



ASH PTO General Meeting Minutes

1/3/23

8:45 am

Frances started meeting at 8:50

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 (LT) Greeting

David Munro spoke about HS events coming up and highlighted a meeting with the Leadership team and PTO Sustainability Chair Catarina Sirencova regarding Earth Week (April 16-22) and noted many feasible ideas that will be explored. in ECC, MS and HS locations and possibly in the community. (more about Earth week was discussed toward end of the meeting)

LT will support efforts to promote the International Festival including recruitment of volunteers to support on the day of the event.

Kili Lay spoke about the 3 year partnership ASH has had with Dr. Lea Waters, AM, PhD,. There is an upcoming in-person opportunity to attend the "Visible Well Being" keynote presentation, March 29th. PTO will promote, - Kili will send information to share with families.

Beth Coyle spoke about MS events coming up. Michelle deKam Palmieri spoke about upcoming events at ECC and UE. PTO will promote.

Dr. Lowe spoke about the Board Leadership Forum , evening of March 14; and shared information about the Varsity Basketball Tournament March 16-18- encouraging .

2. General PTA updates

- Legal Status Update-

- PTO officially, not PTA- Frances explained that the decision to remain the PTO has been approved, all activities will continue without interruption, this is simply legality.
- Discuss Logo- two updated logo options were presented and Council chairs present agreed to vote. New logo was chosen and will be used moving forward.

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- Potential Cooperation with Orange Society Wassenaar- Janneke
 - Janneke had a conversation with Martin Efdee, the Secretary of the Wassenaar Orange Society'(Wassenaarse Oranjevereniging 'Koningin Wilhelmina') to discuss opportunities for collaboration. He was impressed with our Winter Bazaar, and asked if we (PTO or school) have interest in performing or having a table at their upcoming Kings Day event. Dr Lowe mentioned that the music department participated in that event in previous years and we should investigate their interest to do so again.

- International Festival (March 25)– Alexander Barash
- Alexander provided a brief update and noted still needing volunteers for many aspects of IF.
 - help with Cookbook has been resolved
 - Tshirts with this year's logo were shown to the group and it was noted that we have been given permission to use the logo designers' picture for promotions.
 - Tshirt and Raffle tickets on sale soon- T shirt will be available at the Pop up sale at ECC Mar 2. If sales go well, more will be ordered.

- Spring Bazaar (May 13) – Laurel Clucas
 - Already 61 Vendors interested (including some staff!)
 - Official invites and registration going out this week
 - Family 2nd hand Sale–Scouts interested in collaborating as a fundraiser
 - Possible sponsorship from Silviasfeestwinkel- Decorations
 - A meeting for those interested in volunteering will be held soon. Dates to be determined following further conversations with facilities regarding logistics.

- MMN - Amanda Miles spoke about upcoming events prior to Spring Break.
 - Sligro- March 6
 - Alexandra Breeze Ceramics Class- (Tuesday) March 14
 - Spring Flower Workshop - March 20

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- o Third Culture Kids- Guest Speaker- March 27
- o Guided Tulip Bike Tour- April 3

- Spirit Wear Store- Michelle McCormick

- o Pop-ups at ECC - Next opportunity March 2 @ Parent Coffee, will try to do one Pop up per month at events that invite parents on campus.
- o exploring possibilities for Spirit Store to increase hours, still seeking volunteers as little as one hour per month, but more if desired.
- o Looking to add new items, but first streamlining existing stock.

- Sustainability - Catarina Sirenkova

- o Earth Week- Apr 17-22 Catarina unable to attend, Laurel spoke on her behalf.
 - Catarina met with LT and discussed many of her ideas. They were supportive and discussed logistics . Next steps are to get more staff support and other volunteers to help facilitate the plans.
 - ideas included small assemblies watching documentaries, storytimes for younger kids with relevant books, measuring food leftovers in MS/ HS, inviting guest speakers, and many more
- o PTO to donating prizes for students efforts

3. Ideas for End of Year Events?

- a. Pub Quiz?- Would be adults only. Idea explored and seems feasible, but some members thought possibly better in the Fall (September) as a meet and greet event. Need to look into legalities of alcohol on grounds. Will continue to discuss.

No other idea posed at the time.

4. PTO Positions available this year and next - Laurel provided an overview of the positions and encouraged attendees to consider and share these opportunities with other parents in the ASH community. Laurel provided a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities.

Secretary

UE Parent Coordinator

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5. CTA (Contributions to ASH) - Applications will be available April 3rd. More information will be communicated in the coming weeks.

6. Next Meeting was scheduled April 5th, but will have to reschedule due to ES conferences. Looking at April 19. To be announced ASAP.

Meeting ended 10:15