**AACMS PTO Meeting Minutes • 1.7.2025**

1. **Mr. Cecchini Report Out**
   1. **Science Teacher Position is open**
   2. **Class 2025: Senior trip plan has not been finalized.**
      1. **Fundraising is needed to manage costs for all students attending.**
      2. **School Leadership is open to suggestions/ideas.**
         1. **Potential options: Knoebel’s/Hershey concern for poor weather.**
         2. **75 students, 2 buses required. 7 children per adult chaperone.**
      3. **Consider Washington, D.C. for next year.** 
         1. **Keisha will do research for a future class trip to Washington, DC**
   3. **Sound system for stage cost will be 3-5k. Concessions from events using the Hang out could pay back the school for the cost.**
   4. **Winter events were successful but Christkindlmarkt was a challenge due to cold weather.**
2. **Status on the school Magnets: Consider selling as 2 for 1—at $7, Larger & smaller as a set.**
3. **Fundraising opportunities discussed:** 
   1. **Dine & Donate Monthly: Pints & Pies/West End Tap Room/Chipotle, Mod Pizza, Red Robin—Dennie will call around to inquire.**
   2. **Bingo Event: Off-site location is preferred. Black River Farms was suggested. Revenue from this event would help fund the 8th grade trip. Consider hosting as an annual fundraising event for the school---Laura Muzerall-Lynch to contact Black River Farms to inquire about availability.**
   3. **AACMS is holding discussions with Charter Art High to use their space for performances. The Hang Out was offered to barter. Looking for performance spaces that are affordable or free to use.**
4. **Laura Muzerall-Lynch-Art Events Coordinator Report Out**
   1. **Planning for Spring events is underway.**
5. **A celebration for the Hang Out is planned for Friday, May 16th, with a rain date of Saturday, May 17th.**
   1. **The program planning will include a talent audition and submission deadline date.**
   2. **Promotion, Publication and Open Call for talent/performers will be posted on social media. The event will be open to community. PTO will consider posting flyers in public places.**
6. **Upcoming Events: To late to plan January Winter Event**
   1. **Jan 21st & Jan 23rd**
      1. **6th Grade Showcase: dance, theatre, literary, music, visual. Students were provided limited number of tickets to manage space. SVP available.**
   2. **Feb 13th**
      1. **Valentine’s Day Dance: Ticketed event, will include Food, drink and snack—Sign up for donation needs to be created and distributed.**
   3. **April 5th**
      1. **Musical**
      2. **Theatre struggling to find space for their showcase**
   4. **May 2025: Innovations Dance**
7. **Follow ups:** 
   1. **Volunteers are need for all events: See Mr. G**
   2. **Confirm with Susan:**
      1. **Can “Save the Dates” for events be published sooner?**
      2. **Is the school calendar on the Website updated with future events, fundraisers in addition to school clubs and standing events.**
      3. **Can we create a running list of activities & important dates to remember**
   3. **Is School Store still an option for fundraising?**
   4. **Clothing Closet w/Washer & Dryer to be available for children to use**
      1. **Collecting supplies, Mesh bags to keep clothing separate.**
8. **Next Meeting Date & Time: Feb 4th, 1st Tuesday of the month.**

**Future Proposed Activities:**

**January—**~~Winter Fun Night (~~*~~Cool Runnings~~* ~~theme?) Too late to promote?~~

**February/March—**Valentine’s Day Dance, Cupid Candy grams St. Paddy’s Day

**Spring—**Concession & Flower Sales at Performances, Fundraiser, School-Wide Activity?

**Possible** 1-2xs/month School Store?

In Attendance: Denisette Irizarry, Keisha Coggs, Mrs. Laura Muzerall-Lynch—Dance & Arts Event Coordinator, Natalia/New Parent to PTO, Mr. Cecchini