

MINUTES

Four Seasons Elementary School PTA

11/10/2021 6:33 PM | *Meeting called to order by Michelle Estes*

Michelle Estes

Pamela Price

Jerri Cok-Duyan

Mariam Nasser Pelletier

Rachel Jack

*See attached sign in sheet

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the September 14th, 2021 meeting were not available for review. Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

President's Report/Committee Report

- Michelle Estes welcomes everyone to the meeting.
- Hospitality Committee
 - Michelle Estes explains that the PTA hosted the first 'Feed the Teachers' event, which was made up of pre-packaged food due to COVID safety.
 - Michelle explains that while the PTA sponsored the first Feed the Teachers event, she expects that correspondence will be sent December for the Hospitality Committee to begin sponsoring future events.
- Creative Arts
 - Due to COVID restraints, the usual Creative Arts Committee events are on hold (talent shows, plays, etc).
- Family Fun
 - Due to COVID restraints, Family Fun Committee and associated events are on hold (Dances, movie nights, etc). Michelle Estes explains that the PTA hopes that these events may be held in the Spring.
- Spirit Wear
 - The PTA had a successful first order window for Spirit Wear. Michelle Estes explains that Spirit Wear orders will be delivered on 11/11, and then can be sorted and sent home. The PTA will require volunteers to sort orders and send home with children
 - The Spirit Wear will be able to open again for orders later this Winter.
- Promotion
 - Discussions regarding the 5th grade promotion will begin later this school year.
- Fundraising
 - The PTA organized a Skate Night which raised \$1,350.

- A second skate night has been booked for March.
- Mariam Pelletier explains that for every fundraiser that the PTA has, they are required to put on an event for the children (dance, movie night, etc). Therefore, the PTA is currently not able to organize additional fundraisers because they are not able to put on events due to COVID-19.
- It was clarified by Principal Passwaters that the PTA cannot plan or sponsor large events at the present time due to AACPS COVID-19 guidelines.
- Membership Committee
 - Rachel Jack explains that there are 109 members currently, and an additional 9 individuals who have filled out the membership form but have not yet paid their dues.
- Staff Wishlists
 - Rachel Jack explains that a staff wishlist Google form was created by the PTA and filled out for staff at FSES. This wishlist will be shared by the PTA with the FSES community for staff appreciation purposes.
- “Room Service Cart”
 - For staff morale, PTA would like to bring back the Room Service cart, where a cart travels around the school and gives treats to teachers during the day.
- Shark Bucks/Shark Shop
 - There will be additional ‘phases’ of Shark Shop incentives - school wide incentives that will be rolled out as the school year progresses.

Treasurer's Report

- A reporting of the budget from the September 14th, 2021 meeting until the present meeting was distributed by Mariam Pelletier, PTA Treasurer. The budget was reviewed by the PTA members and the board. Mariam Pelletier explains the cash balances and motions to approve the budget. Motion to approve the budget is seconded by Adina Caron.

Principal's Report

- Principal Passwaters explains that many things are on hold due to COVID-19 guidelines.
 - She explains that field trips are on hold due to county bus shortages.
 - Principal Passwaters explains that clubs will be up and running (example -24 club) as soon as approval is received.
- Testing is underway and will go on as planned.
 - CogAT will be administered to Grade 2 and Grade 5 in December.
- Shark Shop has gone well - the school has seen a decrease in referrals and an increase in positive behavior
 - Over \$14,000 in shark bucks collected
 - The school is including academic items in the Shark shop as well as things that students enjoy (example - fidgets).
- Principal Passwaters would like to request more recess equipment in order to engage children during recess time to minimize challenging behaviors
- Veteran's Day activity sheet will go to children this week for completion.

Closing Remarks

- The PTA meetings for the remainder of the school year will happen on:
 - January 12th, 2022
 - March 9th, 2022
 - May 11th, 2022
 - Michelle Estes explains that we look forward to having Boosterthon and Skate Zone in the Spring, and hopes to have a Family Fun night as well.
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Motion to adjourn was made at 7:01 by Amber Cooper. Seconded by Jill Schetcher.