

MINUTES

Seventh District Elementary PTA

October 12, 2021 | 6:30 PM
PTA Monthly Virtual Meeting

In Attendance

Heather Denmyer, Maura Simms, Emily Fogle, Jessica Armacost, Karen Skelley, Jennifer Duftler, Rob Elligson, Apryl Clark, Lori Goodman, Barbie Roemer, Nicole Smith, Britt Fischer, K. Michelle Milam

Call To Order: Maura Simms - 6:30

Approval of Minutes: Jessica A. moved to approve the minutes from 6/21 and pass as presented. Jenn D. seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Board

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

Principal's Report (Heather Denmeyer)

- Awaiting an answer on whether or not parents can be allowed in the building for American Education Week beginning November 15.
 - Book character parade will take place on 10/29 at 2:45. In the case of rain, the parade will take place indoors and parents will not be able to attend.
 - The student handbooks have been sent home and were discussed with each grade. Students need to sign the last page and send it in to the school.
 - We have students with emotional effects from the pandemic and staff have been working with students on Identifying Support. The goal is to help them understand that it's ok to ask for help and to be able to identify who is there for them to go to (Mrs. Vassar, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Duftler, etc).
 - Make sure that all volunteers complete the training online and respond to email from Mrs. Denmyer regarding vaccination/testing. Fall fest and Book Fair may utilize volunteers.
 - Desserts with dad may take place outdoors if possible.
 - Scholastic books will be given out for birthdays.
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Treasurer's Report (Maura)

- The annual review is completed and submitted. Thank you to Brooke and Alex Buscemi.
- Currently there are 32 members signed up for the PTA (5 faculty). Jen D. volunteered to send an email to staff about PTA membership and reimbursements. Membership was down last year by about $\frac{1}{3}$ because of the pandemic. Maura will look into magnets to potentially be given out when people sign up.

New Business/Motions (Maura Simms)

- Mrs. Goodman: Art Club! Wednesdays from 3:45-4:30. Mrs. Furano and Mrs. Goodman will run the club. Club will be child centered with potential for visiting artists, community based, and collaborative art. There will be a T-shirt fundraising logo contest. Would love PTA support on collecting new and gently used art supplies, as well as, the T shirt contest and having the T-shirts made. There is the potential to set up an Amazon wish list for supplies and to utilize Amazon Smile. Mrs. Goodman plans to have an art show, possibly at the Hereford Library. Rob E. volunteered to approach the Rec Council about donating to the club.
- Mrs. Schattall: Ballroom Dancing! Mrs. Schattall requests \$500 to have the dance instructor come in February for the fifth graders to take part in the annual tradition. Jessica A made a motion to contribute the \$500. Karen S seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- Jessica Armacost: Parking concerns. Is there the potential for adding more parking areas/spaces? The blind turn out of the school parking lot for drop-offs and pick-ups is potentially unsafe, as is having people park along York Rd and cross the street with their children. A representative from the Office of Safety has been to the school to witness drop-off/pick-up and suggested mounting a mirror on York Rd to assist with the blind turn. Options were discussed for creating an infographic and a yard sign for the pick-up loop to remind parents about the importance of having children ready to get out of the vehicle quickly and safely when they pull up. The following ideas were discussed: Beginning the lengthy process of making a capital request, getting approvals, inviting a safety officer to attend a PTA meeting to discuss options, and forming a committee of interested community members to discuss (including the residents of Bens Ct).

Committee Reports/Upcoming Events

- Apryl Clark: Book Fair! The book fair will take place 11/8-11/12. There will be a sign up genius for volunteers. Mon/Tue will be preview days and Wed/Thur will be buy days, leaving Friday open for a make-up day. Will be utilizing E-Wallet, taking book donations for teachers' classrooms, and utilizing certificates from My Neighbors Foundation.
- Nicole Smith: Fall Fest! Fall fest will take place 11/6 from 3:00-5:00. There will be a D.J., food truck, games, and lots of hand sanitizer. It was decided that the event will be free this year with an opportunity for the PTA to take any voluntary donations.
- Emily Fogle: Poinsettia fundraiser idea. The option to have a holiday plant sale through White House nursery was discussed and agreed upon.
- Rob Elligson: Rec Council! Soccer is wrapping up in a few weeks. Thank you to the Cub Scouts for running the snack stand. Basketball registration is open until 10/20. Tai Kwan Do and yoga registration will be open soon. Indoor soccer for K-2 will begin after soccer. Futsal is run out of the Hereford Rec because it needs a larger space. It will also open registration after soccer. The council has volunteer openings for Lego Club and they need 2 soccer commissioners and a treasurer. Roller skating is being discussed. Tots program will not be offered this year. The field boxes for the baseball fields will be replaced in December!

- Upcoming dates: 10/21- Moe's Fundraiser, 11/6- Fall Fest, 11/8-11/12- Book Fair, 11/9- Desserts With Dad, 11/16- Woodfire Spirit Night

Maura made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M and the meeting was adjourned.

Next PTA Meeting: November 9