



PTSA General Meeting - September

Date | Time Thursday, Sept 14, 6:00 PM

In Attendance

Sheena Bartman	Danielle Swann	Erin Walters	Alexandra Watt	Jessi Duncan
Shannon Smith	Samantha Lightner	Amanda Halwick	Doug Halwick	Laurie Holloway
Blair Garrettson	Nicole Rallo	Catherine Mason	Susie El-Tayef	Shauna Mayes Garcia
Austin Nwaochei	Faith Wills	John Wilkins		

Old Business & Open Items

1. Introduction of the Board and attendees.
2. PTSA to PTO Status update and to-dos
 - a. (insurance, new bank account, bylaws, closing out of Memberhub, new logo, etc.): hopefully done in the next few weeks; we are switching to a PTO so we can keep more funds than when we are a PTSA
3. Staff breakfast review, 8/24:
4. New Gator Treat Night review, 8/25:
5. Book Fair Chair: still looking for someone for November! Laurie Holloway is interested; it involves coordinating the volunteers for the week, mostly during the day, and one night; Mrs. Swann will have Ms. Remington reach out to Laurie Holloway
6. School Store: Alexandra updated the members on how the school store is run
7. Picture Day 9/26: request for volunteers

Administration Update

1. Items from board meeting: trying to build positivity and school community
 - a. Honor Roll and Bringing up Grades: celebrates academic achievements to include more students; grade threshold for bringing up grades still TBD
 - b. PTSA Request Form for Staff and Teachers
 - c. before and after school "clubs" and Mentoring "clubs": FCA, garden club, chess club all started, SGA starts next week; Mentoring is focusing on positivity; students picked top 5 choices of interests for mentoring "clubs"; Monday paper should be sent home to parents informing which club student belongs to for mentoring; advisory clubs only last for 1 quarter; clubs will rotate each quarter due to high interest and obtain fairness
 - d. Cyber bullying: decide if we'd like to schedule a Family Tech Talk, and if so, when: Possibly December; Sheena says it is a virtual meeting; Laurie Holloway, Shannon Smith, are very much in favor of this idea; We will do more research for this opportunity to have it implemented.
2. New Items: Mrs. Swann asks about interest for Coffee Chat with the Principal, what are best times for parents this year; Samantha Lightner is in favor of virtual for parents; PTA will create a facebook poll to garner interest

New Business

3. Membership drive update:
 - a. decide on Dates to run a raffle incentive: gift cards (Amazon, Giant, Chick-fil-A); we are only at 26 members; \$10 membership; monthly meetings; information about events/volunteer/donation
4. Upcoming fundraisers:
 - a. Armchair fundraiser running now through 9/28: Seeking donations for advisory clubs, field trips, and school improvements (benches, murals, etc)
 - b. Papa Johns cards: to begin 10/2 - 12/2: first fundraiser discount card for pickup pizza orders at local Papa John's;
 - c. Spirit wear sale - decide when to run: In December after Papa Johns or after the holidays.: always open all year long; Start spirit sale fundraiser with papa john's it won't be too overwhelming and it allows 8th graders to have spirit wear sooner
5. Trunk or Treat - begin promoting and putting together a committee; October 27th from 6:00-8:00; PPMS is aware of it they are carving pumpkins before our event starts; Mrs. Swann will email Calvert elementary to let them know our date; Nicole Rallo is interested in trunk or treat event; she was able to coordinate traffic control last year; SRO did help last year with parking and traffic; guests park in side parking lot cars are set up in front parking lot; Trunks donate own candy, but do not pay a fee for their children; concessions for sale, \$5 fee for trick or treaters; we do a call for donations for concessions and candy; people would like to have 2 prices for concessions or maybe free certain items, one for PTA members and one for non-members; we will allow vendors to have tables; kids go through twice; collect pta membership that night; print current list; email members digital card; PTA members interested in being on committee: Susie El-Tayef, Nicole Rallo, Alexandra Watt

Treasury Report:

6. Review of \$ spent and \$ earned 22-23 year: treasurer is still working on financial report from last year
7. broad goals for 23-24 year: we are on track and better organized than last year
8. Current Balance: \$2013.20

Other discussion items:

1. Don't forget to fill out the volunteer form if you would like to be a volunteer at the school
2. T-Shirts might not be in for first Friday in October, but we will still be celebrating
3. Sheena will follow up on Catherine Mason's membership request
4. Susie provided her contact info in the chat for those who have ideas for membership

Adjourn Meeting:

- a. Adjourn time: 6:57 PM
- b. Next General Meeting: Wed. 10/11/23, 6pm, media center