotten Beams: There are some rotting beams on the playground that need replacing. Keeley is going to look into where we got the original ones from/how much they cost.

Lunch: MCS has not found someone to take on the lunch preparation position to provide free lunch for students yet. If you know of someone interested in the position, please contact them. Amsterdam WILL be offering hot lunches on Wednesdays! Parents will need to have lunch orders placed before 8am on Tuesday. Lunches will cost \$3.00, and also those qualifying for free and reduced lunches will just need to make sure paperwork is filed out.

Teacher Fund: PAC is changing how teacher fund will be managed in the future. We will be splitting the fund into individual accounts for each teacher to use as they see fit. Parents can donate money into their students teachers fund for days like teacher appreciation, etc. Items offered by a teacher that is actioned off (Halloween Carnival) will go directly into that teachers account. We hope that this is an improvement and teachers will feel free to spend their money how they see fit for their classrooms!

PAC Money Market Account: Emily motioned for PAC to transfer \$6,000 from Money Market Account into a 6 month CD and \$6,000 into a 12 month CD, as the interest rates are better. Meg seconded. Motion passed.

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Ways to raise money through charities for Amsterdam School:

Amazon Smile: If you use Amazon, consider using [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and simply type in Amsterdam School as your charitable organization, and the school will receive a percent of your purchase. All Amazon Smile money raised goes into the teacher fund, so they may spend as they see fit for their classrooms. So far, Amazon has donated \$380.98 with your help. Every bit counts! Thank you!

Box Tops: Box Tops have gone digital! Download the app, and you can see what items earn box tops, scan your receipt & earn without cutting a thing. Every box top clipped earns \$.10 for our school. You can also still clip them and have your kids bring them in.

Meeting Adjourned 8:23PM

Respectfully submitted and signed,

Megan Ahrens, Secretary

If you have any questioned for PAC, please email:
parentsofamsterdamchildren@gmail.com or visit the school website:
amsterdamschool.org

