

Audubon PTO Monthly Meeting: April Minutes

Date: April 8th, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Location: @ School Library; 2020 W Carlisle Ave, Spokane, WA 99205

Meeting Started: 6:10

In Attendance:

In person: Kristene Gillmer, Latasha Matthews

Online: Dave Musser, Bri Musser, Michael Cruite, Anna Lauritzen, Tonya Bingle, Pastor Patrick Hamm

MINUTES

Motion to Approve February 2024 Minutes: D.Musser

Seconded to Approve February 2024 Minutes: A.Lauritzen

Minutes Pass Unanimously

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Kristene Gillmer):

April marks the time of year where we want to finish strong and begin looking at starting up again next year. It is a busy balancing act.

Things coming up: Smarter Balance Assessment (3rd-5th grade) state testing, begins the first week of May; Students take 2 literacy tests and 2 math tests. Trying to impact the building for only 4 days. And kids who miss those dates will be provided with make up days to get all caught up.

While we are using other measures for math and literacy growth (Lexia and Dreambox), that Smarter Balance data is still looked statewide at to talk about how schools are doing around the state. It is noteworthy that Audubon has been "In Improvement" since before K.Gillmer arrived. Last year, improved our standing by having only one student group below the threshold for achievement. Now we have moved out of the "Title 1" threshold and out of all those student groups for achievement. No longer get financial support but we will still get coaching support from other Education Organization around the state. This is a testament to the staff, the teachers, and partnerships, including PTO. The "3-pronged approach" which included bring in family/community engagement, Audubon has relied heavily on PTO for support. The impacts are noticeable throughout the school.

Fieldtrip Mode

Beyond the upcoming All School event, there are quite a few fieldtrips for all of the grades. Keep a look out for permission slips coming home.

Looking ahead

Will be getting our staffing for next year. Once that is known and confirmed, KG will share with families. 395 students for now (not including Pre-K)

D.Musser: What is the goal for the student enrollment? KG: about 400. There are elementary schools throughout the district that are well below 300, which can be tricky to fund those schools. A handful that are at 500, and there is an effort to reduce the load on those schools.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Anna Lauritzen):

Boxtops

Please sign up ☺

March Events Debrief

West Valley Outdoor Learning Center- Hoping that was a success!

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Staff Gathering at Bellwether- Thank you, Dave! A lot of fun!

-DM: Fun to have a random appreciation event, from teachers. Like the idea of repeating this event in the future.

Upcoming Volunteer Needs: Lots of chances to get involved! Please email Anna to sign up at one or all of the upcoming events as we make sure the rest of the year is great!

1. (for 2024-25 School year) Secretary for PTO: Anyone interested, please reach out to Anna (ptoaudubon@gmail.com)
2. Mobius @ Audubon: need 1-2 parents to help with logistics in the morning, first show starts at 9:00am.
 - Tues 4/23:
 - Wed 4/24: Dani
 - Thur 4/25:
3. Teacher Appreciation Banner & Card Making: during lunch recess, 2 volunteers each day; 10:50a - 12:30p
 - Wednesday 5/1: Dani
 - Thursday 5/2:
 - Friday 5/3: Latasha
4. Jog-a-thon Needs (ptoaudubon@gmail.com)
 - Wednesday 4/10: Planning Meeting @ Bellwether 4:30pm
 - Monday 5/13: Afterschool Packet Assembly: lots of volunteers needed!
 - Wednesday 5/15: Kick-off Assembly @ 1:15, 2 volunteers needed (packets will be distributed to teachers before the assembly): Dave and Anna
 - Friday 5/31: Jog-a-thon Event: lots of volunteers needed!
 - Friday 6/7: Celebration Assembly, 2 volunteers needed

TREASURERS REPORT: (Dave)

Balance \$13,017.23 (from last month)

Still have money and the jog-a-thon is coming up!

ACTION ITEMS:

Cafeteria staff time; District Invoice for Cookies for the Concert (12/14/23): \$46

Cafeteria staff time; District Invoice for All School Food Drive (12/8/23): \$138

First grade field trip- adjustment from last meeting's approved cost (additional \$350 for bus)

Mobius Planetarium- adjustment from last meetings approved cost, added 2 more shows to accommodate all school; additional \$200

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May: est \$900

Jog-a-thon prizes and materials: est \$500.

Motion to Approve all funding requests: B. Musser

Seconded to Approve: P.Hamm

Action items Pass Unanimously

EVENT REMINDERS

Koffee with Kristene- April 10 @ 8:30

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Sisters' Havens Events coming up with lots of resources for parent and incoming families.

Next PTO meeting: Monday April 8th @ 6:00pm

Thank you everyone!!