

Fullerton PTA Meeting June 4, 2024

The meeting started at 7:06 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

End of Year Celebrations/Rewards

Fifth grade fun day is on Friday, June 7. In addition, third grade is receiving a pizza lunch for having the most Box Tops. Ms. Hill's class is also getting a reward for selling the most chocolate bars.

Question: Will there be a celebration or recognition for the house color that wins this year?

Answer: The teachers are working on a plan to celebrate the winning house this year, which will be announced sometime soon. The celebration will be something fun, but low-cost and in school, such as having the winning house decorate the sidewalks with positive messages in chalk that matches their house color.

Fifth Grade Farewell

Fifth Grade Farewell is June 13 at 10:30 a.m. Students should arrive at their regular school time. Families should be sure to return their slips to their child's homeroom teacher AND have their licenses scanned ahead of time, as it speeds up the sign-in process. If too many people do not have their badges pre-printed, there may be some long lines to sign-in, and, for scheduling reasons, the start of the ceremony cannot be delayed.

Thank you to the fifth grade teachers and parent-volunteer Aleshia Shifflett for planning and putting together the fifth grade farewell.

Fundraising Updates

We are having a Spirit Night at Pine Valley Swim Club on June 13, from 4:00 to 8:00. It is \$15 per person. You can pay ahead of time or at the gate. It is NOT a BCPS sponsored event. A flier will be distributed in homerooms very soon.

The World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to everyone who participated! And thank you, Cathy, for organizing it!

If you still owe money for a box of chocolate, please send it in before the end of the school year.

Yearbook Report

We originally ordered 200 yearbooks, and we have already sold most of them. As of June 4, there were only 29 left. If there are still some left on June 13, we will be selling them at Fifth Grade Farewell, but you may want to buy them now. You can order online or send in \$20 to your child's homeroom teacher.

The yearbook looks amazing! Thank you Brittany Jeffries and Brit Hazel for putting that together!

Treasurer's Report

May Opening Balance: \$ 9,372.78

Expenses

\$ 43.26 Morgan Edwards Hospitality - Teachers Lounge
\$ 30.00 Jessica Hernandez Spiritwear-Refund
\$ 144.95 Matthew Huggins Teacher Reimbursement
\$ 220.14 Matthew Huggins School Beautifican
\$ 150.00 Jessamyn Scott Teacher Reimbursement
\$ 116.91 Brittani Carolan Teacher Reimbursement
\$ 746.25 Time out For Sports Fifth Grade T-Shirts
\$ 303.45 Geekland FRAUDULENT
\$ 287.56 The Fun Factory FunFest
\$ 862.67 The Fun Factory FunFest
\$ 141.33 Walmart FunFest
Total Monthly Expenses: **-\$ 3,046.52**

Deposits

\$ 3,589.00 Fullerton PTA Fundraiser-Chocolate
\$ 303.45 Fullerton PTA Fraud chg Reversed
\$ 1,456.00 Fullerton PTA Yearbook Presale
\$ 129.51 Fullerton PTA Spirit Night - Burgerfi
\$ 63.10 Fullerton PTA Boxtops
\$ 2,870.00 Fullerton PTA Fundraiser-Chocolate
\$ 7,960.00 Fullerton PTA Fundraiser-Chocolate
\$ 224.40 Fullerton PTA Fundraiser- Savers
Total Monthly deposits: **\$ 16,595.46**

May Ending Balance: \$ 22,921.72

Elections for the 2024-2025 School Year

There were no contested positions for the Executive Board so we held an affirmation vote and confirmed the following:

- President: Joey Kirby
- VP of Membership: Monica Offerman
- VP of Fundraising: Cathy Neisser
- Treasurer: Cory Scott

- Secretary: Carrie Dalton
- Yearbook: Brittany Jeffries
- Volunteer Coordinator: Jaki Scott
- Teacher Liaison: Jessamyn Scott

We also had nominations for the following Event Chair/Co-Chair positions (which are confirmed by the Executive Board):

- PreK and Kindergarten Playdate: Joey Kirby, Sarah Twist
- Back-to-School Night: Jaki Scott
- Trunk-or-Treat: Sarah Twist
- Color Run: Cathy Neisser
- Read Across America Week: Morgan Edwards
- Teacher Appreciation Week: Britni Hazel
- Fun Fest: Britni Hazel, Jaki Scott, Sarah Twist
- 5th Grade Farewell: Jaki Scott

If you are interested in helping Co-Chair some of these events, please reach out to the Executive Board.

Congratulations to our new Executive Board and thank you to the Event Chairs for volunteering! We look forward to an amazing 2024-2025 school year!

Thank you so much, Sarah, for stepping up this year and taking on the role of President this year. You did a great job!

Ms. Salkowski has proposed adding an Equity Liaison to the Executive Board, as this is a county-wide recommendation from BCPS. It was agreed that this is a good idea and something that needs to be readdressed in the fall, when there will be sufficient opportunity to advertise the position to the entire Fullerton Elementary community.

Principal's Report

Fun fest was awesome! The students had a wonderful time! Thank you to the volunteers who helped support this event!

Next year, third grade will be more like fourth grade because BCPS is adopting GT math in third grade.

Due to county-wide cuts in staffing, there will be just two 5th grade homerooms (there are 59 current 4th graders), but there will be three 5th grade math classes. (Mrs. Atchison will be splitting her time between Staff Development and teaching math).

Thank you, Ms. Waite, for your many years serving Fullerton Elementary and for joining us for your last PTA meeting. We will miss you!

Andrea Butler will be our new Assistant Principal. She is coming from Owings Mills Elementary, where she is currently serving as Assistant Principal, and we are pleased to have someone with experience stepping into the position.

If you know someone whose child is eligible for Kindergarten or PreK, please have them register now, as it makes the process much smoother for everyone involved, including the child.

Proposed Idea: PTA Room Parents

Would it be feasible to identify a room parent (or multiple room parents) for each classroom? Teachers have lots of channels for communicating with parents: phone, email, etc. But it could help foster community and increase the spread of PTA messages, if parents were given more opportunities to communicate with each other.

The PTA would not want to increase the work for teachers, nor do we want to take away the important role of teachers building relationships with families. But some families might feel more comfortable reaching out to an identified fellow parent with some of their smaller questions, particularly PTA questions, and especially if they are not Facebook users.

Are there other ways to improve PTA communication with families? Instagram? Link Tree? Newsletter? Website? Email list? Google link to newsletter? An app?

Handing Down House Color Shirts

If your child has outgrown their house color shirt, please consider donating it to the school so that it can be handed down to a child in need. Britni Hazel has volunteered to coordinate this initiative. Thank you, Britni!

Upcoming Dates

June 12 is the last day for PreK students.

June 13 and 14 are half days.

June 14 is the last day of the school year

The meeting ended at 8:13 p.m. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer! We will see you in the fall!

Attendance

In-Person

Vicki Waite

Monica Offerman

Britni Hazel

Morgan Edwards

Sarah Twist

Christina Peacock

Brittany Jeffries

Joey Kirby
Susannah Ray

Online

Charlene Andryszak
Brittani Carolan
Lamontio Carter
Kellie Cordell
Carrie Dalton
Holly Gilmore
Matthew Hazel
Brittany Jeffries

Tara Jones
Carrie Lauer
Aleshia Shifflett
The Merendinos
Monica Moore
Aaron Nissen
Kris O
Candace Salkowski
Cory Scott
Jaki Scott
Jessamyn Scott
Courtney Theissen
The Carters