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Amvet Boulevard Elementary School

Tuesday, October 4th | 7 PM | October Meeting

# Board Members

Dana Wilkens, President | Cari Orsi, Vice President | Amber Hosgood, Secretary | Kelly Whitney, Treasurer (Not Present) | Katelyn Farago, Fundraising | Jeff Howe, Fundraising | Sarah Menke, Enrichment | Alec Ciminello, Amvet Principal

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| **Agenda for October 4th****President Update: Dana Wilkens*** Welcome + Introduction:

B2SB + Spirit Wear completed. Overview of October events, and volunteers needed for various events.Dana polled Amvet staff on requested items for FY21 surplus funds. All PTO members present voted to use funds in 2 general areas: main office + gym equipment. Discussion on possibility of adding a Gaga Pit for recess access has been tabled, pending PGC updates. * Agenda provided:
1. Principal Update
2. VP + Committee Updates
3. Playground Committee
4. Mileage Club
5. Library Volunteers
6. Treasurer Reports
7. Fundraising Updates
8. Spirit Wear
9. Parent Night Out
10. Book Fair
11. Social Events + CARES program
12. Trunk or Treat
13. October CARES
14. Enrichment Updates
15. Open to Discussion + Questions

**Principal Update: Mr. Ciminello:** School year is off to a great start. The school department will be updating the school website, with a goal of it be a go-to resource for all school events. Anticipated go-live date for new website is this week (Oct. 7).On Monday (10/3), we had our first PBIS Assembly.  PBIS is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. In basic words, it is how we help the students become good AmVet citizens. This month we will be concentrating on enthusiasm and confidence.  We started the meeting by congratulating the students who have received Positive Office Referrals. We continued by reading 2 chapters from the book Inch and Miles. Confidence is defined as to believe in yourself; to have self-esteem.  Enthusiasm is defined as intense and eager enjoyment, interest,We will have monthly meetings, defining other characteristics for good citizenship and attributes to a successful person.**Vice President Update: Cari Orsi****Committee Updates** 1. Playground Committee – about 25k raised to date. Golf outing planned for Oct. 7th at Chemawa (48 Golfers registered). Met with the Town Manager this week, and he will be presenting a recommendation to the Town Council at their next meeting (10/12) that they assist with funding for the playground. After this Town Council meeting, they will direct the recommendation to the Finance Committee where it will be reviewed and then go back to the Town Council for a vote of approval.
2. Mileage Club – Ashely Reavey Coordinator for 22-23 school year, starting week of Oct. 11 – still in need of Volunteers. Sign-Up genius advertised in Oct. newsletter and on social media
3. Library Volunteers – Starting Oct. 17th, still spots open for volunteers. Sign-Up genius advertised in Oct. newsletter and on social media
4. Yearbook Club- Katelyn Farago: connected with 5th Grade teachers who were present to discuss next-steps for planning purposes.
5. Garden Club – Dana Wilkens + Sara Menke volunteered to lead this committee.
6. 5th Grade – Mike Diggle: Adopt a family to begin in November for December delivery to families.

**Treasurer Report Update:** Dana Wilkens, on behalf of Kelly Whitney.*Reports provided prior to meeting by Kelly.* |  |
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| **Fundraising Update:**  Jeff Howe + Katelyn Farago1. Spirit Wear: Amber: Finalized order, profit of +$64.25 – inventory will arrive in 2-3 weeks. Overall low sales due to commitment made for inventory quantities that were not met; PTO had to cover expenses of these items. We have 120 magnets, 3 Youth L Tees, and 10 Winter hats for future sale profits of + $1090.00
2. Parent Night Out- Saturday, October 15th @ Angletree Brewery 7-9pm. Created event on FB to gain interest and estimate head count. Auction/Raffle items obtained via donations from local vendors.
3. Book Fair- October 25th + 26th. Request to have book fair moved to Cafeteria for Trunk or Treat event – looking into this request further.
4. Meadow Farms: Holiday orders begin Nov.1 -14th. Will not be offering any “frozen” food items this year. Traditional + Online sales options for students to promote sales. Goal of 5K in sales for this fundraiser.
5. Yearbook: 7 extra 2021-22 yearbooks left. Will advertise first come, first serve on social media for $23.99. 5th grade teachers will receive 2 of these – mentioned that in the past, 5th grade teachers were provided a copy of yearbook from PTO.
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| **Enrichment Update:** Sarah Menke1. Kindergarten: Oct.7th Simcock Farms, Swansea, MA.
2. 3rd Grade: Oct. 21st Plimoth Patuxet Plymouth, MA
3. 2nd + 4th Grade: MA Audubon South Science of MA (ETA Spring 2023): 4-5 week in-school program, followed by a field trip to Stony Brook in Norfolk, MA
4. School Wide Enrichment: One School, One Book Program. (ETA Spring 2023)
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| **Social Events + C.A.R.E.S.**CARES: Melissa O’Connell October: crazy sock day on 10/14 benefiting the friends of Boston homeless. We will allocate some of the hat and glove donations to stock Buster’s closet in the nurse’s office.November: Food drive will kick off in November. Melissa to work w Alec and Mrs Nugent to determine # of Amvet families to benefit from the food drive. Melissa will also work w Ms. Johnson to coordinate Turkey toss. Prizes will include Amvet magnets and bags, amongst other treats. We will also do a pajama spirit day (tentative 11/18) and ask for an optional $1 donation to be used to stocking Buster’s closet with children’s sneakers. |  |
| Trunk or Treat: Ashley Reavey1. Wed., October 26th (rain date, Thursday October 27th)
2. Offer parent shop w/students at book fair during the Trunk or Treat event – request to host this in cafeteria (being looked into further)
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| **Closing: Next PTO Meeting, Tuesday, November 1st 7PM**  |  |