

Scotts Ridge Elementary School PTA

September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome- Meeting began at 9:45 am. In attendance were board members- Katie, Laurian, Erin, Meredith, & Alicia. Principal Derrick Evans and AP Angie Griffin. Parents present: Kelly Horton, Carrie Anne Krall, Heather Brooks Cash, Megan Danaher, Sairam Jabba, Julie Sanchez, Lori Gibbons, Lauren Bowen.
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes- Unable due to technical difficulties. Will review and approve at next meeting.
- III. Presentation of 2023- 2024 Financial Budget and Vote- Julia Sanchez made motion to approve the budget plan and Kelly Horton approved.
 - A. Notable Updates:
 - Specials Reinvestment Sources: Art & Makers Space will now be sharing funds made from Art by Me. PE receives funds from Family Marathon, however limited income from that event- considering allocating funds from Spirit Nights to give PE an equitable amount with other specialists. STEM and Music will now be incorporated in Donuts with Grownups and KISS events as this is overlapped with the fall and Spring Book Fairs. Media Center will also be given proceeds from the book fairs (the Book Fair is a very big source of oncome for our schools PTA).
 - Grade Level Fund Increase- Each grade level will now get \$300 for start up funds
 - Staff Appreciation Funds- Funds have increased this year to include support staff members.
 - Cultural Arts- funds allocated to have a Blue Grass Assembly this January. We will be hosting an in-person assembly who will perform a K-2 & 3-5 program.
 - PA System Updates- The PTA will be funding \$10,000 towards a PA system as a “gift to the school”. This will be done in increments, so the money will not be spent all at once. The PA system will be used throughout the school during the school days, at our social events such as -sailor social, walk to school days, family marathon, spring fling, just to name a few.
 - Playground Remaining Budget- Now that the district has planted Bermuda and the PTA hired a landscaper to topdress and overseed with Fescue grass, and mulch- we are able to move forward with purchasing a shade structure for the K-2 playground, continuing the black barrier along the retaining wall/track to prevent water overflow and mulch over the track. Plans to plant district approved bushes along the K-1st grade wall which has been freshly mulched. We will continue to price out “permanent” seating for the 3-5 “hangout” area. In the meantime, we have purchased 4 picnic tables for immediate use.
- IV. Board and Chair Updates
 - A. New Chair Intros- Kelly Horton is our new hospitality chair and is a co-chair for the Book Fair. Emily Kirby will be a book fair co-chair. Mrs. Clark has graciously volunteered to be our reflections chair. Yearbook chairs are Emily Kirby and Kimberly Watson. DEI chair is Carrie Ann Krall. 5th grade SAILING UP and room parent coordinator is Christine Lucey.
 - B. Hospitality- The PTA hosted a lunch for the teachers prior to the start of the school year. Kelly arranged the catering order from Moes.

- C. Spirit Wear- We sold A LOT of spirit wear so far this year! Our teachers took part during their teacher's lunch, Meet the Teacher was a very busy night, and we have re-ordered twice so far!
- D. Upcoming Events/Programs
 - Sailor Social- This year we have El Rey Del Taco, Mr. Wingz & Mrs. Thingz, & Jays Italian Ice. We will also have new picnic tables and Mrs. Weber has graciously volunteered to play DJ for us!
 - Go Play Save- The books have been handed out to all students and reminders will be sent home in a week or so to make sure if the books have not been purchased that they are returned to the school.
 - Reflections- Mrs. Clark will be taking over reflections this year.
 - Donuts with Grownups- This year we will setup more like KISS breakfast from last spring, in cafeteria with seating and ability to have 2 lines with coffee.
 - Book Fairs- This year we are using a new company, Bedford Falls. They seem to have a better selection of books, the books will be restocked daily, a better pre-paid system.
 - Spirit Nights- This is an easy way to raise money for the school. The plan is to allocate the profits to the specialists in some way. Our upcoming spirit nights include Papa Johns, Sky Zone, Panera.
 - Fall Beautification- we have left over bulbs that can get planted, mulching. Have been working with Russ and his crew from Sharpscape Landscaping to assist us with these tasks.
 - Cultural Arts Assembly- Charles Pettee will perform Catch the Bug (K-2) and Bluegrass Stomp (3-5) on 1/17/24.
 - 5th Grade- 5th grade activities will include the picnic, T-shirts, pizza, slushie truck, and photo booth.

V. MISC

- A. Playground Updates- Sharpscape Landscape planted Fescue over top the Bermuda that was planted over the summer to help fill in the gaps. The Bermuda will eventually take over the Fescue. The areas around the trees have been mulched. We have decided to mulch around the "puddling areas" on the playground to help minimize big mud puddles. We have reached out to Carolina Parks and play to extend the plastic barrier around the track to hopefully minimize washout on the track. We will also be purchasing a shade structure for the K-2 playground. We will be purchasing several picnic tables to have in time for Sailor Social.
- B. Apex BBQ Crossing Safety- Unfortunately several safety incidents have occurred so far this year. The school has met with Sgt. Burrows and officer Joe to address immediate concerns. A parent from Scotts Mill has applied for the crossing guard position. Apex PD will be recording a safety video for our crosswalk. Parents will be encouraged to participate. Due to the ongoing construction with Depot 409, there is only so much that can be done immediately, further changes will have to wait another 18-24 months. DOT should paint the curb on either side of crosswalk for no parking. DOT is unable to lower speed limit through school zone. PTA is an advocacy program- lets use our voices to get community involved to make our school zone safe!

