

## Scott's Ridge Elementary School PTA Meeting

May 17, 2023 in Media Center

- I. Welcome:  
Meeting called to order at 10:03 am. In attendance was Katie Langan, Laurian Lane, Meredith Stealey, Alicia Rieg, Derrick Evans, Angela Griffin, Carrie Anne Krall, Emily Kirby.
- II. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes:  
Minutes approved by Carrie Anne
- III. Board Elections:
  - A. Nominees-
    - ~ Meredith Stealey as President, nominated by Laurian Lane vote second by Carrie Anne
    - ~ Katie Langan as Treasurer, nominated by Laurian Lane vote second by Carrie Anne
    - ~ Laurian Lane as VP of Programs, nominated by Meredith Stealey vote second by Carrie Anne
- IV. Board and Chair Updates
- V. A. Recaps:
  - ~ Spring Book Fair went more smoothly than the fall. There was not as big of a gathering crowd with the use of the cafeteria and the wall opened to the gym during the KISS breakfast. Also, there was not a book preview which eliminated the need for additional volunteers.
  - ~ Family Marathon and Spring Fling were both a success and enjoyed by families/staff. They are scheduled close together, not sure if there is a better timeframe? Laurian suggested the possibility of moving the family marathon to the fall and maybe having a Halloween themed event.
  - ~ Spring Fling was a big success as far as additional funds for playground improvement. There was a slight issue with one of the silent auction items- the winner was not responding to the emails to pay for/pickup item. When given a 48 hr notice he failed to respond, so the second place winner was notified- responded and paid promptly. Only for the first place winner to call the school in the meantime. So, lesson learned here for next year to put a time limit on claiming the winnings from the start as the raffle baskets lingered at the front office for quite awhile too. Also for next year- set the expectation that the raffle basket is considered a "donation" to the school. There was a lot of upset children that they did not win a basket. As far as raffle basket tickets go- there was A LOT of extra work to have individualized tickets with stamps to make sure all info/blue tickets were not purchased outside the fund raiser event. Brainstorming ideas- possibly to have them pre-cut and watermarked at Office Depot.
  - ~ Yearbook project for next year is that Kimberly would like a yearbook "team" as it is so much work for one person to organize. Emily is willing to help with this, and Katie will be meeting with them about these plans. We will be meeting and working with a new company this year- Lifetouch. Unfortunately, there were too many issues with Strawbridge this past

year. Parents had concerns about all the waste of the un-used yearbooks and pictures, also security- privacy concerns with what happens to the photos that are sent back of people's children? These issues will be discussed with Lifetouch. We still would like for teachers to all receive a free copy of the yearbook.

~ May the Fourth Be With You was so much fun again! We had some people dress up in great costumes/star wars apparel. We would like to make sure that the star wars themed music is back for next year! This will be an annual event for us- will just have to get creative with wording for next year as the 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday.

~ Spirit Nights this year was a little difficult to plan as we had a volunteer that was unable to assist, so Erin had to scramble to find places that were willing and had availability. Kwench staff was unaware of the event, and Alpaca did not pay as much as we expected. Hoping to get places in downtown Apex as it draws a regular crowd there and is a fun place for families. We will be adding a specific line in budget for spirit night proceeds to go to the Specialists.

~ International Night was a huge success, the school received great feedback from families overall. It was crowded, it was hard to get to see everything in the allotted time, and some families were upset there was no water to drink. We are looking at the possibility of rotating STEAM night with International Night as they both involve a significant amount of work from teachers and volunteers. Carrie Anne was able to secure money from a grant available through DEI which helped to cover some food expenses and the speakers she was able to arrange. Seems as if we would be able to use this grant for STEAM night also.

B. Upcoming/Ongoing events:

~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade events are the sailing up ceremony which will be held June 8 and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic which is June 9. Janie is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade chair this year and she is on top off all the details. We will need to consider raising the event fund to 30\$ for next year, as we went over budget this year. Also for next year we will need to remember to reserve the photo booth as early as possible as we had to pay more than expected for an additional booth since the woman we used previously booked up fast. The PTA members will assist with the cake and refreshments for the sailing up ceremony again this year.

~ First Day school supply orders are due by June 15. Megan Dananer has volunteered to take on this job. Derrick will post the due date in upcoming ship notes.

~ Playground update is that everything is a work in progress! We are currently looking at a 23-24 week lead time for the log bench's and acorn seats. We will need to provide Derrick with measurements for placement of shade structures so he can submit appropriate paperwork to the county for approval. The proceeds from the silent auction and the raffle baskets will go towards our playground improvement fund. We are looking to also have 2-3 additional picnic tables for under shade structures.

C. Next Year Planning:

~ Identifying needs/roles- our summer planning calendar meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at this time.

~ Suggestion was made to Katie to have Teacher Appreciation Week at a different time next year instead of in May which is close to the end of the school year- however this is a district wide event and need to be held at the same time throughout all schools.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.