



I. Welcome (*Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President*)

- Dena welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the agenda.

II. ASFS Student Opportunities (*Barbara Jones, Assistant Principal*)

- Ms. Jones presented information about the ASFS Service Team Initiative for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Mission: 'We are proud to be responsible for our community.'
- The Team is looking for students who are:
 - Interested in supporting the school through service.
 - A continuing example of the C.A.R.E.S. standards.
- The Service Team Initiative includes:
 - Student Council: 5th Grade Officers, K-5 class representatives
 - Eco Club (aquarium, courtyard, ecosystem maintenance) K-5th grade
 - Green Team (sustainability focused) K-5th grade
 - B.O.L.T. (Build Our Literacy in Technology) 2nd -5th
 - The Press (Reporters, Photographers, and news casters) K-5th
 - Safety Patrol (model expectations, assists others) 4-5th
 - Equity Team (Leaders of inclusion) 4-5th
 - Stars and Stripes (Flag Club) 5th
- If you're interested in serving on a team, 3rd and 4th grade students can fill out an application in June. This will be available in the fall for new students. All applicants must submit a response (video, audio, or essay) that answers:
 - 'What role do you think students play in providing service to the school?'
 - 'What makes you a good fit for the ASFS Service Team Initiative?'
- Ms. Jones also discussed band and orchestra options for 4th/5th grade students:
 - Interested students can begin to think about what instrument they'd like to play (must pick their top three). Be on the lookout for an email this summer, decisions will be made in the fall.

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

- Mrs. Begley thanked everyone who helped to execute a very successful auction. She also thanked all the families who came out and enjoyed the evening. Was so nice to have this fun and important event again.
- There are only 23 days left of school, and so much to do! Many exciting and fun spring events we are all looking forward to. We have several concerts, K orientation, book swap, and field day coming up.
- We used to have a company help with field day which brought many volunteers. However, they are no longer doing service projects. Therefore, if you know of a company that may be interested in helping, please send Ms. Begley an email.
- Ms. Begley is very aware of the rising number of COVID cases and will continue to monitor and make decisions that are in everyone's best interest.
- Outdoor lunch: unfortunately, the one outdoor lunch staff member we had resigned to take a full-time job elsewhere. Therefore, we are unable to provide outdoor lunch as an option unless we can hire someone new.
- SOL schedules have just been released. Please be on the lookout for this for 3rd-5th graders.
- Thank you to the parents who have stepped up to take on committee positions. There are more roles to fill, but we are in good position for next school year.
- Huge and special thank you to Dena Porter who has served as the ASFS PTA

President for 4 years. She has been a tremendous asset to the school and families and helped to bridge gaps and navigate a pandemic. She will be missed and we are so glad she will still serve on the board for another year.

I. PTA Business (*Dena Porter, PTA President*)

- Thank You's:
 - The Teacher Appreciation Week coordinators, Liz Mixer and Jay Gunasekera, and all the other room parents and volunteers for an amazing week!
 - Thank you to Linda Liao and parents who helped with class picture day!
 - Thanks to Ms. Lin and Anne Finken for coordinating, and everyone who volunteered during ASFS Habitat week!
 - Thank you to Michelle Brydges and Rhiannon Leutner for hosting walk/bike to school day!
 - Thank you to parents who supported outdoor lunch all year long!
- Electronic Voting open through EOD Wednesday, May 11th:
 - April 5th ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes
 - 2022-23 ASFS PTA Officers
 - President: Amanda Sutton (self-nominated)
 - VP Community Service: Dena Porter (self-nominated)
 - VP External Affairs: Steven Leutner
 - Secretary: Samantha Ofori
 - Treasurer: Jay Gunasekera

EOD Update 5.11.22: *The ASFS PTA Membership voted via electronic voting to approve the 4/5/22 ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes and ASFS PTA Officers for 2022-23.*

