

PTSA General Meeting Minutes Summary

Date:

Time: 6:34 PM – 7:40 PM

Acknowledgments

Housekeeping

- **Introduction of New PTSA Board & Staff Representatives**
- **Announcement:** One co-treasurer has stepped down. Now only one treasurer
- **Attendance**
- **Approval of June 2024 Minutes:**
 - Motioned to approve
 - Seconded
 - **All approved.**

- **Approval of 2024-2025 Proposed Budget:**
 - Treasurer noted that the budget was developed last year and mentioned the importance of reapproving it with new members. She clarified that the "Auction" line item could hold space for another event, and the "Holiday Shop" will be replaced with a "Winter Craft Fair."
 - Motioned to approve
 - Seconded
 - **All approved.**

- **Financial Review Request:** Treasurer requested volunteers with a financial background to assist with fiscal review.

- **Support for Edison Elementary PTO:**
 - Teacher Representative proposed allocating \$600 from savings to support Edison Elementary in starting their PTO.
 - Motioned to approve
 - Seconded
 - **All approved.**

Membership

- **Current Membership Count (as of 9/10):** 41 members.
- **End of School Year Membership (as of June 2024):** 58 members.
- **Discussion:** Can students vote? A report on this will be presented at the next meeting.

Recent Events

- **Meet Your Teacher Night:**

- o Discussion: 4 PM was early for some families, though teachers were acknowledged for donating their time. Discussed possible impact of early timing on seat and locker selection, with staff outlining how they support students in the selection process, meet the teacher night is not the only opportunity.
- o Later times could conflict with sports and evening activities. District parameters influenced timing.
- **First Day of School Welcome**
- **Tea and Tissues Event**

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- **5th Grade Camp:** All volunteers have been secured.
- **Round Table Pizza Takeover (10/16):**
 - o Round Table will donate a portion of sales to PTSA.
 - o Volunteer sign-ups will be available soon on SignUpGenius.
- **Masquerade & Trunk or Treat (10/25):** Event chair needed.
- **Read-A-Thon (10/28 – 11/15):**
 - o Last year's fundraiser raised \$27,000.
 - o **Theme:** Emojis.
 - o Volunteers are needed, especially classroom leads and behind-the-scenes help.
 - o **Planning Meeting:** Friday, 9/13, 11 AM in the Parent Room at Sherman.
 - o Discussion about creating brag tags based on minutes read, not funds raised.
 - o Volunteers interested in helping should contact Brittany Shapiro or Lydia Elliott.
- **Winter Craft Night (12/12):**
 - o Chair needed.
 - o Member offered to chair.
 - o Discussion about combining the event with an Economic Fair, where students can create goods to sell using "Sherman Bucks."
 - o The event will offer a financial education opportunity for students.
- **Spring Fundraiser (Date TBD):** Event chairs with experience in fundraising needed.
- **Staff Appreciation Week (5/5 – 5/9):** Chair/co-chair needed.
- **Tiger Trot (5/30):** Chair needed.
- **Carnival (6/13):** Chair needed.

Spirit Wear

- o Orders are open and will remain available for about a month.
- o Sam is confirming if PTSA will earn a profit from the sales.

New Ideas

- o **Caregiver-Student Dance Proposal:** Member proposed organizing a dance.

Inclusion & Belonging Committee (Lydia Elliott)

- **Introduction:** Committee work was introduced.
- **PTSA Kids Events:** To support caregivers being able to engage in PTSA Committee Members will do arts and crafts with kids during PTSA meetings.
- **Join the Committee:** Anyone interested in joining can email PTSA with the subject line: "Inclusion and Belonging".

Principal Updates

- **Student Count:** Conducted during the second week of school.
- **Check-In Procedure:** Volunteers and visitors must check in at the front office and wear stickers.
- **Assembly Schedule:** Being updated to improve access.
- **SCDM (Site Centered Decision Meeting):** This group makes decisions impacting the school day. Two parent volunteers are needed.
- **Weekly Newsletter:** All updates will be included in the newsletter.

Counselor's Corner

- **Zones of Regulation:** Will be used this year. An overview of the first few lessons will be in the weekly newsletter.
- **New Counselor:** TJ Peatree will be on-site on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Peacemakers Program:** This program will continue with some adjustments.

STEAM Updates

- **Peacemakers Program**
- **STEAM Assembly**

Questions & Concerns

- **Bus Schedule:** District transportation is addressing issues. Parents are encouraged to contact the district directly. Contact information will be in the weekly newsletter.
 - **School Field Safety Concerns:** These should be directed to the School Board.
 - **Talent Show:** Still TBD. The school is working on coordinating it with the play rehearsals. A new chair is needed for the talent show. Member volunteered.
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- **Adjournment:** 7:40 PM