



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

- Dena welcomed everyone and introduced herself and members of the board. She recognized that this was the first time that ASFS has had a hybrid PTA meeting both in person and virtually. She thanked everyone for participating in either format. Dena gave an overview of how PTA meetings are typically run, that they are held one time a month and typically begin with a special presentation. However, special presentations are typically not included during the summer months.

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

- Ms. Begley welcomed everyone and shared her excitement about building a new school community.
- Ms. Begley reported that the blacktop is refinished, and new basketball nets have been installed.
- She updated us on the playground status – deconstruction should begin next week and the entire project to include new equipment will be completed within a couple of weeks. She has been assured it will be completed before the new school year begins.
- Summer school is underway for the month of July and going well.
- ASFS continues to follow CDC guidelines: vaccinated adults must wear a mask when with children. No masks are required at recess or lunch for adults or children.
- Ms. Begley reviewed the number of classes projected for the new school year: Kindergarten should have four classrooms and all other grade levels will have 3.
- ASFS is projected to have 475 students for the 2021-2022 school year. This is much lower than previous years where it was over 750.
- Ms. Begley reminded everyone that tours begin the 1st week of August – please sign up through the EFF.
- She answered a few questions about the lunch process and school hours.
- Ms. Begley reminded everyone to let neighbors and friends know to register their children for ASFS if they haven't already. All staffing is completed by the end of July, so she wants the most accurate numbers as possible.

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

- Dena reminded everyone to please join the PTA. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. This could be done in person at the meeting or through a link in the EFF. You must be a member in order to vote.
- Dena reminded all members to vote on the Mural Project and the June PTA minutes. *Update EOD 7/14/21: the ASFS PTA membership voted to approve the mural project and the June PTA minutes. The ASFS PTA Tellers Committee confirmed quorum with at least 10 active PTA members in support of these items.*
- Dena confirmed the new ASFS Tellers Committee for 2021-2022. The

members are Olga Kasyan and Sarah Izfar. With electronic voting, they will ensure we have quorum, and all voters are PTA members.

- You should receive the Electronic Friday Folder (EFF) each Friday throughout the summer. Please take the few minutes to read through it as it contains lots of important information.
- Please complete the family survey sent out through the EFF. This helps the PTA to better understand and meet the needs of the community.
- Please also complete the PTA Volunteer form – there are still many open roles that need to be filled. Please contact Dena if you are interested in chairing or learning more about any of the openings:
 - o SEPTA Parent Liaison
 - o Volunteer Coordinator
 - o Webmaster
 - o Teacher Appreciation co-chair
 - o 5K/1M Fun Run
 - o 5th Grade Promotion
 - o Auction
 - o Holiday Helpers
 - o Art in the Classroom
 - o Food Bus
 - o Odyssey of the Mind
 - o Reflections

IV. Treasurer's Report (*Jay Kaveeshwar, ASFS PTA Treasurer*)

- Jay began by noting that the audit committee meeting is next week to review the FY20-21 financials.
- There has been a significant hit to income due to the pandemic and therefore, reduction in fundraising.
- Jay will be transitioning the ASFS budget to QuickBooks FY21-22. This will help to keep and organize all records, including previous years.
- Jay reviewed the proposed budget for FY21-22. He noted that ASFS's highest priorities will be in the areas of Education & Instruction and Community Events.
- This coming year will be a re-building year, as we split our funds with the new Innovation Elementary School.
- We have lots of fun fundraising events planned, including an auction, and are hopeful they will all be successful.
- The ASFS PTA will vote in August to approve the budget.

V. PTA Announcements:

- New for 2021-22 – Berlitz Spanish Enrichment for interested students. This will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 15 weeks, from 8:00-8:45am. Two info sessions are scheduled.
- Volunteer Opportunities:
 - o Keep ASFS Gardens Beautiful! Sign up for a week at a time to come and help out. Look for sign-up options in the EFF.
 - o Summer Blacktop and Trailer Painting Project – volunteers needed to help paint a USA map. Please contact Kristen Jeffreys to help out.
- Reminder to order school supply kits by August 5th (for home delivery).

- Reminder to sign up for an ASFS tour (August 4-5).

VI. PTA Committee News:

- Community Service (*Kristen Jeffreys, VP Community Service*)
 - o ASFS Food Bus Program will continue with AFAC. Unused individually wrapped food will be collected and taken to AFAC on Fridays to help feed those in need. Volunteers are needed to help run this program.
 - o KidsGiving will be launched at ASFS. This is a program that began at Taylor Elementary to help teach students about the importance of philanthropy through education, volunteering and giving. The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is the founding partner and each month there are opportunities to help out other local non-profits.
- Fundraising (*Olga Kasyan, VP Fundraising*)
 - o Olga reviewed the ocean mural project and the need for this to be a successful fundraising project. Please buy your fish!
 - o Reminder for all ASFS families to sign up to shop through Amazon Smile and to link your grocery rewards cards to help fund the PTA.
 - o Mabel's Labels is a great way to help keep track of your child's items. When placing an order, 20% will go to help fund the ASFS PTA. Go to <https://mabelslabels.com> – click support a fundraiser and ASFS.
 - o ASFS is looking for Corporate Sponsorships and Family Partnerships. Please let Olga know if you or your company have any special interests and would be interested in helping to fund them.
- APS and School Board Updates (*Steven Leutner, VP External Affairs*)
 - o Although nothing is directly affecting ASFS in the immediate future, Steve outlined several things to be aware of:
 - A rapid flasher beacon is planned to be installed at Quincy and 14th in January. This is to improve the safety and ease of crossing.
 - A proposal to lower the speed limit on Kirkwood to 25mph is in the works to increase walkability and safety.
 - The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is planning some changes in 3 years: the addition of a security vestibule in front of the school and an expansion of the lunch line.
 - COVID air quality assessments are ongoing in the county.
 - Boundary process for secondary schools to kick off in the fall.
 - The Career Center is currently building secondary seats and looking at how to fit even more seats in the proposal as needs grow.

VII. Upcoming ASFS Dates:

- Tuesday, July 27th – Spanish Enrichment Info Session, 6:30-7:30pm
- Tuesday, August 3rd – ASFS PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:00pm
- Wednesday, August 4th – ASFS Tour (1st-2nd Grade), 3:00-4:00pm
- Wednesday, August 4th – ASFS Tour (3rd-4th Grade), 4:00-5:00pm
- Thursday, August 5th – ASFS Tour (Kindergarten), 3:00-4:00pm
- Thursday, August 5th – ASFS Tour (5th Grade), 4:00-5:00pm
- Tuesday, August 17th – Spanish Enrichment Info Session, 6:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, August 26th – ASFS Open House, 3:00-4:00pm
- Monday, August 30th – First Day of School
- Summer Playdates – See Summer E-Friday Folder for grade level dates