- 2022-23 ASFS PTA Committee Chairs: Thank you to those that have volunteered to fill these roles, most are already filled. However, we still have a few open:
 - PTA Directory; Website Lead; Pond/Stream Aquariums Lead; Cub Scouts; Enrichment; Food Bus; Girl Scouts; Odyssey of the Mind; Reflections; School Store
 - Please contact Dena Porter, Liz Mixer, Linda Liao, or Puja Valiyil if you are interested in any of these roles.
- Treasurer's Report (*Jay Kaveeshwar, ASFS PTA Treasurer*)
 - We've made great progress this year, \$85K income to date vs \$105K goal and expenses are in balance.
 - Very successful spring auction, thanks to so many!
 - What does all this fund:
 - Education and Instruction
 - Community Events
 - Staff/Curriculum Development
 - School Habitat

IV. PTA Updates

- Fundraising (*Olga Kasyan, VP Fundraising*)
 - Thanks to our community, the ASFS Auction raised over \$36,000! We couldn't have done it without the many wonderful volunteers!
 - Wednesday, May 11th is Lebanese Taverna Night. Order by noon and pick up your food in the ASFS circle between 5:30-6pm. Lebanese Taverna will give the PTA 15% of the sales.

- ASFS KidsGiving (*Kristen Jeffreys and Amanda Sutton*)
 - Thank you to those that came out in support of EcoAction and helped to clean up Hayes Park!
 - We are looking forward to supporting Doorways for Women and Families in May. KidsGiving is hosting an 'essential item' and financial drive, as well as constructing herb gardens for the residents. Special thank you to the 5th graders for sponsoring Doorways this month with a walk on May 20th.
- No Place For Hate Update
 - Look for a 'Wishing Tree' coming later this month where all students will write down one wish they have for a more equitable and inclusive future for all!
 - Stay tuned for a list of resources and suggested books by grade level posted in the EFF that you can enjoy with your families this summer.
 - Please contact Ms. Mavity (aileen.mavity@apsva.org) if you're interested in helping out.
- Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:
 - ASFS Garden Party – Sunday, May 15th (Justin Gest)
 - Book Swap & Ice Cream Social – Thursday, May 19th (Carrie Hill and Puja Valiyil). *Drop off books Monday, 5/15 through Thursday 5/19 from 8:30-8:50am.
 - 4th/5th Grade Concert – Thursday, May 26th (Ms. Shine-Flaus & Mr. Bosse)
 - ASFS Field Day – Friday, June 3rd (Ms. Hall and Jill Parks)
 - ASFS Art Show – Tuesday, June 7th (Ms. Todd and Ms. Yeich)
 - Kindergarten Concert – Wednesday, June 8th (Ms. Shine-Flaus & Mr. Bosse)
 - See the ASFS EFF (5/6/22) for details and links to sign up to help out!
- PTA Reminders:
 - Recycle Your Sneakers – GotSneakers Program (Bernardin Manen): donate your used sneakers in the ASFS lobby bin by Friday, 5/26.
 - Green Committee Neighborhood Clean-Up Challenge (Katie Miller): Students can count how much litter they collect by Friday, 5/20.
 - Recyclables Needed for Engineering Challenges (Ms. Lin): Students may drop off items with Ms. Lin in Investigation Station.
 - Last Year's 2020-21 Yearbooks are available for 50% off in the front office.

V. Upcoming ASFS Dates

- Wednesday, May 11th – Lebanese Taverna Night, 5:30-6:00pm
- Thursday, May 19th – Book Swap & Ice Cream Social, 6:00-7:30pm
- Thursday, May 26th – ASFS 4th/5th Grade Spring Concert, 7:00pm
- Monday, May 30th – NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- Friday, June 3rd – ASFS Field Day, 9:00-11:55am
- Tuesday, June 7th – ASFS Art Show, 6:00-7:30pm
- Tuesday, June 7th – ASFS PTA Volunteer Reception, 7:00-7:30pm
- Wednesday, June 8th – EARLY RELEASE (1:26pm Dismissal)
- Wednesday, June 8th – ASFS Kindergarten Concert, 7:00pm
- Friday, June 10th – Rising Kindergarten Orientation
- Wednesday, June 15th – 5th Grade Promotion, 10:00am
- Wednesday, June 15th – EARLY RELEASE (1:26 Dismissal)
- Friday, June 17th – EARLY RELEASE (Last Day of School)

All school based activity locations are TBD based on health and safety guidelines.