

MINUTES

Seventh District Elementary PTA

October 13, 2022 | 6:00 PM
PTA Monthly Meeting

Jessica Armacost, Christine Bredehoff, Heather Denmyer, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Britt Fischer, Emily Fogle, Nadine Forrester, Michelle Milam, Kelly Murphy, Kristie Porter, Maura Simms, Karen Skelley

Call To Order: Maura Simms – 6:03pm

Approval of Minutes: Rob E. moved to approve the minutes from 9/6 with corrections. Karen S. seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Board

Maura Simms, President; Karen Skelley & Jessica Armacost, Vice-Presidents; Emily Fogle & Britt Fischer Secretaries; Brooke Folmer, Treasurer

Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

- A great school opening with much kindness shown throughout the school. Dr. Dutta with Ortho Rocks provided a breakfast. There has been interest in the "Believe / 7DE" shirts so we may add that to the Spring Spirit Wear event.
 - Many events coming up like the Book Fair, Desserts with Dad, and an assembly is booked as well.
 - We have seen an increase in volunteers completing their requirements and coming into the school house to help out, and signing up for various events.
 - Book Character Day is approaching and the sign out slips will be sent home soon. The child pick-up process will change slightly to be more efficient for the staff and parents.
 - Our School Safety Officer Frank is out on temporary family leave and Officer Lynch is the alternate. The middle and high school have full time school officers should we need them.
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Treasurer's Report (Maura on behalf of Brooke)

- Big Truck Brewery is still an outstanding item
 - Brooke will finish reconciling September and October and give an updated report at the next meeting
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New Business and Updates (Maura Simms)

- Membership Update – Maura Simms: 78 current PTA members which is higher than this time last year (17 staff, 1 community member who is the director of Caliday, 3 unassigned members from back-to-school night – reminders have been sent to pay dues). We will make another membership push in November.

- Holiday Craft Fair - Emily Fogle: 14 vendors already signed up versus the 23 spaces available in the gym (3 repeat vendors from 2021). Food: the executive Chef from Cunningham's wants a table but need to check on commercial kitchen status, also need to check the same for the Hot Chocolate Bomb vendor. Emily and Maura to follow up. If we have more vendors, we can possibly extend to the library area. Michele advised The Dough Run Bee Kind Bowls food truck will attend.
- Holiday Plant Sale - Emily Fogle: Deadline to order is 11/16. Will send paper flyers home to advertise order options but all orders will be made via Member Hub. Pickup date is TBD, pickup will be in the bus loop like last year. Jess offered a possibility of using a box truck if we have more orders than will fit in our personal cars.
- Bookfair - Maura Simms: 10/31-11/4, setup 10/28, Monday and Tuesday are preview, Buy days are Wednesday and Thursday, makeup day Friday. Desserts with Dad in conjunction on Tuesday evening with a Signup Genius for shopping times where they can pickup their desserts and/or shop the Book Fair. Book fair is still only credit card or Scholastic Bucks, no cash. Many people have volunteered to assist, Barb and Kathy will validate volunteer training has been completed and share a list of names with us. Reminder that volunteers must bring their license/ID.
- Fall Fest - Maura Simms (on behalf of Nicole Smith): 11/5, DJ is booked, Kona Ice booked, other food truck information pending. Still looking for reliable middle and high schoolers to help with games. The tickets for games can be paid via Paypal or Venmo. Rain plan is to move Fall Fest into the gym and food trucks in the bus loop. Maura will follow up to ensure permit & custodian are legitimate for the rain plan.
- 7DE Magnets / Spirit Wear - Maura Simms: Spirit Wear deadline closes 10/16. We would like to give magnets that were distributed to all students to kindergarten and new families. Motion made to approve an order of 250 magnets to get a bulk order discount. Emily 1st, Britt 2nd to approve the motion.
- Rec Council – Rob Elligson: They had their first in person meeting last month with a few new members. The treasurer position is still vacant if anyone wishes to fill it. There is a new leader for LEGO club so that will be back soon. Basketball, soccer, taekwondo, outdoor soccer all transitioning. On the list to be reviewed/fixes is the hardcourt issue, possibly 2023 to resolve. Baltimore County will have a community meeting to discuss the Belfast property and proposition to allow it to become a Parks and Rec facility. Proposal may include 2 full turf fields with lights, 16k sq ft indoor facility and activity room space, walking trail, 36 acres, etc. The meeting is just for community feedback, no voting to take place or decisions to be made.

Miscellaneous

- Art Club with Lori Goodman is starting soon. There has been no request for funds needed because of an outpouring of support from last year's Amazon wish lists being fulfilled.
- Michelle Milan inquired about "Camp Invention" for the summer. Suggested to start planning details sooner than later.

- Michele and Maura advised Dough Run will offer holiday baked goods again like last year, sale/pickup 12/23, more details to come.
- Monday 10/17 there is a Grounds Review for 7DE property to discuss trees, spreading of mulch etc. They will deliver mulch but we would need to spread it.
- Emily Fogle mentioned that Kindergarten needs a new Lakeshore Listening Station, which at the end of last school year was out of stock for quite some time. Heather Denmyer said she would ask Barb Balestrini to look into inventory and possible order.
- Suggestion to move outdoor movie night from original Fall Fest date to the Spring.
- Kristie Porter asked for PTA updates to be shared on a regular basis so that the teachers can include any important information in their weekly communication to parents.

Committee Reports / Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events

- Book Fair: 10/31-11/4
- Desserts With Dad: 11/1
- Fall Fest: 11/5
- Holiday Craft Fair: 12/5

This meeting was officially adjourned at 7:20 P.M.