

Scotts Ridge Elementary School PTA

January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

- I. Welcome- This meeting was held virtually and initiated at 9:45 am. In attendance was Katie Langan, Laurian Lane, Erin Mayer, Meredith Stealy, Alicia Rieg, Derrick Evans, Angie Griffin, Jennifer Standifer, Megan Danaher, Kelly Horton, Emily Kirby.
- II. Approval of past meeting minutes- Due to technical difficulties, the past two meeting minutes were approved. Jennifer approved minutes and Kelly second motion to approve. Kelly approves and Jennifer second motion to approve most recent meeting minutes.
- III. Board and Chair Updates-
 - A. Past Events/Program Updates
 - Hospitality
 - a. Coffee Cart was done this quarter for teachers. We included de-caffe coffee and hot tea this time and the tea was a huge hit!
 - b. Custodian Appreciation- Ms. Dorain was presented with a gift from the PTA as this was a staff appreciation we agreed to fund.
 - c. STEAM Night Dinner- Boxed dinners from Publix was provided for the staff prior to the start of STEAM Night, which was another huge success and greatly attended by families.
 - d. Pie Drive- This was a first for SRE families and it turned out to be a huge success!! The families were super generous, and the staff absolutely loved it. Will keep in mind to include bus drivers for next year.
 - e. Holiday Breakfast- Again, great feedback from teachers on Holiday Breakfast. A caterer was used for this event, and it was kept as a buffet style and the staff gathered in the media center. There was coffee served also.
 - Reflections= Megan has done a great job this year at displaying the entries for students, staff and parents to see.
 - Fall Book Fair= Fall book fair was another success. This was our first-time using Bedford Falls, and it was well worth it. There was a better selection, there was 4 checkout lines. The kid credit was a better option, but lessons learned to better prepare for spring fair. Thanks to Kelly- the books were restocked every afternoon!
 - Donuts with Grownup/KISS breakfasts= Having 4 lines made this the best breakfast event yet! We have finally gotten this figured out and we are looking forward to the KISS breakfast. Ideas on how to make the incorporation of the chorus and STEM better for the kids and parents to enjoy for the spring.
 - B. Upcoming Events/Programs
 - Hospitality-
 - a. Staff meeting coffee and pastries- plan to provide for an upcoming staff meeting.
 - b. Bus Driver appreciation= PTA to fund bus driver appreciation days. Plan is to provide with snack bags, coffee, and various treats. Angie to help with this event.
 - c. Cafeteria Appreciation
 - d. Teacher appreciation week

- e. TBD on any other events
- Cultural Arts Assembly= Charles Pettee will be coming to the school on Jan 17 and will perform in 2 separate assemblies for K-2 and 3-5. He will be performing using instruments that are part of NC music history.
- Yearbook= This year will also be much different for yearbook sales. Will be using presale option with a deadline of March 15. You will be able to place an individual order after deadline, but I believe it is at a higher cost. Staff will not receive a free yearbook this year but will get a free classroom picture. Since yearbooks are not a fundraiser for the school, we were unable to come up with a way to provide all teachers with their own copy.
- 5th Grade Activities= activity fees have been collected and shirts will be ordered. Photo booth has been booked. Will continued to work to arrange pizza, slushie truck and games/volunteers.
- Spring Book Fair= will use Bedford falls again. There will be no preview this time. Will be needing volunteers to sign up!
- KISS Breakfast- see above with Donuts with Grownups
- Spirit Nights= No January Spirit night, Feb will be Papa Johns, March will be Chipotle, April will be Fresh Ice Cream, May will be Chick Fil A. Alpaca chicken was super hard to work with and made very little, and unfortunately Sky Zone did not bring in much money. AFMS had a very successful event at Culvers. Will keep that in mind for next year.
- Spring Beautification= These events are going to be temporarily cancelled. We have been using SharpScape Landscaping company, and they have done great work for us at a fair price. We have built into the budget funds from the spring fling to upkeep the playground.
- Family Marathon= necklaces and beads have been ordered and logo design is ready to have printed for T-shirts. Upcoming Friday folders will have more information in coming weeks. Logistics for dismissal will be worked the admin team has notes from lessons learned from last year. The timeline of the event will be like last year. We are 1 week early this year in getting started to allow more time for miles. Run clinics will be held Tuesday and Wednesday mornings this year.
- Spring Fling=
 - a. Silent Auction- Erin has started working on collection donations.
 - b. Raffle Baskets- Meredith will send emails to room parents on themes. Will need to come up with a better plan for the actual raffle drawings to keep kids back away the Derrick and baskets.
- Field Day= PTA to have the inflatables and will head up the popsicle tent again this year.

IV. Misc

- A. PA system= Mrs. Weber has taken charge of getting an estimate for phase one of updating the PA system as part of the PTA gift to school fund.
- B. Playground Updates= Carolina Parks and play have finally responded about the shade structure for the K-2 playground. Long lead time! We found out mulch must be put underneath this structure. Will be ordering more picnic tables prior to spring fling.

Asking to see if the plastic barrier around the mulched area around the track can be installed sooner rather than later to prevent washout on the track.