

# MINUTES

## Four Seasons Elementary School PTA

3/9/2022 6:32 PM | Meeting called to order by Michelle Estes

Michelle Estes

Jerri Cok Duyan

Mariam Nasser Pelletier

Rachel Jack

\*See attached sign in sheet

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### Approval of Minutes

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Michelle Estes calls the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Michelle begins by asking members to look over the minutes from the January meeting. A motion to approve was made by Michelle Estes, which was seconded by Amber Cooper.

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### Committee Reports

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Michelle Estes welcomes everyone to the meeting and begins the committee updates:

#### *Creative Arts Committee*

- There is no Creative Arts Committee due to the COVID restrictions.

#### *Hospitality Committee*

- Our Hospitality Chair is Kati Bethuy, who is present. She explains that we had a successful Feed the Teachers event last month and individualized meals were provided by Panera Bread. We will be having another Feed the Teacher event on April 8th, 2022. She explained that Mission Barbecue is the preferred location for the next event at this time.
- Teachers mentioned that they may like to appreciate having school supplies donated. Discussed having a "cleaning supply buffet". Will talk to teachers, find out what supplies they need and try to have supplies available in the lounge.

#### *Family Fun Committee*

- Family Fun Committee has not been active yet this year due to COVID restrictions.
- AACPS has communicated that they will provide guidance on in-person outdoor events after Spring Break. PTA will check back in with administration after Spring Break.

#### *Fundraising Committee*

- Fundraising Committee earned about \$500 from our Coal Fire fundraiser, and raised \$1725 from SkateZone. SkateZone was very successful and well attended.

#### *Membership Committee*

- We have added four new members since January.

#### *Yearbook Committee*

- Yearbook Chair for this year is Rachael Bricker. To date, 235 yearbooks have been sold this school year.
- Flyers were created and distributed for 5th grade parents to include "well-wishes" for their child for purchase to be included in the yearbook.
- A motion is made by Mariam Pelletier to add an additional line in the budget for the implementation of a 5th grade yearbook grant to purchase yearbooks for any remaining students without. Motion is seconded by Laura Mishaga.

### 5th Grade Promotion

- Parent surveys are due 3/9/22 to gauge interest for either an in-person or drive-through celebration for a 5th grade end of year celebration.
- Principal Passwaters is waiting on decisions from AACPS on whether in-person events will be allowed to be planned after Spring Break.

### Room Service Cart

- The room service snack cart is pushed around to classrooms monthly and teachers are treated to snacks, candy, and drinks. It has been received wonderfully and teachers really appreciate it.

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## Treasurer's Report

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Mariam Pelletier shares her Treasurer's report, and discusses that money has been raised from the fundraisers, and expenditures have been largely providing items for the student Shark Shop. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report is made by Mariam Pelletier, which is seconded by Kati Bethuy.

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## Principal's Report

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- FSES has hired two new secretaries for the front office.
  - Ms. Shank comes from Central Middle
    - Will be in charge of chaperoning, fingerprinting, etc.
  - Ms. Eisele is our new registrar from Shipley's Choice
- Ms. Kennedy shares that testing is beginning.
  - MISA testing is starting next week for 5th grade
  - Spring assessments will be starting and continuing throughout the Spring.
- Mariam Pelletier asks Principal Passwaters if there was anything remaining that the PTA can purchase for the school. Principal Passwaters mentions that they would love to have outdoor classrooms with benches. The PTA offers to cover the costs for these benches and outdoor classrooms. Principal Passwaters will reach out with more information on costs and ordering.

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## President Report

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- Michelle Estes begins by speaking about the room service treat cart that PTA have been pushing to the classrooms to give teachers and staff treats during the day. Teachers and staff have been very appreciative.
- Michelle Estes asks that membership gets background checked and/or fingerprinted, so that they may volunteer in school if/when volunteers are needed.
- Michelle discusses the bus driver appreciation week initiative. Jerri Cok Duyan explains that we received donations from parents with items such as hand sanitizer, hot hands and snacks. Jerri Cok Duyan, Rachel Jack, and students helped give out the bags to bus drivers and aides. They were very appreciative of the initiative.
- Michelle Estes discusses that we will have many appreciation days coming up this Spring. The PTA will be sponsoring appreciation gifts recognizing the following dates:
  - March 16 - Social Worker Day
  - March 18 - Speech Pathologist Day
  - April 4 - School Librarian Day
  - April 4-8 - National Assistant Principal Day
  - April 6 - Paraprofessional/TA Appreciation Day
  - April 27 - Administrative Professional Day
  - May 1 - Principal Appreciation Day
  - May 2-6 - Teacher Appreciation
  - May 11 - Nurse Appreciation

- Michelle Estes announces that the PTA will be searching for a Treasurer to shadow current Treasurer Mariam Pelletier that can take over for her when her term ends. Omar Almeda indicates that he is interested in learning more about the position.
- Michelle Estes also mentions that the PTA is seeking an accountant who can take over doing the PTA taxes.
- Boosterthon will be tentatively scheduled for after testing ends in May. The PTA has a contract with Boosterthon for this event.
- Principal Passwaters mentions that they hope that they will be able to plan a Field Day, but must wait until after Spring Break to receive guidance from AACPS.

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## Closing Remarks

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Michelle Estes opens the floor for questions, to which there are none.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:16pm by Michelle Estes. Second by Omar Olmeda.