

Fullerton PTA Meeting

March 7, 2023

In attendance:

Britni Hazel, President
Cathy Neisser, Vice President (virtual)
Aleshia Shifflett, Vice President
Monica Offerman, Treasurer (virtual)
Susannah Ray, Secretary
Brittany Jeffries, Yearbook
Candace Winterson, Principal (virtual)
Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal
Danielle Thackston, Teacher (virtual)
Kellie Cordell, Teacher (virtual)

Morgan Edwards
Kaitlin Schwaab (virtual)
Gina Sherwood (virtual)
Cassandra Chaney (virtual)
G Anene (virtual)
Ally Aro (virtual)
Crystal Combs (virtual)
Holly Gilmore (virtual)
Sarah Hunt (virtual)
Fawn Lindsey (virtual)

The meeting started at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a quick icebreaker sharing some fun plans for Spring Break.

Box Tops Update

So far this year, we have \$257 through Box Tops. 2nd grade is in the lead with 5th grade right behind them. It's very easy to participate: just scan receipts on the app, or put them in the PTA box (within two weeks of shopping) and we'll scan them for you. As an extra incentive, we are going to have a reward for the class with the most Box Tops by June.

Yearbook Update

The second proof book has arrived. Thank you for all your photos. Brittany is just about ready to submit the book for printing, but she needs a couple more staff photos and one more reprinting of the class lists.

Pre-order forms will be sent home via homeroom soon. It will be \$16 for pre-orders (before May 1) and \$20 for full price orders (after May 1). Extra copies will be sold at Fun Fest on June 2.

Paint Night in April

We will have a paint night for kids and parents on April 14, 6:00pm–8:00pm in the Fullerton cafeteria. Stacy, a skilled instructor from the Purple Bicycle in Harford County, will be leading the painting of either an Earth Day or Spring themed painting. Tickets will be \$30 and will be pre-sold. Parents/guardians do not have to be ticketed, but every child needs to have a parent/guardian present. If parents want to paint, they will need to buy a ticket too. Information about how to buy a ticket is now posted: <https://fullerton-paint-night.cheddarup.com/>. We will have space for just 30 painters, and once they are sold out, they will be gone.

Spring Clean Up

The PTA is coordinating with Ms. DeLoriers and the Environmental Club for a spring clean up day in April. The date and time are still to be determined but more information will be shared soon.

Registering for Kindergarten and PreK

Kindergarten Round-Up (which is essentially an early registration so that the school isn't overwhelmed in the summer) is happening on March 28, 10am-3pm. Please reach out to Ms. McFaul (amcfaul@bcps.org) or Ms. Nossel (lnossel@bcps.org) to schedule an appointment. The PTA will be providing some snacks and juice boxes because families can be there a long time if they are filling out all of the paperwork there.

PreK registration has not yet been figured out. Fullerton does not normally fill all their spots by income, but that can change from year to year. Next year, some schools in BCPS will be offering full day PreK, but Fullerton will still be half day.

Budget Updates

Start: \$21,882.24

Withdrawals: -\$598.53 (reimbursements for decorations, teacher classroom allotments)

Deposits: \$413.87 (Box Tops, Chipotle Spirit Night)

End: **\$21697.58**

Fundraiser Updates

BurgerFi on the Avenue Spirit Night this Friday, March 10

https://www.groupraise.com/events/245770?fbclid=IwAR3JonJ6qelr4cj1r_zGQKwbHnligYb2eJaOrsjAyenCkC9aiTDP_zieQzI

Buy discounted HersheyPark tickets to use at any point in the year and some of the sales money will come back to the PTA. Now through the end of March.

Use the link below and CODE 63428685

https://tickets.hersheypa.com/Storefront/Account/GroupSalesLogin.aspx?CG=HPGRPFNDRSR&C=GRPFNDRSR&fbclid=IwAR1Q4q_6RkZzsAaIFpNHZ68U8CvS3PuV55OmQFJltv0JGmXJ4pGQtgKPT_Y

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Buy a dozen doughnuts for \$15 and pick them up at your nearest Krispy Kreme (wherever in the country that may be) and portion of the proceeds come back to the PTA. Now through the end of March:

<https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/8460?fbclid=IwAR225Dj0leIk4WBNWoxeFVNngxy nVAoaFLFMNsm0o4octdMjwyfkGAdNbUI>

Monster Mini Golf – more information to come soon

5th Grade Farewell and 5th Grade Fun Day

Aleshia will be the point person for this. She is already in touch with Ms. Atchinson about it, and a group of 5-7 parents who have volunteered to help the teachers with anything they need for these two separate events. The exact dates for them will be determined once the BCPS Board of Education finalizes the last day of school. The vote for this is usually at a Board meeting in early April.

Reptile World

Mr. Lambert has coordinated this event for May 8. All students will get to participate. It will take place during school hours. The PTA is paying for this fun assembly.

Field Day/Fun Fest

Britni is coordinating with Mr. Lambert and a committee of volunteers. This event is for all grades on June 2nd and during school hours. The rain date is June 9. It will be a combination of indoor and outdoor activities, and we will need parent volunteers. Please make sure you are BCPS volunteer trained ahead of time (and remember you must do fresh training every school year).

The PTA is buying every teacher and every student t-shirts for the event. Each grade will be a different color. To determine t-shirt sizes for each student, an electronic form will be sent to parents. If the parents do not respond, the homeroom teacher will use their best judgment to determine the child's t-shirt size.

T-shirts will be distributed a day or two before the event along with lots of reminders and communications that students are to wear the shirts on the day of the event (June 2).

More Upcoming Dates

March 13 & 14: MISA testing for 5th grade, 2 units each day for 2 days

April and May: MCAP for ELA and Math, grades 3, 4, and 5

Mid May: MAP testing for K, 1, and 2

March 17 and 24: schools are closing 3-hours early

March 31: next house event, hosted by the Green House

March 20: Boss Burger Food Truck will be serving lunch to teachers and staff. They have more than just burgers and a menu will be shared ahead of time. Aleshia is working on the details. This will be paid for by the PTA.

April 1-10: Spring Break

May 15-19: Ballroom dance instruction for 5th graders. On that Friday, May 19, parents will be invited to see what their kids have been learning and to dance with their kids.

May 19: schools close three hours early

Thank You's to the PTA

The decorations in the faculty room are so warm and welcoming. Thank you for everything you do there!

The Dunkin Donuts Cruiser in February was very well received. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Britni is coordinating this. The theme is "Get Away." A flier will be sent home to parents and families with suggestions on how to show their teacher appreciation each day of the week, and the PTA is planning some things as well. There will also be a form for teachers to fill out regarding their likes and interests.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be right after Spring Break: April 11 at 7:00 pm, and it will be hybrid again.