

PTA Executive Committee Meeting August 18, 2021 9:00am

Attendees: Jess Rousso, Sara Smith, Courtney May, Mike Pascale, Joan Ray, Natasha Browner, Jarrod Cone, Ginger Ann Hughes, Jarrod Cone, Maria Locke, Doug Rollins, Sarah Pociask, Dana Borda

Wednesday, August 18	Topic	Lead	Actions/Updates/Asks
9:00-9:10	5 th Grade Trip Update	Gayle/Natasha	update
9:10-9:15	Update on Fernwear	Ginger Ann	Sales, teacher orders, next steps, asks
9:15-9:20	School Supplies	Sarah P	Update; learnings; questions
9:20-9:30	Clubs update	Courtney/Sara	Timing/questions/concerns
9:30-9:35	Spirit Nights	Jarod and Lauren	Update on upcoming/any needs?
9:35-9:40	School Pictures update	Doug	Do we need flyer in courier? Other communication?
9:40-9:45	Fall Picnic	Jess	Communication/planning/shift timing
9:45-9:55	Committee discussion	Jess Maria Locke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainability return based on policies. ● Reflections update
9:55-10:10	Curriculum Night	Doug	What to do? 101? Other planning?

10:10-10:20	COVID update	Jess/Doug	What is demand (water bottles, masks, sketch pads)? Accountable? Other updates? Needs?
10:20-10:30	Budget update	Mike	

Clubs Update:

- Clubs registration opens Sat 10am.
- Last minute
- Revamping next semester with google form for times/dates/pricing/details to simplify
 - Joan can show Sara/Courtney about how they used Google Classroom for virtual last year.
- All clubs ready by Sat am.
- Sara/courtney to send language for Joan to read during morning announcements and for Class TAG
- Joan to do ClassTag - Jess to send FLASH Friday that includes time
- What are limits by club? Room size? Need to define room needs and sizes for each club. Ask club leaders for vaccination status? So we can be prepared to answer parents questions. Need to follow DCSD mask guidance.

Driftwood

- Gayle identified a location in NC. Has enough beds for 75% of 5th graders to attend
- Some questions for Joan (140 5th graders and typical ratio - 1:10 chaperone to kids)
- Jess can send info from Christine/Nick so Natasha and Gayle can follow up.
- The facility program typically starts at 11 which may be hard to get there on time.
- Committee to think about a survey to gauge interest in quantities that may attend. Also,
- Dates: May 9-12th
- Chesnut Ridge

FernWear

- Tie-dye shirts for staff distributed. Staff got email about sweatshirts to make size changes. Order will be placed with other pre-orders.
- Pre-order closes tonight at 9.
- No additional item requests but considering mask lanyard for kids (\$2.60/item and down based on quantity). Lanyards required in kindergarten

School Supplies

- Wrapping up with few orders trickling in. Thanks Dana for helping distribute occasional pads.
- \$5,000 net from sale (including \$1,000 credit we won and roll over inventory). EPI will send us check for \$2,500.

- Next year, we can do agendas for every child 2-5 covered with donations. EPI allows custom cover (front and back). Community investors from Foundation could put logos on them to fund purchase. Cost is about \$2,000 and would give every child one.
- Joan: Kids need sketch pads as well and they are often linked together. Should we bundle and cover both? Could be nice idea. Solicit donations from other families as well.

Spirit Nights

- Jarrod: low spirit at Blaze last night.
- Raging Burrito went well last week.
- Felinis and allies cookies coming up
- Forward recos to Jarrod if you know any restaurants

Class Pictures

- Doug to email Robin on specific days by class/teacher
- Jess to add to flash/ FB

Mike to create QR code for PTA Join and send to Jess

Committees:

- Looking for Reflections volunteer. Jess to email all volunteers with specific request and/or add to FLASH
 - Competition - Georgia PTA
 - <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/reflections>
 - Get info from PTA, flyers to advertise, coordinate; pick up the physical items and submit to regional and state if any winners.
 - Coordinator typically did a reception and awards for winners. May be hard with Covid
- Sustainability
 - Maria willing to lead
 - Has some ideas on how to connect classes to garden without science teacher.
 - Betsy Wallace did sign-up genius and home rooms signed up for garden time. Maybe outdoors OK? Dana to ask Joan.
 - Lunch: How much of our compostable trays can we bring back?
 - Dana: They reworked master schedule of school with more space and fewer students in cafeteria.
 - Historically needed parent volunteers at each lunch to help sort which isn't possible now.
 - Getting re-usable containers and such may be hard with staffing and storage.
 - Are corn plastics and biodegradables in budget? Grant that may have paid in the past.

- Maria to talk to Justine Rubin? Out of fernbank. Or Diana Shoemaker. Sarah P to connect Maria to Diana.

Curriculum Night

- Annual PTA Budget approval at Curriculum night: One slide of full budget to get PTA budget approved. Kara to finalize what we need at this meeting and work with Mike on slide for budget approval
- Jess to send copy of 101 to Doug
- Doug to email Joan

Donations

- Jess to look at Costco for potential water bottles
- Doug look at WalMart

Finance

One of co-VPs and one of Presidents needs to review all the transactions monthly. Jess to do with Mike on Friday

Fall Picnic:

- Postponed. Animation may not work on some emails Jess to make flyers or something.
- Jess will stop using animation on emails.

Communications

Jess has identified someone to lead Communications (email, website, etc). Stay tuned for more info