



I. Welcome (Dena Porter, ASFS PTA President)

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

II. Overview of STEM at ASFS by Stephanie Lin, ASFS Investigation Station Lead, and Catie Bales, ASFS Information Technology Coordinator (ITC)

- Ms. Lin gave a wonderful presentation that included:
 - o An overview of STEM and STEM activities that are worked on at ASFS
 - o Hands on activities in STEM
 - o Shared current technology used: ipads, laptops, apps, online simulations, and robots
 - o Explained Science City format
 - o Discussed Outside the Box Day: Engineering Challenges
 - o Using a model that involves Identifying the problem, Exploring Solutions, Designing, Creating it, Trying it, and making it better.
 - o Ms. Linn also works with Teams/Clubs: Lego Robotics Team (4/5), Underwater Grasses (4th graders in extended day), Aquarium Club
 - o Outdoor Education offers many earning opportunities
 - working in the school gardens/courtyard
 - walking field trips to Hidden Pond
 - Nature Observations
 - School Grounds- native plants and vegetable gardens in raised beds
 - o There are many volunteer opportunities to support STEM at ASFS
 - Outside the Box Day (Nov/Dec)
 - STEM Night Prep (Jan./Feb)
 - Taking care of the fish and turtle
 - Gardening
 - o STEM at home
 - Provide children tools for exploring
 - Build out of recyclables
 - Make things

III. ASFS Band & Orchestra Video (*Michael Bosse, ASFS Music Teacher*)

- Shared an entertaining video featuring students in band and orchestra
- Safety precautions in place and working well
- Students can join band and orchestra mid-year

IV. No Place for Hate (*Aileen Mavity, 5th grade teacher and ASFS Equity Team Lead*)

- Ms. Mavity shared the important work students, staff and parents to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusivity at ASFS.
- Students have created Global Celebration Quilts, written Kindness Quotes, participate in the ASFS Winter Olympics, and Kindness Week
- Students also meet with Ms. Mavity and Ms. Proietti weekly as part of the ASFS Equity Team.
- Staff have engaged in conversation about bias.
- Families have also engaged in conversation with staff and students regarding diversity, equity, and inclusivity.
- A safe place for parents to share and ask questions without judgement or retribution

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

- Ms. Begley welcomed everyone and thanked the staff for their continued dedication.
- Thank you to all the parent volunteers and to Ms. Jones and Dena Porter for continuing to organize outdoor lunch. We are still looking for more volunteers.
- Ms. Begley encouraged parents to sign up to help as much as possible. We couldn't do what we do without parent volunteers. Please try to volunteer for one thing so that we can continue all our wonderful programs.
- Ms. Begley shared her thanks for all the special programming at ASFS.
- Thank you to Ms. Hall for all her work to plan the PE Winter Olympic
- Thank you to Mr. Bosse and Ms. Shine who are working on creating concerts for each of the grade levels.
- Ms. Begley reassured parents that 5th grade will have a promotion ceremony.

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

- The proposed 2022-23 Nominating Committee members are: Linda Liao, Liz Mixer, and Puja Valiyil
- Please vote by the end of the day on Wednesday, February 8th to approve the January 8th ASFS PTA Meeting Minutes, Nominating Committee, and amended ASFS PTA Budget for 2021-22 to account for an increase in Square fees.
- School Counselor Week: Thank you, to our wonderful counselors Ms. Proietti and Ms. Uffelman
- Crossing Guard Appreciation Week: Thank you to Mr. Starr, our fabulous ASFS crossing guard.

VII. PTA Updates

Treasurer Report (*Jay Kaveeshwar, Treasurer*)

- ASFS had a great first half of the fiscal year - \$42K and counting vs. \$105K goal.
- Congrats on a successful No-Frills Fundraiser – nearly \$20K was raised!
- Shifting our focus to the Spring Auction with a goal of \$50K in fundraising. We need more parent volunteers to make this event successful.

Fundraising (*Olga Kasyan, Fundraising Chair*)

- Olga introduced the location of the date and location of the Auction April 23, 2022 at the Pinemoor
- Need Exciting Items that can be auctioned off, Sign On Parties, and volunteers to help with the auction

ASFS Community Service & KidsGiving (*Kristen Jeffreys & Amanda Sutton*)

- Thank you to everyone who donated food and made snack bags for Real Food For Kids.
- This month KidsGiving and first grade is supporting READ. All students can sign up for a READ-a-thon. All proceeds will go towards supporting READ and their mission of getting books into the hands of babies and young children from at risk families.
- The READ book bus will be at school on 2/22 at 4:00
- Thank you to the 1st grade team for partnering with READ this month!

VIII. Upcoming Events

- Virtual ASFS Family STEM Night: Tomorrow night (Wednesday, February 9th) from 6:00-7:30pm
- Through this Friday, 2/11: Winter Spirit Week (hosted by the SCA)
- Monday, February 14th: Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
- Monday, 2/14-Friday, 2/18: Kindness Week
- Virtual ASFS Bingo Nights (hosted by Baroodly Camps)
 - Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Thursday, February 24th from 6:30-7:30pm
 - 3rd-5th Grade: Monday, February 28th from 6:30-7:30pm
- Donate Bingo Prizes by Tuesday, February 22nd (bin in ASFS lobby)

- RSVP to help us plan for a fun evening of virtual Bingo with friends, and thanks to Ms. Hall and Ms. Oman for hosting!
- Girls on the Run (3rd-5th Grade Girls) - Registration is open through March 1st
- Ms. Begley, Ms. Jones, and a grade level teacher will host grade level coffee chats for parents to ask questions:
 - Kindergarten - Thursday, February 24th 9:00-9:30am
 - 1st Grade - Monday, February 28th 9:00-9:30am
 - 2nd Grade - Wednesday, March 2nd 9:00-9:30am
 - 3rd Grade - Monday, March 7th 9:00-9:30am
 - 4th Grade - Wednesday, March 9th 9:00-9:30am
 - 5th Grade - Thursday, March 10th 9:00-9:30am

IX. Thank You's

- Michael Negron - Our new ASFS PTA CCPTA Representative
- Nicole Rizzolo - ASFS Auction Chair and the Auction Leads: Carrie Hill, Olga Kasyan, Amanda Sutton, Puja Valiyil
- ASFS Book Room Volunteers - Heather Buck, Juliana Hesketh, and Emily Sutton
- School Picture Make-up Day Volunteers - Linda Liao, Nicole Sioson, and Soo Kim
- STEM Night Volunteers - for all their hard work assembling supply bags
- Outdoor Lunch Volunteers - for dedicating their time (and braving the cold!) to ensure students can eat outside

X. Upcoming ASFS Dates

- Wednesday, February 9th - EARLY RELEASE (1:26pm Dismissal)
- Wednesday, February 9th - Virtual ASFS Family STEM Night, 6:00-7:30pm
- Monday, February 14th - Valentine's Day Classroom Parties, 2:30-3:30pm
- Monday, February 21st - NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)
- Thursday, February 24th - Virtual ASFS Bingo Night (K-2nd), 6:30-7:30pm
- Monday, February 28th - Virtual ASFS Bingo Night (3rd-5th), 6:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, March 3rd - EARLY RELEASE (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Friday, March 4th - NO SCHOOL (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Tuesday, March 8th - ASFS PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm