

**Armstrong School District Foundation
Regular Meeting
November 22, 2023**

The members of ASD Foundation convened the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room of Admin with the following members present:

Sam Kirk, Executive Director
Jon McCullough, Treasurer
Kathy Heilman
Deanna Wise
Stephen Gilliland

Tom Toy
Dr. Paula Berry
Jason Venesky
Danielle Panchik
Natalie Cotherman,

Also present:

Deb Fink, Business Administrative Assistant

Absent: Dr. Chuck Kreinbucher,

Guest Speaker: Lucas Waldrop

The members of ASD Foundation convened a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Large Group Room of Admin to review minutes and Mr. McCullough reporting on financial statements; welcome guest speaker, Lucas Waldrop who is speaking about ASD Foundation planetarium; Mr. Gilliland reporting on AHS trick or treat participation; Ms. Panchik reporting on tree decorating and Inspired Hearts & Hands; Mr. Kirk reporting on EITC donation by Elderton State Bank; Dr. Berry reporting on grants; Mr. Venesky reporting on Do Re Mi; review of June 14, 2024 ASDF Golf outing; and new business.

Motion was made by Mr. Toy/Mr. Gilliland to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2023. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Call to Order

Financial Reports

Reviewed the following reports provided by Mr. McCullough, Treasurer

- ASDF Treasurer's Report October 31, 2023
- ASDF Statement of Financial Position October 31, 2023
- ASDF Statement of Activities month ending October 31, 2023

Motion was made by Mr. McCullough/Ms. Panchik to approve Financial Reports as presented.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Welcome Guest Speaker –Lucas Waldrop

- Mr. Waldrop has volunteered to take charge of the planetarium as a result of Ms. Orlosky retiring
- If we digitalize planetarium, it will cost \$45,000 to \$60,000
- Next meeting we will discuss a formal plan to raise funds
- Ear mark donations for Digital Planetarium
- Digital Planetarium fundraising
- Possible donation from the Community Foundation

- Mr. Waldrop conducted a training/demo at Shannock Valley Elementary with 20 teachers in attendance
- A training/demo is scheduled at Elderton Elementary on December 11, 2023
- Mr. Waldrop will keep Ms. Panchik updated so that she can post on website
- Outside organizations have been reaching out to use planetarium including BC3, Celebration in the Park Ford City PA, Church Schools such as Divine Redeemer, and the Outdoor Learning Center of Crooked Creek State Park
- We must decide if planetarium is specific to the district
- Will there be a charge for outside use?

AHS Trick or Treat Participation

- Mr. Gilliland reported on AHS Trick or Treat sponsored by the AHS Student Council
- Mr. Gilliland manned a table with candy and Foundation information

Kittanning and Ford City Tree Decorating

- Ms. Panchik and Ms. Wise made ornaments for the Armstrong School District Foundation sponsored trees in Kittanning and Ford City for their Light Up Nights

Mindy Follow Up – Inspired Hearts & Hands

- Ms. Panchik reported on the Christmas food boxes and Angel Tree gifts for Armstrong School District in need families in cooperation with Inspired Hearts and Hands
- Ms. Panchik took on the project and contacted the school counselors for families, then coordinated with Mindy
- There were 32 food boxes provided
- There were 19 Angel Tree Wish Lists filled from 8 families
- Ms. Bailey, Director of Food and Nutrition Services suggested inviting the receiving families to our District sponsored Community Meal on December 23

Donation – Elderton State Bank – EITC Donation – Amanda Knell – Thank You

- Thank you to Elderton State Bank

Grants

	Title	Teacher	Gen/EIT C	\$\$	# students
1	Teaching Chromosomes in Biology	Nicole Barton	EITC	2,000	300 9th 10th AHS
2	Investigating pH	Janelle Kotyk	EITC	2,000	500 AHS
3	Art in our Community	Lynn Donnelly & Alexis Kovalosky	Gen.	5,000	K-12 District
4	Project Feeder Watch- Using Technology to Monitor native PA Birds	Cynthia Lindahl	EITC	1,000	9th Graders AHS
5	First Grade math Fact Mastery	Jen Hill & Julie Cook	Gen.	1,000	100 LE
6	6th Grade Science Curriculum Integration	Ingrid Sell	EITC	1,000	20 SVE 6th Graders

7	Rotary Purchase for a Laser Engraver	Todd Crissman	EITC	2,000	Grades 7-12 Tech Ed.
8	Teaching Music through Piano	Robert Reams	Gen.	500	7th - 8th graders AHS
9	Invention Land		EITC	1,000	60 Students WHI
10	Hummingbird duo Classroom Kits	Andrea Lasher	EITC	2,000	WHI 4th - 6th graders 400-500 students
11	Enzymes in Action	Jamie Douglas	EITC	500	Adv. Sc. 9th graders
12	STEM on the Road	Erika Hogan	EITC	500	90 students LE
13	Generation Genius	Lindsay Dunlap	EITC	1,000	Grades 4-6 WHI
14	Enhancing Math Practice through Hands on Centers	Jill Thiessen	Gen.	500	EE 23 k students
15	Shaping Successful Students and Staff	JJ	Gen	Denied	
16	Armstrong Votes	Randall Cloak	Gen	Denied	
17	Pickleball: It's a Big Dill	Jocelyn Shoop	Gen.	Denied	

- Next grant deadline is January 12, 2024
- Send Ms. Panchik pictures for website and narratives for EITC grants

Motion was made by Dr. Berry/Mr. Gilliland to approve grants as presented. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote**

Do Re Mi Program

- When presenting Murphy's Music with plaque get kids involved
- Creation of plaque ongoing

2024 ASDF Golf Outing

- Prepare an announcement for the radio station RIVER to promote golf outing
- Discussion to update golf brochure/keeping as is

New Business

- ASD Foundation is being promoted at various school functions
- Do a press release to Leader Times and Trib recapping 2022-2023 ASDF-ongoing
- Update committees /Mr. Gilliland volunteered to chair Scholarship Committee/Rubric will be revised
- Adding 2 or 3 members from the community outside of district employees-ongoing
- Invite School Board to next meeting-ongoing
- "Donor Chooses" – Do we want to setup that donors designate where their funds go?-ongoing
- Through the Foundation a former teacher of Dayton High School would like to donate \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually to Dayton Elementary for field trips-ongoing

Motion was made by Mr. Kirk/Mr. Toy to appoint Lucas Waldrop to the ASD Foundation Committee. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote**

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. McCullough/Mr. Toy to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.** The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. with lunch after.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 24, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 24, 2024

May 29, 2024

June 14, 2024 Golf Outing