



PTA Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2023

Called Meeting to order Via Zoom at: 7:01 p.m.

In Attendance: President- Anissa Willis; Vice President- Carolyn Shuster; Treasurer- Tania Wadhawan; Secretary- Melissa McGee, Principal Loya, Payvand, Glenn Hunt, Hanane Idrissi, Enitan

Approved the January Minutes. Melissa made a motion to approve the January Minutes and Anissa seconded the motion.

President

- **Open Board Positions for 23/24: President, Vice President and Secretary**
 - We have a quorum tonight in case we need to vote on anything.
 - We need to get word out that we have 3 PTA positions that need to be filled.
 - Tania volunteered to research and help spread the word about the open positions.
 - Anissa said that we have some nominees.
 - Hanane Idrissi offered to help out on the Nominating Committee.
 - There will be a flyer in this week's newsletter regarding the open PTA positions.
- **Nominating Committee**
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- **Bingo in March? Other activities?**
 - Top Golf and Ice Skating were suggested as fundraising opportunities.
 - Top Golf can be expensive for the participants. Anissa also said there is a high profit margin. We would need **100** participants to make a profit.
 - The Ice Skating suggestion received positive feedback at the PTA meeting.
 - We have had successful ice skating events at Ashburn Ice House.
 - A few years ago we had an ice skating event at a Leesburg location. That location was mentioned as an alternative to Ashburn Ice House, however Principal Loya said the Leesburg location had lower participation, possibly due to the distance to get to that venue.
 - More research will be done to determine when we could hold an event at Ashburn Ice House.

- Tania made a suggestion to connect Bingo with a holiday or theme. We will try to do a St. Patrick's Day Bingo night on Thursday, March 16th.

Treasurer's Report

- The PTA has **\$16,533.83** in cash in the accounts as of today.
- - Major expenses for PTA include:
 - PTA gave a donation to Project Graduation at Broad Run.
 - \$2500 toward 8th grade t-shirts
 - 8th grade signs
 - Typically parents pay for the 8th grade yard signs. This year we would like to cover costs for any student that cannot afford a sign.
 - Anissa will get a quote for approximately 370 8th grade signs. Last year, the cost was about \$10 per sign, a great reduction from years past when the cost ranged between \$20-25 per sign.
 - Teacher Appreciation May 9th Luncheon.
 - The PTA sponsors this luncheon. We discussed themes for the lunch. In past years Cinco de Mayo was a theme. This year a suggestion was made to connect the luncheon to the school musical, School of Rock.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya

- The auditorium is being refurbished and will be finished in 2 weeks. There will be new chairs in school colors.
- We had a great dance on Friday, February 10th.
- Testing is wrapping up with mid year SOLs and growth assessments completed.
- 8th grade writing SOL will be the 1st week in March. All test results can be found in Parent Vue.
- Reports card for 2nd quarter just came out.
- Farmwell will be applying for the first time for a national award called School of Distinction.
 - This is a prestigious award that is only given to select middle schools that meet rigorous requirements.

Committee Chairs updates:

- Falcon's Nest- [Cindy Harrison](#)
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- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis: Buffalo Wing Factory (March 9th) & Chipotle (March 29th)
 - *Famous Toastery* (Feb 9th)
- Giving Tree- Charlotte Ferrigno
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- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus- TAW 8-12th/ luncheon- May 9th
 - School of Rock theme
- LEAF- Hemant Biswal
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- Membership- **OPEN**; 131 Members; 102 Parents, 29 Staff
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- MSAAC- Hansilla Alaigh
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- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody: 4 teams for the Regional tourney
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- SEAC- Todd Fielding
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- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus- Researching new vendor for the 23/24 school year
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- Spirit Wear- Payvand Gibson

- Payvand and Anissa are working together to end us out for the year as well as get her geared up for running Spirit Wear for next year. A big thank you to her for stepping up to volunteer for Spirit Wear.
- Volunteers- Melissa Householder & Hanane Idrissi
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- Volleyball Game- Lisa Moses- Offered another option/ possible Bingo game this year
 - Anissa will reach out to Lisa to ask for help in planning Bingo and Ice Skating event.

New Business – open additional topics for consideration/discussion

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th