

Link to Meeting Materials and Zoom Recording: [ASFS PTA Meeting Materials \(4/6/21\)](#)

Welcome (*Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President*)

- Dena welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

I. "Let's Math About It" - Math at ASFS (*ASFS Math Coach, Emily Foster*)

- Ms. Foster introduced herself and shared information about the math program at ASFS.
- During the presentation, Ms. Foster shared practice exercises for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5.
- The presentation provided examples for practicing math at home and a link to parent resources.
- The timelines for Grades 3-5 Testing and Placement were shared.
- Math Night will be held virtually Wednesday, 4/14.

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

- Ms. Begley expressed her excitement to have children back in school.
- 1st grade children are now in one classroom, and Kindergarten students are in their classrooms with a teacher and an assistant.
- More families are requesting to come back in person, and the school has been accommodating requests.
- Ms. Begley encouraged families to get involved with the school.
- The relocatables on the blacktop will be removed within the month.
- Ms. Begley is working on activities that can be held this summer for rising Kindergarten students.
- Ms. Jones and Ms. Begley are offering either in person or virtual meetings with parents of rising Kindergarten students.
- Students still have shields at their desks, and the school is following guidance as it comes out.

III. PTA Business

- Dena reminded everyone electronic voting is open through EOD Wednesday, 4/7 to approve the March 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes.

UPDATE EOD 4.7.21: The ASFS PTA membership voted electronically to approve the March 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes. The ASFS PTA Tellers Committee confirmed quorum with at least 10 active PTA members in support of these items.

- Kristi Tsiopanas, Treasurer, provided the Monthly PTA Budget Report.
 - We approved the updated budget last month.
 - We received a donation from Colony Grill and supported kits for Math Night and some technology requests for back to school.
 - Dena shared that the ASFS PTA executive board is working together with the new Innovation PTA board to confirm the plan for providing funding support for the new PTA. We expect to be able to share more details by next month's PTA meeting.
- Rhiannon Leutner from the ASFS PTA Nominating Committee shared the nominations for the 2021-22 ASFS PTA Executive Board Officers and asked for

volunteers for committee chair leads. Candidates can self-nominate through May 9th, and electronic voting will be held May 11-12th.

IV. PTA Updates

- ASFS Announcements
 - Dena thanked Ms. Jones, Ms. A'Hearn and Mr. McGuire for Assistant Principals Week and National Library Month.
 - Dena shared the No Place for Hate Student Video. Ms. Mavity will highlight students' work for this initiative at our PTA meeting next month.
 - Dena reminded families to look for a message in the eFF and via email with updates for winners who have yet to redeem their teacher experiences and other events from last year's auction.
 - Dima Hakura, ASFS Odyssey of the Mind Lead, provided an update on the program and shared information about performance problems our school's two teams recently solved. Next weekend the team will see how they placed in a recent competition.
- ASFS School Picture Days will be held April 7-8 for hybrid students and April 12th for Virtual Students. The link to order photo packages was shared.
- Kristen Jeffreys, VP Community Service, shared this is the last week to donate to our spring clothing drive for The Clothesline to support our community. The presentation includes items to donate and drop off locations.
- Leigh Rex, VP External Affairs provided APS & School Board Updates.
 - Leigh reminded families to send APS appreciation to teachers and staff by April 15th.
 - The presentation included key dates for upcoming meetings.
 - Leigh shared budget updates and resources available to review the information.

V. Innovation Elementary School Updates (*Claire Peters, Principal, and Lynn Kataria, Innovation PTA President*)

- Innovation has a new staff member assisting with student registrations.
- Ms. Peters is working with Ms. Begley and Ms. Jones on student transitions.
- Ms. Peters will be holding one more round of read-alouds. She is also working on offering additional meet and greets for families in different communities.
- The new mascot selection process is underway and she shared some initial ideas from the students. She is looking for ideas for a mascot.
- The Kindergarten registration process is ongoing and can be done online or in person. Ms. Peters will meet with rising Kindergarten families like Ms. Begley and Ms. Jones do at ASFS.
- Two PreK programs will be offered at the new school, and the application deadline is April 15th.
- Lynn Kataria thanked Dena and the ASFS community for their support. She would like to maintain a relationship with the ASFS community going forward. She asked for volunteers to lead committees.

VI. Upcoming Key Dates

- Wednesday, 4/7-Thursday, 4/8 - School Pictures (Hybrid Students)
- Monday, 4/12 - NO SCHOOL (Grade Preparation Day)
- Monday, 4/12 - School Pictures (Virtual Students)
- Wednesday, 4/14 - Virtual ASFS Family Math Night, 6:00-7:30pm
- Monday, 5/3-Friday, 5/7 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Tuesday, 5/11 - May ASFS PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm