



# ASH PTO General Meeting Minutes

19/4/23

8:45 am

## Attending

PTA Council (Frances Joseph, Laurel Clucas, Janneke Philipsen, Michelle McCormick) Other members of the parent body ( see sign in sheet )

## Agenda Items:

### 1. School Leadership Team Greeting

Beth Coyle presented updates about MS events, and David Munro presented about HS, Michelle DeKam Palmieri presented about UE and ECC.

- Discussion of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Listening Circles-

### 2. General PTA updates

- International Festival Reflection- Alexander discussed details about the event, and noted some thoughts for improvement next year.
  - General feedback was that it was very successful and many families were impressed at the overall presentation and effort put in by country tables.
  - Food truck did not do well, and we will likely not hire one for the next International Festival, since many families provided much more food than expected.
  - Also noted that signage was not as effective, and needs to improve on this for future events. The technical sound system was not as effective because the settings had been adjusted without our knowing, and no time to fix at event. Was recommended that we use the “hardwired system” in the gym and ask facilities for support around setup.
  - **Date for event next year to be determined based on holidays coming earlier.**
- Spring Bazaar – Laurel
  - Overview of event – updates provided on number of vendors and specialty services that will be present
  - Volunteers needed! (Sign-up Sheets passed around)

- Teacher Appreciation 1/5-5/5- Laurel
  - Classrooms organize independently- handmade cards or crafts recommended
  - Burrito Truck scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> sponsored by PTO
  
- MMN -upcoming events- Amanda and Caroline
  - April 24- Keukenhof Tulip Field Tour A
  - May 1- Leiden Boat Tour- (wait list)
  - May 8- Transitions- Navigating Transitions in International Life: Leaving and Staying
  - May 15- Hop & Stork Chocolate Workshop
  - May 22- Beach End of Year Breakfast- details not yet posted online but save the date!
  
- Spirit Wear Store- Michelle
  - In need of more volunteers for open store times
  - Will have a table at Spring Bazaar- also need volunteers to work this time.

**3. Planning for next year- All dates will be explored and discussed with Administration on May 11<sup>th</sup>. These are tentative dates for events**

AUG- 14<sup>th</sup> Orientation- PTO will have tables to promote (GENERAL INFO, VOLUNTEERING, MMN, and SPIRIT WEAR)

19<sup>th</sup>-Welcome Back BBQ- Put on by Admissions but PTO will have tables and support in other ways

SEPT- PUB QUIZ night – date still pending

OCT- (Dutch Teacher appreciation) - Week of 2-6/10

Trunk or Treat-10/28- SIDENOTE: was discussed that we could have a permanent box at each location for costume donations to promote sustainability.

NOV- (focus on prep for Winter Bazaar) (TALENT SHOW?)

DEC- Winter Bazaar Dec 2?

JAN- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FEB- NO EVENTS PLANNED

MAR- INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL MAR 9? - this date conflicts with sporting events, consider 23<sup>rd</sup>.

APR- Spring Bazaar 13 or 20

EARTH week 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> ( 22<sup>nd</sup> – EARTH DAY – Catarina expressed wanting to start planning ASAP as it felt very rushed this year)

MAY- (May 3- Teacher Appreciation)

ASH FAMILY Yard Sale May 25<sup>th</sup> ?

JUNE- end of year Gala? Frances has a connection who may be interested in hosting he GALA, and will explore options.

Next meeting to be announced ASAP. Looking at late May early June as a final meeting of the year.