

Fullerton Elementary PTA Meeting December 5, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Penguin Patch

Penguin Patch is December 11–15 during school hours. This event is a lot of fun for kids as they get to buy gifts for friends and family at a low cost. Each teacher will take their classroom during a designated time. Flyers and envelopes have been sent home, and teachers will let families know when their designated day is.

Please be mindful of the date designated for your child(ren). It's very important to bring money on that day only, as teachers cannot hold the cash at school. If you misplace the envelope that was sent home, that's OK. Any envelope will do. Just be sure to label it with your child's name and teacher, how much money is in it, and whom your child should buy gifts for.

Playground Update

The broken slide has been replaced. A replacement that matched the original spiral slide was not available so we now have a straight double slide. Unfortunately, the original slide was held in place with 6 feet of concrete underneath it, and removing that concrete caused damage to other parts of the playground, including a bench and a metal pole. Ms. Salkowski is working with the company that installed the new slide to fix these two issues.

Britni shared that Councilman Ertel really appreciated all the letters sent by the students in Ms. Carolan's class. The kids did an amazing job in sharing their civic voices. Thank you for coordinating that, Ms. Carolan!

Ms. Salkowski has also put in a special project request with BCPS for a new playground to be built. In addition, Harry Bhandari's office emailed that they are putting in a bond request for a new playground. However, our request is more likely to be fulfilled if more people share their voices regarding our need for a new playground. Help us advocate for a new playground to be funded by sending an email to our representatives:

- Nick Allen (house of delegates)- nick.allen@house.state.md.us;
nick.allen@house.state.md.us
- Kathy Klausmeier (senate)- katherine.klausmeier@senate.state.md.us
- Harry Bhandari (house of delegates)- harry.bhandari@house.state.md.us
- Carl Jackson (state delegate) - carl.jackson@house.state.md.us
- Mike Ertel (Councilman)- council6@baltimorecountymd.gov

Finally, we still have an open position on the PTA Board for someone to take the lead on advocating for a new playground. If you are interested in the position, please reach out to PTA President Sarah Twist or any other member of the PTA board.

Winter Concerts

The Vocal Club is performing How to Train Your Reindeer on December 12th at 6:30 in the Fullerton Elementary Cafetorium.

The 4th and 5th Grade Winter Concert will be December 19th held at Parkville Middle at 7:00 pm. Students should be there by 6:15 pm 4th and 5th graders. Must be there by 6:15

The PTA will be selling flowers and snacks at both events.

Also Upcoming

December 20 will be a spirit night at Frank's Pizza, starting at noon (so lunch orders can be included in this).

On January 8, the Duncan Cruiser will visit Fullerton Elementary to provide the teachers and staff with free coffee samples.

The last batch of spirit wear has arrived and will be sent home this week. Reach out to Monica Offerman with any questions.

Treasurer's Report

November Starting Balance	\$12,923.32	
	-\$193.15	School Beautification
	-\$166.00	Clubs VMC Funds
	-\$150.00	Teacher Classroom Reimbursement
	-\$298.99	Wicks Embroidery for spirit wear batch #5
	+\$224.48	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
	+\$188.00	Cash Deposit (combined events petty cash)
November Ending Balance	\$12,527.66	

Yearbook Report

Brittany will be coordinating with Ms. Lissal for the cover contest. The winning 5th grader will get a free yearbook. She will also be coordinating with the 5th grade teachers regarding 5th grade baby pictures.

As a reminder, please take pictures of students in their spirit wear and at school events and post them on our PTA [Facebook](#) page or send them to Brittany at FullertonES.Yearbook@gmail.com.

Principal's Report

It's beginning to look a lot like the flu. On Monday, 60 students were absent. Rooms that have a lot of illness are sprayed and wiped down with disinfectant in the evenings.

December 21 is the last day in-person before the holiday break. December 22 is a half-day as well as asynchronous day so devices will be sent home on the 21st. Students should log-in that day and complete the BCPS assignments. (But please don't stress about this.)

Please do not let devices travel with you, as that is often how they get left behind and not found again. We have brand new devices, and they must come back in January as students are using them in the classroom.

We may have some additional online, asynchronous learning days this winter, if we have more than 3 inclement weather days.

Other

A question was asked about when Fullerton will offer full day PreK. BCPS has designated that Fullerton will shift to full day PreK in the fall of 2025.

Someone else asked if we can get a list of teacher's likes? A list of teacher favorites has been posted on our [Facebook](#) page.

To show our appreciation of teachers and staff, Britni Hazel is putting together a holiday gift card tree.

Upcoming Dates

December 21 – Last day students are in-person before the start of Winter Break

December 22 – Half day online (students complete asynchronous work)

January 2 – Schools reopen

January 9 – PTA meeting at 7:00 pm

January 15 – Schools closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 19 – End of 2nd quarter; schools close 3 hours early

The meeting adjourned at 7:28

In Attendance:

Sarah Twist, President

Joe Kirby, Vice President of Membership (virtual)

Monica Offerman, Treasurer (virtual)

Susannah Ray, Secretary
Brittany Jeffries, Yearbook
Britni Hazel, School Spirit Coordinator
Candace Salkwoski, Principal (virtual)
Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal
Christina Peacock
Taisha Andrews (virtual)
G Anene (virtual)
Brittani Carolan, Teacher (virtual)
Tanae D (virtual)
Mrs. Daye (virtual)
Morgan Edwards (virtual)
Holly Gilmore, Teacher (virtual)
Aleshia Shifflett (virtual)
The Merendinos (virtual)
Jaki Scott (virtual)
Jessamyn Scott, Teacher (virtual)
Danielle Thackston, Teacher (virtual)