

Seawell PTA Board Meeting

June 1, 2022

Attendees: Andrea Tanner, Bridgit Adamou, Karen Gilmore, Minnie Goins, Chelsea Robinette, Ken Bolton, Liane Carneiro, Megan Huchko, Molly Diamond, Margaret Bolton, Renita Battle, Jenny Waters, Miranda Wright, Elise Hewett

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.
2. The minutes from the April board meeting were approved. - [4/6/22](#)
3. President's Report
 - a. '22-'23 calendar - if you are in charge of an event, it would be helpful to identify a date for the next school year. Andrea will forward the draft calendar that has been shared by the school.
 - b. Bus driver appreciation - PTA will handle this. Sunrise Biscuit Breakfasts handed out next week.
 - c. Rising kindergarten playdate - proposing to have the PTA host a gathering in June, at the Seawell playground. It would be about an hour on a Saturday morning.
 - d. Email addresses on PTA website - agreement to remove personal email addresses from the PTA website, following the spam/hack last month. Will leave generic committee emails (which already exist for the PTA, Critter Corner, and Yearbook); if your committee would like to have its own email address, it can be helpful for an historical record of communication and for transition to new chairperson.
 - e. Need a PTA President! - Renita suggested having a coffee with some people who may be interested in the PTA President position but find it very daunting. General discussion of parent engagement, which has been down this year. Look at the field day volunteer list and perhaps call those folks about PTA positions. Also look at the LEAP family list and see if there is any interest there - or any new families who have just moved here.
4. Principal's Report
 - a. Enrollment: 527
 - b. Ms. Basnight will retire at the end of the year.
 - c. Ms. Love is taking a district position; they are recruiting for her position.
 - d. 5th grade promotion ceremony is June 9 (date moved to avoid conflict with Smith event).
 - e. Field day was a big hit.
 - f. Seawell's results from the school safety survey showed an improvement by 2 points.

- g. Ms. Stratton-Sharp, Teacher of the Year, will attend the district recognition at Carrboro High.
 - h. Math EOGs postponed from Wednesday to Friday due to HVAC issues in the Lawler building.
5. [Treasurer's Report](#)
- a. Main activity in May was Teacher Appreciation Week donations and purchase of gift cards for all staff. Also, book fair and teacher allocations.
 - b. Room parents should not be soliciting additional money from parents for end of year giving because they already did this with Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - c. Discussion of 2022-23 budget
 - I. Capital campaign - we'll keep the goal at \$10,000, even though we got about \$8,000 in 2021. ** look into getting a Square so we can take credit card payments at events
 - II. Fall fundraiser - this would be back to school things like fall dance, or back-to-school supplies, etc. We can keep it in the budget.
 - III. Big Fall Play Day - do we want to fund this in the budget? Yes, because it's more difficult to add it in if it's removed.
 - IV. The budget needs to be finalized and approved by the first PTA general membership meeting in September.
6. Committee Reports
- a. Yearbook - the yearbooks are ready. Pre-ordered ones are being distributed now. A limited number of additional copies can be purchased on Memberhub. Sales end on June 8, so they can go home with kids on June 9. Margaret researched LifeTouch as a possible alternative to Jostens for yearbook vendor for next year, but suggested we stay with Jostens.
 - b. Reflections - the celebration reception was May 19. Each student got a nice certificate and ribbon.
 - c. 5th grade promotion - need one more volunteer for the reception.
 - d. Garden - Butterfly garden isn't completely done, but a lot of work has been done. Lots of veggies have been harvested, but the current plantings are low-maintenance for the summer. We need a garden and grounds committee chair for next year. There is a district Google drive with garden-centered lesson plans. This will be shared with teachers.
 - e. FORT - Liane and Jenny will both be back as co-chairs. There will be a new school social worker. They'll be planning some of the same activities.
 - f. Critter Corner - 6 new chickens. Sunday, June 5 volunteer training at 3:00pm.
 - g. Teacher Appreciation - Alsie's ice cream truck is coming on Thursday

afternoon for all Seawell staff. It's the last PTA Teacher Appreciation event of the year.

- h. Elise announced that the Smith PTSA is recruiting volunteers, and encouraged rising 6th grade parents to participate. There is a Smith PTSA meeting on Zoom on Thursday at 7:30 pm.
7. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.