

Fullerton PTA Meeting 4.11.23

In attendance:

Britni Hazel, President
Cathy Neisser, Vice President
Aleshia Shifflett, Vice President (virtual)
Monica Offerman, Treasurer (virtual)
Susannah Ray, Secretary
Brittany Jeffries, Yearbook
Fawn Lindsey
Morgan Edwards

Kaitlyn Schwaab (virtual)
Ally Aro (virtual)
Holly Gilmore (virtual)
G Anene (virtual)
Candace Winterson, Principal (virtual)
Michael Lambert, Teacher (virtual)
Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal
Tara Jones, Teacher

The meeting started at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance and an ice-breaker regarding favorite flowers and/or favorite things about spring.

Yearbook

Brittany is almost done with the yearbook, just waiting for the final proof book to review and approve. We have pre-sold 51 yearbooks so far, which means that we have only 249 left. They can be purchased online for \$16 until April 30. Starting on May 1, they will be \$20. The yearbooks will be delivered in late May. For those who don't purchase their yearbooks online, there will be some in-person events and some before and after school times when they can be purchased.

Fifth grader Cassius Glover won the cover art contest. Congratulations Cassius and thanks to Ms. DeLorier for organizing the contest!

Fundraisers

The World's Finest Chocolate kickoff is on April 17. Students will attend a fun 20 minute assembly in the cafeteria regarding this, and boxes of chocolate will be given to students whose parents have sent in the signed letter, which will be sent home soon. There are 60 chocolate bars in each box and they sell for \$1 each. This is a very big fundraiser for us, a big contributor to the PTA and what goes back to the school.

Sweet Frog Spirit Night is on Thursday, April 27.

On the morning of Saturday, May 6, the Savers Fun Drive will be collecting donations (clothing, home decor, small appliances, smaller toys – must fit in a box – exact details will be shared as the date approaches). Savers will pay the PTA for our donations (based on weight). Monica will put together a tax donation receipt for those who request it. Cathy will put together a Sign-Up Genius for those who can help transport the donations that afternoon (we will need trucks).

Cathy is also placing a box in the school to collect sneakers (any conditions, all sizes, but only sneakers) for Got Sneakers. We receive a small amount of money (\$2-\$7) for each pair donated. This fundraiser will run year-round, so donate whenever you can!

We sold 70+ tickets for HersheyPark, netting almost \$150. Thank you to all who purchased!

Cathy is also ordering flowers, water, and snacks for the Spring Concert on May 23.

Treasurer's Report

\$21,697.58 starting balance

No deposits in March, but there will be some upcoming.

Expenses totaled \$3,211.89:

- teacher appreciation lunch with Bully Boss Burgers (food truck);
- A-frame signs for drop-off and dismissal;
- donation to Rossville Elementary for a bereavement lunch;
- Cheddar-Up membership;
- reimbursements to two teachers for their classroom allotments;
- deposit with the Purple Bicycle for paint night.

\$18,485.69 ending balance

June 20 is the cut off for submitting receipts for this year's classroom allotment for teachers, so teachers: please remember to turn in those receipts (up to \$150 per teacher).

An order for House t-shirts will be put in soon based on online orders.

Ms. Jones asked if there's money left in the budget for the vocal club, and there is.

The PTA is also paying for two science-based assemblies coming in May.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Britni, Fawn, and Aleshia have several things planned, but they are being kept "top secret" for now. A flier for parents will be posted online and sent home later this month. A flier for teachers will also be sent later this month.

Fun Fest

Mr. Lambert and Britni are coordinating Fun Fest for June 2 (rain date is June 9). Six volunteers who are good with kids have signed up to help run the field stations along with the special area teachers and homeroom teachers.

We will also need volunteers to help with the carnival games in the gym and other things. In addition, we will need some donations/loans for the day: sidewalk chalk, ice, water coolers, pop-up tents, etc. Britni will be posting a Sign-Up Genius for this soon.

The PTA is buying a t-shirt for every child (color coordinated by grade), but we need help from parents in identifying their child's shirt size. Please be on the lookout for the flier regarding this – it will have a QR code with a link to the form that must be completed by Friday, April 21.

Cathy and others are working on providing some fun snacks for that day too.

5th Grade Farewell and Field Trip

The date has not yet been set, as there are a number of factors to consider. A decision on that will be made shortly after the end-of-year calendar is finalized at the Board of Education meeting next week.

Mr. Lambert requested a donation from the PTA to cover the transportation costs for 5th graders to go bowling. This request was proposed, voted on in the meeting, and approved.

Next Year's Board Positions

At our next meeting (on May 2), we will be sharing more information about the nomination and voting process for next year's board positions. All positions will be open. If you have any questions, please let us know.

A question was asked: does the PTA meet over the summer? We have not for the past few years, but we have discussed the possibility of doing that in the future so that we can be better prepared for the start of the school year.

Thank You

Thank you to all the parent and family volunteers who freshened up the school garden beds over Spring Break. It is so wonderful to see the beautiful plants, fresh mulch, and repainted Little Library.

Thank you to the PTA for the lunch from Bully Boss Burgers – it was a big hit with all the teachers!

Important Dates/Events

Third quarter report card distribution for grades 1-5 was Wednesday, April 12. Parents have to log into Focus to view their child's report card. Teachers should have sent home information about how to do this. If they like, parents can request a hard-copy from their child's teacher.

Paint Night is this Friday, April 14, 6:00-8:00 in the cafeteria. All the tickets have been sold. The koala image was the one selected.

Schools are closed on April 21 for professional development.

April 25 is Pre-K conference day, so schools will be closed for preschoolers.

April 26 is Pre-K and Kindergarten day, so schools will be closed for preschoolers and kindergartners.

PreK and Kindergarten teachers will be reaching out to parents to schedule those conferences.

Testing

MCAP scores from last year coming home soon. You will receive them if your child was in 3rd or 4th grade last year.

The MCAP testing window opens on April 17. Teachers will be working with their students that week to get them familiar with the platform and testing expectations.

MCAP testing at Fullerton starts on April 24. There will be three solid weeks of testing, although each child will not test each day. Grades 3-5 will complete the Math and ELA MCAP. Testing is in the morning, so the time of students' specials may change to account for this. If you have a child of testing age, please avoid morning appointments during these weeks.

MAP testing for K-2 starts on May 8.

All testing will be finished by May 26 (including make-ups).

Other

A parent asked about whether the PTA would offer college scholarships to former students. This has not been done in the recent past but was done at one point. In the past, we would have \$500-\$1000 to give to students, who would apply by writing an essay response to a question. This will be added to the agenda to discuss at our next meeting.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm. It will again be in-person and online.