



- I. Welcome** (*Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President*)
- Dena welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Overview of APS ES Math** (*Robyn Kaye, APS Elementary Mathematics Specialist*)
- Ms. Kaye's complete presentation can be found [here](#).
  - She began with an activity that encouraged parents to try to think like teachers and students to help parents understand why math instruction is changing.
  - Math instruction focuses on the VDOE Process Standards:
    - Problem Solving; Communication; Reasoning; Connections; Representations
  - She wrapped up the presentations with ways that parents can support their mathematicians at home.
- III. Principal's Report** (*Mary Begley, ASFS Principal*)
- Ms. Begley thanked all of the outdoor lunch parent volunteers. She knows that outdoor lunch would not be possible without parent volunteers and that the students really enjoy it.
  - Ms. Begley mentioned that the students are doing a great job of being kind and respectful towards others regarding their choices to wear or not wear a mask.
  - ASFS will be receiving a roadside plaque celebrating Mary Lockwood whose home sat on the school grounds. Mary Lockwood was one of the founders of the Daughters of the American Revolution and one of two women to receive roadside plaques in VA. ASFS will host a ceremony celebrating Mary and 100 years of women's rights to vote on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Ms. Begley thanked parents for attending virtual conferences and encouraged anyone who didn't meet with teachers to do so.
- IV. PTA Business** (*Dena Porter, PTA President*)
- Please vote by the end of the day on Wednesday, March 9th to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes.
    - Updated EOD March 9th: The ASFS PTA Membership voted to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes.
  - Social Work Week: Thank you to Ms. Versaggi, our wonderful ASFS Social Worker, for all she does to take care of our ASFS families!
  - Thank you to Ms. Mavity and the Equity Team for putting together the amazing new Global Celebration gallery in the art hallway.
- V. PTA Updates**
- **Treasurer Report** (*Jay Kaveeshwar, Treasurer*)
    - ASFS is making great progress - \$46K vs \$105 goal and expenses are in balance.

- o Full focus on the spring auction with a \$50K goal.
- o Jay briefly reviewed what this money funds for ASFS to include: Education and Instruction, Community Events, Staff/Curriculum Development, and School Habitat.
- **Fundraising** (*Olga Kasyan, Fundraising Chair*)
  - ASFS Auction planned for April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9pm at The Pinemoor!
  - Tickets are on sale now with an early bird special (wine cellar raffle ticket) through March 23<sup>rd</sup> – you can purchase them at [tinyurl.com/ASFSauction](http://tinyurl.com/ASFSauction)
  - We are seeking donations to make this a successful auction - please donate your item at [tinyurl.com/ASFSauction](http://tinyurl.com/ASFSauction)
  - Two Pre-Auction Social Opportunities:
    - o Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Amanda Sutton's house (1410 N Herndon St.)  
Come have a drink and learn about sign-on parties. This is also an opportunity to drop off wine for the wine cellar auction.
    - o Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm at Bar Bao. Come have a drink, socialize, and drop off gift cards for the auction raffle!
- **Community Service** (*Kirsten Jeffreys, VP Community Service*)
  - o KidsGiving – Thank you to everyone who participated in the READ-a-thon and purchased books from the book bus. ASFS raised over \$1100 and helped Pajama Mama buy 222 books for babies and young children!
  - o KidsGiving and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes are excited to support Comfort Cases this month. ASFS is collecting items to make hygiene kits for children in foster care.
- **APS and School Board Updates** (*Steve Leutner, ASFS PTA VP External Affairs*)
  - o Part of ASFS's boundary is open to an optional transfer to Innovation Elementary. The on-line application closes on April 15<sup>th</sup> and families must confirm or decline (if accepted) by May 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - o Proposed 2023 Budget plans to: Reduce class size by 2.0 in ES; Increase staffing and services for students w/ disabilities; add additional resources for English Learning; Student social-emotional and mental health supports; New funding for innovation and equity; Increase teacher and staff funding – raises b/w 5-10% and Improve operational efficiency and restore COVID cuts to maintenance programs.
- **Upcoming ASFS Events**
  - Grade Level Coffee Chats
    - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30am
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30am
  - Grade Level Social Events
    - Friday March 18<sup>th</sup> – ASFS 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3:45-5:30pm @ Hayes
    - Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – ASFS 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3:00-5:00 @ ASFS
    - Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – ASFS 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 3:45-5:30 @ Hayes Park
  - Class Picture Day will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

- Baroody Spring Enrichment:
  - Outdoor after-school classes on M/W/F at Hayes Park
  - Schedule to be posted in the EFF; Registration will open March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Classes will begin the week after spring break and go through June 6<sup>th</sup>
- ASFS Outdoor Concerts – Dates and details coming soon
- **PTA Reminders**
  - **2022-23 ASFS PTA Executive Board**
    - Contact the Nominating Committee if you are interested in serving in a leadership role next year!
  - **New ASFS Parent Basketball Run**
    - Thursday evenings after spring break; Contact Justin Gest ([justin.gest@gmail.com](mailto:justin.gest@gmail.com)) if you are interested.
  - **Outdoor Lunch Sign-up for March/April**
    - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aa8ab29a4fe3-asfs22>
  - **Recycled Newspapers for ASFS Art Teachers**
    - Drop off donation in the Art Room (for ceramics projects)
  - **ASFS Yearbooks** – Order online by Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - **Rising ASFS Kindergartners for 2022-23 School Year**
    - Reminder to register as soon as possible
    - Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Virtual ASFS Information Session, 9:15am
    - Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rising Kindergarten Playdate, 10am-Noon@ASFS

## **VI. Upcoming ASFS Dates**

- Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee Chat, 9:00-9:30am (zoom)
- Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee Chat, 9:00-9:30am (zoom)
- Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – EARLY RELEASE (1:26pm Dismissal)
- Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Virtual ASFS Information Session, 9:15am
- Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mary Lockwood Plaque Dedication, 10:00am
- Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – ASFS PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:00pm
- Save The Date! Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – ASFS Auction, 5:00-9:00pm (The Pinemoor)