

MINUTES

Seventh District Elementary PTA

March 2, 2021 | 7:30 PM
PTA Monthly Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Heather Denmyer, Maura Simms, Barbie Roemer, Brooke Folmer, Emily Fogle, Jessica Armacost, Karen Skelley, Jennifer Duffler, Rob Elligson, Lynn Recchia, Heather Currey, Angela Tyrrell

Call To Order: Maura Simms

Approval of Minutes: Jessica Armacost moved to accept the February minutes. Brooke Folmer seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Board

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

2020-2021 PTA Membership update (Emily Fogle)

- Currently we have 45 members (11 staff & 34 parents memberships).
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Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

- The Sign Gypsies signs have been a hit, as were the fleeces for the staff!
 - Kelly Schattall has proposed the purchase of PE/Recess bags for each student as a way to facilitate play and fun, as well as to encourage an active lifestyle and counter the sedentary state of being on their devices for school, all while keeping items separate for safety. She has compiled a list of items that could be purchased to include in each bag including balls, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, etc. The cost would be close to \$4,000 for approximately 300 bags. There can be no touching at recess, so Mrs Schattall will be teaching them some old fashioned games like Red Light Green Light and Red Rover and the items in the bags can be used for some of the games and activities.
 - Jessica A. made a motion to approve the allotment of \$5,000 from the school enrichment/classroom budgets for the PE bags, to include students in all three cohorts. Emily seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
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Treasurer's Report (Brooke Folmer)

- February brought in money from Amazon Smiles and Boxtops.
- We have approximately \$26,000 in the overall budget, but have only brought in \$1,400 so far this year.

New Business/Motions (Maura Simms)

- Questions from parents: 1. Are specials different for kids who are in person vs virtual? Specials are 50 minutes to allow the teachers to have their full planning periods, but the kids who are learning virtually will only be doing the 30 minute lesson and then having 20 minutes of independent work, while the in person students will have the whole 50 minutes with the specials teachers. 2. Will students be on their devices all day? Yes, devices must be used in person along with the virtual students, on and off throughout the day. Devices will have to be used for submitting projects and assignments for all students.
- The Sign Gypsies put up signs for the arrival of teachers and students and will come back to put up a second round of signs when the next wave of teachers and students return.
- Planners: Do we want to order them for next year's 4th and 5th graders? A poll will be created for the 3-5 grade teachers to see what they think. Newsletters have currently taken the place of planners, but a planner helps kids to take ownership of their assignments and gets them ready for middle school, so they may be useful next year, even though we don't yet know what next year will look like.

Committee Reports/Upcoming Events

- PNO: Beth tried to accommodate us and asked their lawyers, etc, but Big Truck can not do an event this year with all of the Covid 19 restrictions. They would love to do a PNO for us next year. Brooke made a motion to continue with the silent auction and forego the PNO event. Rob seconded the motion and the motion was passed. Auction to tentatively take place the week of May 16.
- Yearbook: Portraits have been requested from parents. Megan Smith will be at The Farmyard on March 17 to take portraits for those who would like them. \$15 per student and \$8 for each additional student. We are planning for a late spring submission with summer delivery of the yearbook. We will explore voting within our school community for the winning cover art. 5th grade ads have been extended. Ashley Lippinholz is coordinating the 5th grade portraits and bios.
- 7DE Spirit Yard Contest: Has kicked off and will go until March 15. Will send a reminder and post in the PTA Facebook group. The Farmyard has sent the tickets for the snowball prize.
- Spirit Night: Chik Fila- Tuesday, March 9 from 4:00-8:00 at the Hunt Valley or Cockeysville locations. Mention 7DE for donations of 10% of sales up to \$500 or 20% over \$500. Drive thru only. Woodfire will be doing a spirit night for us on April 20 for dine in or carry out and will donate 20% of sales for the whole day (from 11:30-8:00)!
- Rob: Bat sports registration has been extended until March 7 to allow for more kids to fill up the teams. Our council has the highest number of kids registered. The three rec councils will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the logistics for T-ball, baseball, and softball. They will also be talking about a possible summer theater program.

Next PTA Meeting: Tuesday, April 6 at 7:30 pm