

## MINUTES

## Seventh District Elementary PTA

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October 6, 2020 | 7:00pm

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### In Attendance

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Heather Denmyer, Maura Simms, Emily Fogle, Jessica Armacost, Karen Skelley, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Lauren Zemzicki, Becki Bees, Cara Hill, Jessica Lemmo, Lynn Recchia, Stephanie Huff, Apryl Clark, Sohaila Atai, Holly Breault, Michelle Schweigman

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### BOARD

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

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### 2020-2021 PTA Membership update (Emily Fogle)

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- Currently we have 27 members (8 staff & 19 parents memberships).
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### Treasurer's Report (Maura Simms)

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- The following adjustments were made to the budget, given the circumstances:
    - Sneak a Peek and Fall Fest were removed
    - Decreased the amount expected from memberships, donations, Spirit Wear, and Spirit Nights
    - Increased yearbook budget
  - Income from last year's yearbook came in
  - Paid for 7DE Family T shirts for staff and bags for school materials distribution
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### Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

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- BCPS is working hard to streamline communications and make sure that information is clear
- An email will be going out tomorrow about art supply distributions on October 12 & 13
- Custodial staff have been preparing the building according to the latest up to date information

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## **New Business/Motions (Maura Simms)**

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- PTA board voting couldn't take place, but we were able to appoint Karen and Jessica as Vice Presidents, per the by-laws. Voting will take place when we can meet in person.
- Book Bank: Our membership expired in August. The cost for membership is \$100 per year for unlimited books. This allows teachers to have access to books to make available to the students. Jessica Armacost moved to renew our membership. Emily seconded the motion.
- Box Tops has decreased since it became digital. Option for a collection box was discussed.
- Our annual financial review is coming up, which will be completed by Alexandra Buscemi.
- The Reflections program is a creativity contest through the National PTA that promotes arts in education. The Baltimore County chair would like to know if we want to participate. The theme this year is, "I Matter Because". An email will be sent to Lori Goodman to see if she would like to partner with the PTA to implement it.

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## **Committee Reports/Upcoming Events**

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- Scholastic Book Fair: We are doing a virtual book fair from October 28-November 10. Will ask teachers and Mr. Knox to promote, closer to the event date.
- Spirit Wear: We are waiting on final mock-ups which will include the "7DE Family" design that we purchased for teachers. Sale will launch next week or so.
- Yearbook: Was a challenge last year. We are in the process of selecting a company to use for this year (Jostens, Shutterfly). LifeTouch offered a discount, but wasn't ideal to work with. They will still do the portraits. We are looking at pushing back the launch day in order to utilize spring portraits and end of year activities. We will be revising as health metrics change.
- Rec Council (Rob): BC Parks and Rec has issued a statement saying that no indoor rec activities may happen in school buildings. So no basketball, soccer, or lego club this winter. Fall soccer was a success with kids from all three rec councils included.
- There will be a new before and after care academic program in the school cafeteria all day starting October 19.
- Fundraising alternatives were discussed, as well as the potential for compiling a directory for parents to be able to communicate with each other and keep everyone connected.

***Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30 pm***