

Yates Mill Elementary

PTA General Meeting

October 8, 2020

6:00pm-7:00pm

Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Amy Nehlsen – President
Amanda Boshoff - Vice President – not present
Heather Ike – Treasurer
Tara Pegram - Secretary
Meg Johnson - Faculty Representative
Brian Pearce - At-Large Member – not present
Letty Benitez – Membership Committee Chair – not present
Tirzah Turner - Advocacy and Family Engagement
Jamie Anderson - Major Fundraising Event Committee Chair
Ashley Ruhlin – Hospitality Committee Chair – not present
Meredith Bray – Spirit Wear Committee Chair – not present
+4 additional members in attendance
+6 guests in attendance

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome, PTA Updates, Padlet Introduction **Presenter:** Amy Nehlsen

Discussion:

- Welcome, share grade level of kids, feel free to
- First Community Night at Chick-fil-a last week, made \$452 from the community night
- Next community night is City BBQ on Oct 15th
 - You **MUST** show flier (electronic is OK) when you order
 - Flier available on ymespta website fundraising page
- PTA will be hosting Grab and Go breakfast/snacks for staff on Oct23rd (Teacher Workday)
 - Signup Genius will go out to sign up to donate items or money to support
 - If you want to be part of hospitably committee, let us know and we'll add you to group
- Introduced Padlet as means for communication
 - <https://padlet.com/ymespta/bxnbigupcaexc3pe>
 - Link will also be shared on facebook page

Agenda item: Treasurer Report **Presenter:** Heather Ike

Treasurer Report

- Fall Book Fair Nov1-14th, all virtual
 - Working with Mrs.York on publicizing

- Scholastic dollars earned go toward books for kids
- Made \$718 from spirit wear sales, almost total amount budgeted for the year
- Purchased \$100 Canopy tent for events
- Paid final yearbook invoice
- Kinder teachers requested \$327 for mini-grant for social/emotional learning puppets

Agenda item: Fundraising Update **Presenter:** Jamie Anderson

Frog Fund

- ~\$1000 raised so far
- Frog Fund has replaced the Fun Run this year
- Focusing on ‘team spirit’ with t-shirt give-away for everyone at school has the same shirt to wear
 - Shirts have been ordered (blue with logo) and will be distributed to Plan B kids in school and to Virtual Students at a material pickup date
- Suggested donation of \$25/student, but any amount is great
- It is up and running now on the PTA Website, please donate! Closes on October 29th
- The link is shareable! Please share with friends, family, businesses, etc.
 - Tax ID is on website
 - You can also send checks in to our address listed on the website
 - We will generate a letter if you need it for a business donation, just email PTA and we’ll get you one

Agenda item: Advocacy and Family Engagement Committee Update **Presenter:** Tirza Turner

Advocacy

- This team is happy to have more members on this committee if you are interested
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfY1C6_sweoUKFJEiZExybxSMj9dwTBe02i5a03Rh0i0wlrTg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- A few main areas
 - Checking with teachers on how well classroom libraries represent the students in their classroom (race, ethnicity, gender, religion, ability, etc) and fill gaps with support of mini-grants. These books will be owned by the school and will be grade level appropriate
 - Mrs.Johnson won a set of diverse/inclusive books from ConsiousKid that will be available for ‘check-out’
 - Looking for recommendations of children’s books, so feel free to share
 - Providing a list of books, podcasts, websites, etc. to parents and educators for ways to foster conversation and exposure to diversity issues at home
 - Are parents interested in book discussion or group discussion across grade levels, do you want tips/tricks, do you want to engage with other parents

Agenda item: Final Remarks and Discussion **Presenter:** Amy Nehlsen

Discussion:

- Mrs.Parker shared an update and the graphs for the Sea to Shining Sea Challenge

- Mrs.Morgan update on Unity Day Oct 23rd. Bully Prevention and Awareness activities for 2 weeks with reinforcement of Frog Expectations during Oct 19-30.
- Project Enlightenment offers free classes that touch on all different topics (balancing screen time, sibling rivalry, etc)
- Next Meeting is Nov
 - Please send us suggestions for agenda items
- Q&A
 - What has engagement been like in the past? Are there alternative times/days that can be done for these virtual meetings to allow for other people to join.
 - Virtual engagement is generally pretty low
 - Perhaps do a lunch time

Action items	Person responsible
✓ Create google form to send about best days/times/formats for meetings	Amy
✓ Look up how to share project enlightenment information on social media/newsletters.etc	Amy

Meeting Minutes prepared by Tara Pegram, 10/8/2020

Attendees

- Jamie Anderson
- Sarah Cone
- Heather Ike
- Margaret Johnson
- Jim McCann
- Michael Morgan
- Amy Nehlsen
- Alphonso Parkinson
- Tara Pegram
- Tirzah Turner
- Fabiola Ximil
- Payal Haridas
- Cindy Parker
- Ines Flores
- Granados
- Hollie Saltis
- Rene Alford