

Fullerton PTA Meeting January 9, 2024

The meeting began at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break.

5th Grade Ballroom Dancing

This week is the ballroom dancing unit for our 5th graders. Students have a lesson each day this week, and on Friday, students can have 1 or 2 adults come to the school to watch them perform. Students should dress up for this.

If you plan to attend, please fill out the flier that was sent home last week, so that you can be pre-registered and your ID pre-printed. Due to the schoolwide schedule for Specials, the performance will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Fundraisers

Our next spirit night is this Friday, January 12th, at Panda Express. 20% of sales will be donated to the PTA. Fliers for this will go home with students tomorrow.

We will also have a Hershey Park fundraiser again this year. Families can purchase tickets to Hershey Park at a discounted rate and a portion of the sales will be donated to the PTA. More details on this will be shared soon.

Yearbook Report

Brittany placed the official order for our yearbooks last week. They are set to arrive in late May, but the date can be adjusted as needed. We anticipate once again have a presale at a discounted price.

Brittany is still putting together the pages for the yearbook, including the 5th grade baby photos. If your child is a 5th grader this year, please email one baby photo to Brittany Jeffries (fullertonES.yearbook@gmail.com) by February 29th! Remember to include your child's name in your email.

Ms. Lissau is starting the cover contest in art class, and the winner will receive a free yearbook.

Treasurer's Report

There were no deposits made in December due to the hectic nature of the holidays, but the January report will balance things out, as deposits were made last week.

Here is where things stand for December:

\$12,527.66	Starting Balance	
Expenses	Received By	Reason
\$26.00	Britni Hazel	Reimbursement for School Beautification
\$158.97	Costco	Concert Flowers
\$68.89	Costco	Concert Flowers
\$200.00	Weis Market	Teacher gift cards
\$100.00	Target	Teacher gift cards
\$50.00	McDonald's	Teacher gift cards
\$50.00	Bath & Bodyworks	Teacher gift cards
\$100.00	Dunkin Donuts	Teacher gift cards
\$50.00	Amazon	Teacher gift cards
\$68.89	Costco	Concert Flowers
\$63.59	Costco	Concert Flowers
\$3,570.00	Penguin Patch	Holiday Shoppe
\$40.00	Royal Farms	Teacher gift cards
\$10.00	Royal Farms	Teacher gift cards
\$1,078.33	Frank's Pizza	Teacher Holiday Lunch
\$142.99	Wicks Embroidery	Spirit Wear (last batch for 23/24)
\$6,750.00	Ending Balance	

Teacher Appreciation

In December, Britni Hazel decorated the teacher's lounge to help celebrate the holidays, and Sarah Twist and Monica Offerman coordinated a gift card tree. Each teacher and aid got a \$10 gift card to place of their choice, such as Weis, Amazon, Target, Royal Farms, Dunkin' Donuts, and Bath & Body Works.

In addition, teachers were treated to a lunch from Frank's Pizza one day before the break.

Also, the Dunkin' truck came to Fullerton on Monday (January 8th) and gave away free coffee.

Valentine's Day

Fullerton's leadership team is inviting families to "eat lunch with your sweetheart" so that parents/families can join their children for lunch on Valentine's Day. The flier with details about this will be coming home soon.

The PTO will help with this event by decorating the cafeteria to make it more festive.

A proposal was also put forth to sell teddy-grams or pencil-grams on Valentine's Day or the week before. There were several ideas suggested but nothing was decided upon.

Important Dates

January 15th - Martin Luther King Day, schools are closed

January 19th - End of 2nd Quarter, schools close 3 hrs early

January 29th - Report cards will be available to view on FOCUS

Principal's Report

The quarter is ending soon. Please check your child's grades online and communicate with their teacher if you want your child to redo any assignments.

Our December concerts were a great success! Thank you to all the families who practiced with students at home; helped with outfits, costumes, and/or decorations; transported kids to the performances; and sold flowers.

Thank you to the PTA for luncheon and gift cards in December and the Dunkin' cruiser yesterday. These were really nice treats and much appreciated.

Field Trips

Question from the floor: Are any field trips being planned?

Fullerton tries to coordinate at least one field trip for every grade level each year. Unfortunately, we are having a really difficult time getting buses right now. Kindergarten went to a pumpkin farm in the fall, and the 2nd grade team is currently working on a trip to the zoo. More things are in the works for the spring.

Test Scores

Question from the floor: When will test scores be shared?

COGAT assessment results (for 3rd graders) will come out later in the spring, as will individual scores on the MCAP. School MCAP scores have come out. Fullerton's achievement went up a little, but our growth was tremendous. Fullerton has now gone from a 3-star to a 4-star on the Maryland Report Card.

PTA Newsletter

Question from the floor: Will there be more PTA newsletters this year? The ones from the fall were very helpful.

Yes, we hope to do so. It was put on pause for December and January because of the amount of time involved. If you are interested in helping with this, please reach out to Sarah Twist on Facebook.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is February 6 at 7:00 pm. We hope to see you then!

In attendance (all virtual):

Sarah Twist, President

Cathy Neisser, Vice-President

Susannah Ray, Secretary

Brittany Jeffries, Yearbook

Candace Salkowski, Principal

Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal

Tara Jones, Teacher

Brittani Carolan, Teacher

Lori Tagliaferro, Teacher

Kellie Cordell, Teacher

Aleshia Shifflett

Christina Peacock

G Anene

Jaki Scott

Jessamyn Scott, Teacher

Katelyn Kight

Madison Blankenship

Monica Moore

Morgan Edwards

Mrs. Daye

Regina Smith

Taisha Andrews

The Carter Family