

PTA General Meeting

Apex Elementary School

May 10, 2022 / 6:00 PM / [Virtual via Zoom](#)

ATTENDEES - [Virtual Sign-In](#)

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions:

PTA President Carissa White

[Member Sign-in](#)

- Board Members
 - Avery Emery, VP Membership & Fundraising
 - Gloriann Austin, VP of Programs & Hospitality
 - Tamara Cosgrove, Treasurer
 - Kristina Killian, Treasurer-in-Training
 - Sarah Moore, Secretary
- Committee Chairs
- Attendees: Carissa White, Avery Emery, Gloriann Favale-Austin, Tamara Cosgrove, Kristina Killian, Sarah Moore, Katie Carr, Jaime Thompson, Kirsten ____, Erin Carpenter, Annmarie Devlin, Margarita Gayle, Lisa Mitchum, Katie Caggia, John White, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Denise Bolebruch, Melissa Cook, Carissa White, Kinsey Bloomer, Sarah Chi, Victoria Jager

Updates & Reports:

- [Review & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes](#) Sarah Moore
 - Sarah reviewed the previous minutes and moved to approve them. Tamara seconded.
 - All attendees voted to approve the minutes.
- Budget Report & Funds Transfer Vote Tamara Cosgrove
 - Book Fair
 - \$2,335 collected for All for Books Coin Drive
 - \$1,000 left and considering a new binding machine for the Media Center.
 - Voted, seconded, and approved.
 - \$10,000 earned from book fair before paying for books
 - Leftover Book Fair money will be used to buy new books for the library
 - Spirit Nights
 - Mookie's Deli - \$90

- Lowe's Food - \$290 (\$693 for the year)
 - Waiting on total from Harris Teeter
 - Still selling Spirit Wear via Member Hub.
 - Spirit Rock earned about \$500 from rentals
 - 5th Grade T-shirts have been purchased and will be delivered soon
 - Outback donated lunch for Teacher Appreciation
 - Spring Fling funds and Field Day funds will be utilized soon.
 - 5th Grade Moving Up ceremony funds will also be utilized soon.
- 2022-21 Budget Approval Vote Tamara Cosgrove
 - Tamara moves to approve the budget. Avery seconded.
 - Everyone approves the current budget report.
- \$11,000 is left in the current budget to spend
 - Propose Scholastic News K-5 for \$5,000
 - Approved
 - Propose a new popcorn machine (under \$1,000)
 - Approved
 - Propose a new Cougar mascot costume
 - Approved
 - Propose to move some surplus to Spirit Shop to buy new items for 22-23 school year
 - Approved
 - There is a Curriculum Fund surplus currently, teachers should be on the lookout for an email for possible extra funds.
 - Water bottle fillers coming!
- 2022-2023 Proposed Budget
 - Projected Fundraiser Totals
 - Fun Run - project \$30k
 - Book Fair - project \$7k
 - Spirit Nights and Corporate Sponsors - project \$2200
 - Minor fundraising
 - Yearbook (\$1000), Go Play Save (\$3000), Box Tops
 - Open Donations - \$500
 - Spirit Shop
 - Rent the Rock
 - Expenses
 - After school club funds
 - Awards \$350
 - Cultural Arts \$8800

- Curriculum Support \$9000
- Equity \$250
- Field Day \$3000
- 5th Grade Grad \$500
- Instructional Support \$6000
- Library Books \$
- Parent Hospitality \$2000 (Donuts for Dads, etc)
- PBIS \$725
 - Combined with character education
- Professional Development \$10,000
 - Covers substitute teachers for when teachers do PD
- Staff Recognition \$1600
- Teacher Staff Hospitality \$3000
- Technology \$8000
- Beginning Teacher Mentorship
- Spring Fling \$3,000
- AIM Insurance \$700
- Bookkeeping \$800
- NC PTA Dues \$500
- Supplies \$150
- Tax \$350-400
- 2022-21 PTA Board Officer Nominations & Voting Carissa White
 - VP of Fundraising & Communication
 - Nominee: Carissa Ausenbaugh
 - Voted and approved.
 - VP of Family Engagement
 - Nominee: Joy Brunson-Nsubuga
 - Vote to approve the position
 - Approved.
 - Vote to approve Joy to fill the role of VP of Family Engagement
 - Approved.
- Standing Committee Vacancies
 - Nominating
 - Advocacy
- Other Committee Vacancies
 - Rising K Popsicle Parties
 - Membership
 - Spirit Nights

