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## **ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes – DRAFT\*\*** **December 4, 2018 7pm**

### **I. Welcome** (*ASFS Principal, Mary Begley*)

Thank you for coming tonight. We have two guests this evening, Debra Bulford, ASFS RTG, and Olivia Proietti, ASFS Counselor and Testing Coordinator.

### **II. Gifted Services Overview** (*Debra Bulford, ASFS RTG, and Olivia Proietti, ASFS Counselor and Testing Coordinator*)

Debra and Olivia provided an overview of the Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test (NNAT) and Cognitive abilities test (CogAT). These exams are administered to all 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who were new or missed the two opportunities last year. Children receive scores and then are compared to all students in the United States. These scores also assist in measuring general ability regardless of educational experiences to date. ASFS specifically uses this as one variable to assess students who may be eligible for the gifted and talented pool, however more weight is given toward work done in the classroom.

Please join us on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the parent coffee to review the process and field questions about the gifted and talented program.

### **III. Principal's Report** (*Mary Begley, ASFS Principal*)

Thank you to staff who are here this evening. It's been a long day and we appreciate you being here this evening. We are having great success with the book fair this week so far. Every day is action packed. The EFF going out tomorrow will have a lot of information covering key dates in the next two months. In addition, there will be one article which talks about our parent code of conduct for ASFS. Please take a minute to review it.

Report cards went out last week as well. Please review this with your student to better understand the situation. As always, should you have questions, please reach out to staff but be mindful of what you send before you hit the 'send' button.

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This morning was the principal's breakfast.

Again a lot going on this month so please keep an eye on the electronic news. Please email me with any questions and I'm happy to give you a call.

Tomorrow is red, white and blue day in honor of the former President J.W. Bush.

IV. **November PTA Meeting Minutes Approval** (*ASFS PTA President, Adena Porter*)

The meeting minutes were approved.

V. **Fundraising Update: No Frills Fundraiser and Auction** (*Kristi Tsiopanas, VP Fundraising*)

Two more weeks left for the No Frills fundraiser. So far, we have 23% of families participating. Just over \$23,000, which w/ other contributions bring us to 25% for the year.

Auction scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Clarendon Ballroom. Pulling together a planning committee this week. If you are interested, please reach out to me.

To donate, please see Kristi, fill out a form or donate online at the PTA web site.

VI. **President's Address** (*ASFS PTA President, Adena Porter*)

Welcome again everyone and thank you for coming out tonight. As Mary mentioned, there is a lot of information coming to via the Friday folder so please read through it carefully. A few updates:

- ASFS PTA has partnered with Silver Diner so a percentage of dining proceeds will go to our school. Just mention the school when you check out.
- Thank yous!
  - Reflections Contest – Lynn Westwater & Michelle Brydges
  - Tasty Tales – Ms. Taylor and SCA
  - Coat Swap – Sylvia Cacciato & Amy Hodges
  - Holiday Helpers – Kirsten Mallonee & Divya Gupta
  - Book Fair – Michelle Brydges

VII. **Committee News and Announcements**

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- a. Grounds Committee (Lindsey Englerth)
  - i. The grounds committee has prepped the school grounds for winter and is planning for spring. Please feel free to join us monthly. No amount of help is too small. We are also doing our annual evaluation of landscaping vendors to ensure the needs of the school are being met.
  - ii. Courtyard (Alex James) – We are winterizing the courtyard by covering it with boxes secured from a local coffee shop to naturally get rid of the weeds during the winter months. More to come in the spring. Interested in getting involved? Please reach out to Alex.
- b. Clothesline is a local charity located on Wash Blvd. There is a box in the front of the school this month. They are seeking clothing for ages 4 through 18.
- c. Gifts that Gift Hope – Hosted at ASFS this Saturday to support a wide number of charities. Please come check it out! There will be entertainment for the children and lots of fun.
- d. Food Bus – Food is collected weekly from the lunch room and taken down to AFAC by or before 4:30pm on Fridays. It's a quick volunteer opportunity and a great experience. Please see Dena with any questions.
- e. Ms. Hawthorn expressed a big gratitude moment for Olivia Proiettii. “Not only is she a testing specialist, she is also a member of the counseling team working daily to benefit our students. She has been a fabulous addition to our team. “
- f. Turf - School board reviewed the proposal last week and is hopefully going to approve this on Thursday. Installation date is still TBD.
- g. Announcement (Ms Hall) – Ms Pickett was nominated to be the ASFS teacher of the year. If anyone is interested in writing a letter to nominate her for a countywide nomination, please drop it with Ms Hall before the winter break. Mr Winger is our support staff nominated for support staff.
- h. Barody class offerings for the winter session starting in January. Information will go out in this week's folder. Barody will also be offering two more camps for the teacher work days. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>
- i. Follow up on the new middle school naming process. The committee has narrowed to two names which will be voted on Thursday.
  - i. Options: Rosie Hamm or the Historic Stratford Building
  - ii. On 12/14, anyone interested in helping form the new middle school PTA, please reach out the Dena for information on who to contact.

VIII. **APS and School Board Update** (*Kate Merrill, VP External Affairs*)

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Turf update on Thursday. Based on the questions asked in the last meeting, there are no indications to imply we will not get approval.

Work session tonight that was not scheduled. There were errors in the data tables and an impromptu meeting was scheduled to handle this. They still plan to vote for S. Arlington boundaries at the next meeting.

There was conversation about what has been heard from the school board over the previous months regarding grandfathering and how we as a community could

help our position to keep these students together with our community.

No word on the Key-ASFS building swap. A timeline will be released in January. A questionnaire is available online from a session with Key parents. Take a look at the dollars outlined in this document. The school board will review and approve requests when the move is going to take place. Seeing how the south Arlington swap process went, it's recommended that parents keep an eye on decisions being made. It's very possible that the decisions in south Arlington will apply to North Arlington decisions.

Budget work starts in February. There is a \$43 million deficit. It was \$26 million a year ago.

#### **IX. Upcoming Events/Reminders**

- Monday 12/3 – Friday 12/7 – ASFS Book Fair
- Saturday, 12/8 – Gifts that Give Hope, 10am-2pm (ASFS)
- Wednesday, 12/12 – Early Release
- Friday, 12/21 – Global Celebration (time determined by grade level)
- Monday, 12/24 – Friday, 1/4 – No School (Holiday Break)
- Monday, 1/7 – School Resumes
- Tuesday, 1/8 – January PTA Meeting, 7-8:30pm (Library)

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