

ADVENTURE PARENT CONNECTION

Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 1, 2017

1. Opening and prayer

- a. Tobin Wilkins (Vice-Principal): review of Adventure Parent Connection (APC) bylaws. A big thanks for the large turnout of parents today and invite a friend next time! Everyone is welcome any time to attend APC meetings – it is not a club or a clique; this is the place for your voice as a parent to be heard. The school loves to hear parent input and there are many opportunities to get involved in school needs.
- b. Introduce 2017 APC Leaders:
 - i. President/Warrior Wear Chairperson: Callie Osborne
 - ii. Vice President/Teacher Appreciation Chair: Kelley Moore
 - iii. Secretary: Amanda Medina
 - iv. Treasurer: (position on hold)
 - v. Room Parent Chairperson: Kaysee Kirby and Kelly McGregor
 - vi. Prayer/Devotions Chairpersons (Moms in Armor or MIA): Veronica Eckhardt and Shellie Kennedy
 - vii. Hospitality Chairpersons: Vivienne Nelson, Jamie Peterson, Ashley Van der Boom
 - viii. Family Outreach Chairperson: Alyssa McClelland
 - ix. Social Media Chairperson: Dan Moore
 - i. Family Connection Ambassador: Mary Anzelc

2. Approved Minutes from July 11 meeting by Kelley Moore and Kat Hay

- a. Past meeting minutes are posted on the website under “APC” and then “Minutes.”

3. Mrs. Flores Update (K-8 Principal)

- a. Introduction of School Administration:
- b. Principal Kinder-8th grade: Mrs. Flores
 - i. Vice Principal Kinder-8th grade: Mr. Wilkins
 - ii. Tiffany Ralston: Preschool Director
 - iii. Tiffany Lathrop: Admissions & Marketing
- c. Adventure Christian School (ACS) is now a part of the family of the Bayside Churches. “Adventure Christian Church” which the school shares a campus with has officially become “Bayside at Adventure.” Mrs. Flores reports that Bayside Church is thrilled to now have a school under their umbrella of ministries, they are extremely supportive of the school and continually working with the school on needs that arise. Bayside’s Director of Operations/Facilities, Jud Boies, has been overseeing relocation of 6th grade classrooms in a very efficient manner and improving upon safety protocols. There is discussion of developing adding an Adventure High School.
- d. The school is thriving and growing. Current enrollment is at 450 students up from 158 students from 13 years ago when Mrs. Flores came on staff. A 4th grade class was added this year in addition to several grades that were added last school year.

- e. If you have questions, hear rumors – come ask! Email us! Administration is always open to hearing from parents and always open to improvements.

4. Mrs. Ralston Update (Preschool Director of 14 years)

- a. The APC is for preschool parents, too!
- b. Preschool currently has 180 students, there is a lot of space for more 3 year olds! Tell your friends!

5. Warrior Watch/Security/Parking

- a. A link will be sent out soon for volunteers to sign up for Warrior Watch shifts. Volunteers are provided a vest and walkie talkie and provide an informal added presence as a deterrent to crime. Please sign up and encourage your spouse to sign up.
- b. Security of the students is continually being evaluated and improved. All student classrooms are locked. The Administration building where 6th-8th grades are now located is fully locked. In the main sanctuary building there are no longer any classrooms downstairs. All classrooms in that building are now upstairs and restrooms upstairs are for students only. Adults guests may use downstairs restrooms. Pallet walls are used to partition off student/school use only areas. The main sanctuary near the café entrance will be adding a receptionist that will add yet another layer of security. Security cameras throughout the campus are currently being researched as a possibility.
- c. Reminder to please always lock your vehicle, take purse and valuables with you.
- d. Reminder to never drive across parking spaces, as this endangers adults and children. Also, when waiting in driver pick up line, do not block the end of the aisles so that walker vehicles can safely exit without driving across parking spaces.
- e. Please stay close to your children in the parking lot to prevent running or darting in front of vehicles.
- f. Please stay off cell phones and be entirely hands free and distraction free in our parking lot and in particular during the 15 minute pick up time.
- g. 10mph speed limit in school parking lot
- h. Repainting of parking lot lines is being considered
- i. Thursday, September 7 there will be a funeral on campus for fallen police officer. Details for drop off and pick up to follow. Security of school areas will be enhanced during this time.

6. Houston Hurricane Fundraiser: at the suggestion of several parents, Tiffany Lathrop is researching an opportunity for our students to donate to a Christian school in Houston area (In His Steps Academy) that has 2 feet of water and is in great need of donated school supplies. More information to follow.

7. Room Parent Update: Kaysee Kirby and Kelly McGregor and team have created folders with specific information for room parent duties to provide more consistency across classes and take the guess work out for room parents. Some of these folders were passed out at Back to School Night, as room parents were identified. Kaysee will be in contact with teachers to identify all room parent volunteers and to assist in recruiting, as needed. She will serve as a support to all room parents.

8. Spirit Wear: Does anyone know of a vendor that offers flexibility in ordering?? Our current vendor must be ordered in advance in quantities of 12, so we must guess on sizes and style preferences and hope that the items ordered will sell. The current plan is to repeat the popular styles from last year and likely add a few new options. Suggestions of alternate vendors are welcome!

9. Scrip/Box Tops

- a. Scrip program is currently suspended until our account can be transferred to new Bayside Church status. This is a valuable source of funds for the school, so hopefully this can be available again soon.
- b. Box Tops are being handled by Amanda Milliken. Please be clipping box tops!! Last year, Box Tops brought in \$4k to the school and completely funded our Accelerated Reader (AR) program which benefits students across all grades. Be very careful to not cut off the expiration date as that voids the box top. Free dress pass incentives are planned for students who contribute box tops.

10. Jog-a-Thon

- a. Scheduled for October 13
- b. This year we are planning a Suds Run!
- c. Last year \$50k was raised and funded our new playground!
- d. Incremental student incentives were a big success last year and similar incentives will be offered again this year (donut, slurpee, ice cream sundae party, water war party, movie party, etc). Thermometers are planned for each classroom to document funds raised and provide a visual motivator for students to participate.
- e. Please contact APC President Calli Osborne for volunteer needs.
- f. Business sponsorships will be offered and your logo would go on t-shirts for a given grade.
- g. Questions arose about other possible school fundraisers such as wrapping paper, cookie dough, etc. Administration states that since Adventure families are already paying tuition, they focus on only two major fundraisers per year (Jog-a-thon and Golf/Auction). Administration is open to alternatives. There are also a few smaller scale fundraisers during the year such as Turkey Grams and Valentine Grams fund Teacher Appreciation efforts put on by APC.

11. Father/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Event

- a. Destiny Church was suggested as a venue possibility that would be free of charge. Next step would be to schedule a tour.

12. Important Upcoming Dates:

- a. 9/12-15 -- Spiritual leadership camp (6th-8th grades): Woodleaf Camp, incredible time for students with daily devotions, two speakers per day and fun team building activities. Mrs. Flores and Mr. Wilkins also attend along with the students.
- b. 9/19 – Night out with Adventure (Chuck e Cheese). Proceeds go toward benevolence fund for families in need.

13. Next APC Meeting: Friday, October 6 in Discovery Corner (glass room near café)

14. Closing in Prayer