- Spirit Shop
- Walk To School Day
- Fun Run
- Friday Bulletin
- Spring Fling
- Field Day
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
- Admin Update Principal Caggia
 - No new staff or staff changes. We are fully staffed and working on staffing for next year.
 - Celebrations
 - Thank you PTA for Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Ms. Margarita Gayle will be celebrated tomorrow evening at the TOY banquet at the Raleigh Convention Center.
 - Students have enjoyed field trips and we all have enjoyed having parents in to assist with learning activities.
 - We are celebrating a successful Book Fair! Thank you PTA, volunteers, and Ms. Wilson.
 - EOG Testing letters to come home Wednesday 5/11
 - Wake County is offering retests for students who are proficient on their report cards but do not pass their EOGs in math or reading. Emails about this went out on Monday.
 - Read to Achieve Camp is happening this year
 - For rising 3rd and 4th graders who are not proficient in reading. Invitations will come home later in May.
 - Thank you PTA for the Professional Development funding. It has greatly helped teachers especially with LETRS training.
 - Upcoming Events
 - 5/19 - Spring Fling
 - 6/6 - Field Day (6/7 rain date) Fliers to come
 - 6/10 - 5th Grade Moving Up ceremony
- Grade Level & Specials Updates Grade Level Chairs
 - K - Ms. Carr
 - Thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week goodies and for granting Book Fair wish lists.
 - In house field trip went very well with Fire Dept, Police Dept, Canine Unit, and Fresh Ice Cream.
 - 1 - Ms. Mitchum

- So happy to have our first parent volunteer in the classroom.
- Field Trip to Jordan Lake went well.
- Thank you to the PTA for Professional Development funds.
- Ms. Mitchum's last PTA meeting after 33 years teaching!
- 2 - Bolebruch
 - 2nd graders are in the middle of the butterfly life cycle units.
 - Finishing up our money unit and starting geometry.
 - Completing MClass assessments.
 - Working on Nonfiction in EL.
 - Thank you to the PTA for Teacher Appreciation gifts, books for students, and overall support.
- 3 - Vionito
 - Writing opinion essays about access to clean water globally.
 - Math - Fraction and measurement, finish up the year with time
 - Huge thank you to the PTA for books from Book Fair
 - Prepping for the EOGs
- 4 - Thompson
 - Thank you to the PTA for Teacher Appreciation, Book Fair wish lists. You're amazing!
 - Finishing up geometry and moving into measurement and elapsed time.
 - Starting our 4th module of EL including a book study of The Hope Chest about WWI and suffragists. Working on expanding our vocabulary and context clues.
 - Attended the NC Symphony and it was amazing! The kids loved it and were very grateful.
- 5 - Gayle
 - Thank you to the PTA for spoiling us during Teacher Appreciation Week and all year.
 - Thank you Ms. Mitchum for all your years of service.
 - Agape Field Trip went very well.
 - Thank you Ms. Cosgrove for helping with 5th grade T-shirts
 - 5th grade picnic coming up 6/7
 - Looking forward to our in person 6/10 Moving Up ceremony
- Specials
 - Field Day 6/6 (rain date 6/7)
 - K-1 10:00-11:30am
 - 2-3 12:00-1:30pm

- 4-5 2:00-3:00pm
 - Library and STEM are having a LEGO drive through end of May
 - One more Storywalk before June
- Committee Updates
 - Spring Fling Joy Brunson-Nsubuga
 - May 19 5-7 pm
 - Activities like chalk, bubbles plus organized games
 - 2 food trucks plus pizza from PTA
 - All students will get a ticket for food or treat
 - Performers and music coming
 - 6:30 - 7 pm will be a foam and dance party with song of the year
 - Police and Fire Trucks coming for Touch-a-Truck
- Upcoming Events:
 - Spirit Night Spirit Night Chair Erin Carpenter
 - May 10 - 5-8pm - Brusters Ice Cream!
 - May 19 - 5-7pm - Spring Fling
 - June 6 - Field Day
 - June 8 - All day - FRESH Local Ice Cream
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

New Business & Discussion:

- [Family Tech Talk presentation](#)
 - By: David Abramowitz