

# Audubon PTO Monthly Meeting: March Minutes

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**Date:** March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024    **Time:** 6:00 pm

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

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**Meeting Started: 6:10**

**In Attendance:**

In person: Kristene Gillmer, Josh Reynolds

Online: Dave Musser, Dani DeJaegher, Anna Lauritzen

**MINUTES**

**Motion to Approve February 2024 Minutes:** K. Gillmer

**Seconded to Approve February 2024 Minutes:** D. Musser

**Minutes Pass Unanimously**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** (Kristene Gillmer):

**Data Summary**

- (Lexia) Literacy Update: At this point in the year, student performance report shows 5.1 months of growth, with a District comparison of 5.4 months of growth. The end of school year goal is 11 months of growth.
- (Dreambox) Math: Student performance shows 4.9 months, with the District comparison of 4.9 months of growth.
- Kindergarten Readiness: Audubon 34%; District 37%; up from 19% at this time last year. There are many factors that may have contributed to this increase. There are more preschool options for families, giving kids more experience prior to kindergarten. Programs like Kindergarten round up also help. Audubon will continue to offer the same options (and hopefully more) next year.
- 40% chronically absent; District 33.5%; ended the year last year at 40%. The goal for this school year is 30%; Down 6.2% compared to last year at this time. It seems likely that the school year absent rate will be about 35%.

A week ago, K.G met with all the teams, and the special ed teacher to looked at attendance (examined Grade Level groups, Whole School data, and students needing Special Ed resources) Teachers and team made a plan for each group to increase attendance. For older students, attendance plans include more engagement opportunities. For younger students, plans focus on connecting with families, reminding/ families that students need to come to school and kindergarten is important to the foundation of their student's learning.

Kindergarten teachers have been talking about adding more "welcome to Kindergarten" events/initiatives for families at the end of this school year (for future Kindergarteners) and at the beginning of next year. Give them more exposure to numbers, letters, etc.

**Bond/Levy Vote**

Levy passed, bond did not

Appears that people understand that Levy is for learning, and appreciate the connection to those funds and the impact of learning/enrichment for students.

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Not so clear when it comes to the Bond funding buildings. The superintendent heard at the meetings that this year's tax increase was really having an effect on the way people voted on the bond.

All Bond initiatives are put on hold.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Anna Lauritzen):

### **Boxtops**

Please sign up ☺

### **501(c)3**

Status is completed!

IRS filing for last school year was submitted. On track for meeting all our requirements.

### **Jog-a-thon**

Join the Committee! Contact Anna if you are interested in getting involved. A kick off meeting is likely to be schedule before Spring break. Anna proposed next Wednesday of next week (March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30). Anna will send an email with details.

### **All-School Events**

**West Valley Outdoor Learning Center-** Four 35-minute shows. About 100 students in each show. Will include slideshow and a variety of reptiles to view.

**Mobius-** Mobius will bring their mobile planetarium to be installed in the gym, showing Desitination Solar System. Planetarium seats about 25 students at a time. Show is about 30 minutes long; total experience lasts about 35-40 minutes (to include seating, rules, etc). There will be 8 shows on April 24, and 8 shows on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

After brief discussion, PTO has a few follow up questions for Mobius and Staff. Will all staff want to participate? What are the barriers?

PTO will create a sign up for teachers to indicate whether they will bring their class. PTO will also create a post-event survey to better understand what is helpful for teachers when considering all-school events.

Can teachers sign up for Mobius shows beforehand? Yes, will create a sign up to gather teacher interest and get a mock schedule sooner rather than later.

*Questions for Mobius:* How much wiggle room do you have with attendance. Is it okay with 28? Or is the 25 firm max.

*Teacher survey-* D. DeJaegher will put together a general survey to give teachers after each event to get feedback and make sure we are in the right direction.

**Staff Gathering at Bellwether.** Anna going to donate snacks for the event. K.G will put up a sign up tomorrow to get a ballpark of how many folks will join. If costs get larger than anticipated, will plan on voting to cover those costs.

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## BUDGET

Budget was created for transparency and to invite teachers to request for funding. PTO encourages people to plan and submit requests soon as the school year end is in sight (even if it doesn't seem like it).

## TREASURERS REPORT: (Dave)

Balance \$13,017.23

Planning fundraiser soon, Wednesday will get together and then there will be more money and that will be good!

All things discussed today fall within the budget and leave money for next year.

## ACTION ITEMS:

Popcorn purchase- approval for \$39.49 (used for Teacher Fridays, staff events, kids)

~~Eagle Gathering- funding for snack trays \$TBD~~

WVOLC- approval for all school event and funding \$250

Mobius Planetarium- approval for all school event and funding \$1,675

Field trips for first and second grades- \$167.12; \$53.86

Sister Haven Pizza Night- (April 18th) \$226.56- (FE) Community event for families from apartments and adjacent neighborhoods; covers pizza, water, juice. Teachers, support staff, and community resources are part of the event.

**Motion to Approve all funding requests:** D. Musser

**Seconded to Approve:** K.Gillmer

**Minutes Pass Unanimously**

## EVENT REMINDERS

Koffee with Kristene- March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30

Fun, please encourage others to attend. Nice to learn about the cool things Audubon is doing, and to know what is on their minds and what folks think the right work is.

No School March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eagles Gathering- Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>

Next PTO meeting: Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm