

PTA Board Meeting Friday, 8/22/25

Meeting start time: 8:45am

Attendance: Jackie Horwitz, Jessica Shook, Laurie Bell, Casey O Leary, Jen O Brien, Katie Caggia, Kristina Hu, Suzanne Pomery, Brittany Procopio, Isabel Heineman, Charles Stowe, Amanda Colon (phone)

Board voted in Emily Kendrick to be our Reflections Chaira and Allynne Thackston to be our Girls on the Run Committee Chair

President Updates (Jessica):

1. Book Fair Chair needed for Literari Book Fair, October 16th -23rd
 - Literari is a bit better quality/\$\$, however may want to consider Scholastic for Spring
 - **Jackie to send Valerie DeGangi & Stephanie Elghossain's information to Jessica for Book Fair Chair– both responded in survey- maybe could co-lead?**
2. Spirit Wear: "Cool School Spirit"
 - Jessica will hand out the flyers to teachers to go home today, Fri Aug 22
 - Jessica will share link with Casey for the website – ordering will be available until Sept 14th
 - We get \$3 per item back + \$1 per magnet and \$1 per sticker
3. "Other" Spirit Wear to sell on site (not shirts/sweatshirts): Order these through Promotional Partners, Apex - **SEND SUGGESTIONS TO JESSICA!** ie. Hats? Pencils? Drawstring bags? Year-Round Calendar Magnet?
4. Standing Rules: Jessica will be sending everyone paperwork, breaks down each role on the board and what your duties are
 - Britany asked "what goes into being a committee chair?" – Jessica explained this will be outlined in the Standing Rules document
5. Upcoming Meeting Dates:
 - **Board Meetings** will take place the 3rd Friday of every month
 - September 19th. Katie will reserve the board room.
 - **General Meetings** will take place in the evenings
 - September 3rd in Cary
 - October 16th 6PM in Media Center
 - Tentative: December/Winter Concert Date – Katie to follow up with date
6. Sept 3rd PTA Training in Cary:
 - Unable to Attend: Kristina Hu, Brittany Procopio – out of town

Open PTA Positions/Survey Results:

- Suzanne requested two more Audit committee members – **Jackie to add to Survey**
- *Survey deadline: September 8th*

Principal's Updates (Katie):

- New 1st grade teacher & 5th Grade teacher staffed
- Bus schedule may change with addition of new classrooms
- Rock Update: 5300 lb rock is on hold for us- **TRANSFER PLANS?**
- Room Parents should act as a liaison for PTA. They can send updates to families and solicit volunteers for us – act as our “ worker bees” – **PTA should send them an email with any upcoming events that they can assist spreading the word about**
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is October 2nd 10am
 - RSVP's will be required
 - As no funding is provided, **can PTA assist in asking for sheet cake & water bottle donations, + making balloon towers?**
 - Board will be meeting Sept 19th – have an update by then, please 😊
- Katie to find Kids on the Run Staff Rep

Webpage/FB Updates (Casey):

- Facebook has been made private – 5 main board members have editing/approval access
- Website: <https://pleasantplainspta.givebacks.com/>

Budget Items:

- Jessica still waiting on Shop Store to send info
- Go Play Save (Jen): We have met our goal of \$2,000! – we sold 115 books and we will still have PJ Party; 2 days: Track 1&4 and then 2&3
- \$450 in our bank account right now – we need to pay dues for any new members + \$1000 Friendship check will be deposited into back account next week
- Insurance Plan confirmed @ \$430 a year (Jen)
- Kids on the Run: question raised if we can change the training/final run to 1 mile, instead of 3 – Casey will bring this up to committee.

Sponsorship:

- Kristina is using personal contacts & local business owners to collect donations to fund PTA – Casey suggested going to Sweet Frogs, as it JUST opened this week.
- Lowe's Food, Harris Teeter & Publix also offer donations
- Palmer's has 140 pieces coming for teachers

- Are we allowed to have international donations, from a tax perspective? To be continued...
- Spirit Night Community Sponsor Recommendations: Chipotle, Jason's Deli, Mama Birds, Molly Maid, Mod Pizza, Panera, - **should we look into finding a Spirit Night/Sponsorship Coordinator? THIS IS A LOT OF WORK!**
- Should we do a Spring Fling? Scott's Ridge PTA would be happy to assist us with setting up a similar event (Basket donations for Silent Auction)
- Table Spirit Sticks to the spring – focus on Kids on the Run for Fall

Meeting adjourned @ 10:15am