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- I. Welcome** (*Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President*)
- Dena welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the agenda.
- II. Overview of Standards Based Grading** (*Sarah Putnam, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at APS*)
- Sarah explained that APS is slowly phasing Standards Based Grading into APS schools. The transition began 5 years ago and currently 17 of the 25 elementary schools have shifted.
  - Standards Based Grading is research based and provides more specialized reporting and precise and specific information about a child's progress towards each standard.
  - Sarah detailed the four reasons as to 'Why Implement Standards Based'
    - Accurate
    - Meaningful
    - Consistent
    - Supports Learning
  - Sarah encouraged parents to reach out to her with questions.
  - Sarah's complete presentation can be found [here](#).
- III. Principal's Report** (*Mary Begley, ASFS Principal*)
- Mary thanked all 65 participants who attended the meeting as well as several staff members.
  - Mary thanked parents for attending grade level coffees and noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> grade coffees are still upcoming.
  - The decision about Halloween activities will be communicated in the October 15<sup>th</sup> EFF, based on current COVID numbers and APS Guidelines.
  - If possible, there will be an outdoor Halloween parade after school on 10/29 where the police will close the streets.
  - Costume guidelines are in the ASFS Handbook that was sent home the first week of school.
  - Outdoor lunch is going well. Most children are choosing to eat outside.
  - Thank you to Dena for her outreach and help, we now have many parent volunteers. ASFS is still seeking outdoor lunch employees as well.
  - The 5<sup>th</sup> grade students produced a video where they demonstrated the outdoor lunch rules. The video was played during the morning announcements for all students to see. Thank you Mr. V!
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please see your email regarding swimming at Washington and Liberty H.S. Responses should be sent to Ms. Hall.
- IV. PTA Business** (*Dena Porter, PTA President*)
- Please vote by the end of the day on Wednesday, October 6th to approve the August 31st PTA Meeting Minutes.
  - You must be an active ASFS PTA member for 2021-22 to vote.
    - To join online, visit: [asfspta.com](http://asfspta.com)

- PTA membership sponsorships are available.
- PTA Family Survey Results: thank you to the 67 ASFS community members who replied! The summary of the results can be found in the meeting materials folder.

## **V. Executive Board Reports**

- Treasurer Report (*Jay Kaveeshwar, Treasurer*)
  - The September 2021 ASFS PTA Budget Report is posted in the meeting materials folder and on the PTA website.
  - Jay reiterated that this is a rebuilding year for ASFS and that we don't currently have a lot of resources, therefore, fundraising is very important.
- Fundraising (*Olga Kasyan, Fundraising Chair*)
  - Thank you to all the families that came out the Silver Diner last Tuesday! It was a great night!
  - Colony Grill is our October partner. Please mention ASFS throughout the month of October and they will donate to the ASFS PTA.
  - No Frills Fundraiser is on! 100% of your donation directly supports the ASFS PTA and it is tax deductible. We are currently at 20% of our goal. Please be sure to donate.
  - Auction Chair is still needed! The Auction is ASFS's biggest fundraiser, and we still need a chair. There are several parents willing to help on the team – they just need a leader. Please contact Olga if interested.
- ASFS Community Service & KidsGiving (*Kristen Jeffreys & Amanda Sutton*)
  - KidsGiving is kicking this month off with AFAC. ASFS will host a food drive to collect AFAC's most needed food items. The donation boxes will be located in the main lobby.
  - An AFAC representative will come to the school on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> after school to give a presentation. Students will then sort the donated food for AFAC.
  - If you're not a member, sign up here: [www.tinyurl.com/KidsGiving2021](http://www.tinyurl.com/KidsGiving2021)
- APS and School Board Update (*Steve Leutner, VP External Affairs*)
  - Boundary changes projected for this fall, for elementary, middle, and high schools, will not directly affect the ASFS community.
  - The upcoming school bond (November) will fund security vestibules and cafeteria upgrades.
  - Enrollment is lower than expected in APS, and estimated projections for the future are uncertain.

## **VI. PTA Updates**

- Thank you ASFS Volunteers!
  - Thank you to the outdoor lunch volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, look for the signup genius in the weekly EFF.
  - School pictures: Approved volunteers are needed to take a shift (or two) on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – contact Linda Liao if you can help.
  - More opportunities to help (contact Dena Porter if interested): *CCPTA*

*Co-chair; Reflections Lead; Holiday Helpers; SEPTA Liaison; Odyssey of the Mind; Volunteer Coordinators*

- The 2021-22 ASFS PTA Directory is now available! Parents can opt in via ParentVUE.
- Thank you to Jen Brown for volunteering for the new VLP Liaison role to support ASFS Virtual Learning Program families!

**VII. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at ASFS** (*Aileen Mavity, ASFS Equity Team Lead*)

- Ms. Mavity provided a terrific overview of what the equity team is, what they accomplished last year and what the priorities are for this year.
- ASFS students signed a pledge and completed an activity as part of No Place for Hate last year, and will all have the chance to sign the pledge and complete three school-wide activities this year.
- The Equity team is comprised of staff, parents, and students.
- The team will continue to provide ASFS community members with intentional opportunities to learn about diverse experiences.
- Ms. Mavity's complete presentation can be found [here](#).

**VIII. Upcoming Dates**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Coffee – Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Coffee – Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30am
- ASFS School Picture Day – Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Social Event – Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Event – Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00pm