

Sarah Adams PTO Meeting Agenda (with notes)
September 8, 2020 6:30pm via Zoom

Call to Order

Officially called to order at 6:34 pm

Approve May 2020 Minutes

Minutes were approved

Principal's Report

It was great to see everyone on curriculum night and again tonight. Picture day is delayed until further notice. We are working on it, but don't have dates yet.

Thank you to the PTO volunteers who wrote personal notices to teachers and staff. It was very much appreciated.

There will be ongoing pickups for students at different times of the year to get additional materials to students. We just did an extra one for kindergartners. Notifications will be sent for when it's scheduled, but if you can't make it, just call the office and schedule a time to pick it up from the vestibule. Or, if you call when you arrive to the circle drive, we can have someone bring it out to you. Transportation will also be available to bring the materials to houses if families are unable to get them from school.

Staggered start. There are a small group of students in the building. Next week K and 1 will start in the building. The video shared for curriculum night includes safety items.

If you're taking photos of your children while eLearning (especially for the yearbook), just make sure it's just your child and isn't capturing other students on the screen as well.

Amazing new library!

Mr. Herlocker – Assistant principal. 6th year at Sarah Adams and 16th year in the district. Please reach out if you need anything. He's in the office every day.

Teachers Report - Mrs. Wells - MAP Testing

One teacher each month will join the PTO meetings to give information that will be helpful.

Thank you for supporting your children's teachers.

Parent-teacher conferences will be via Zoom. Next Friday, September 18, teachers will be sending out links for Zoom parent-teacher conferences. However, if things come up before November 19 or 23 (conference dates), reach out to your child's teacher.

If you need assistance with technology, please reach out to the ZenDesk, they are great and respond really quickly.

MAP testing for 4th and 5th graders starts this week. They will have a split screen with MAP testing on one side of the screen and Zoom on the other. (Huge shout out to the tech department for the great video to help get that set up). Students haven't had MAP testing since January. Teachers have done a review of MAP testing for the students so they are reminded of it again.

So much is changing so please check communications often. There are a lot of changes, but it's for the better.

Take advantage of the online book fair. The prices and titles are amazing, and now more than ever, the kids need a break from the screen. One of the most important things you can do is read to your kids, no matter their level.

Thank you for all you do. Don't every hesitate to reach out to the teachers if you need help.

Officer's Reports

Co-President's Report (Rita Homuth/Carinn Flemming)

-Rita has been President for 2 years and is serving as a co-President to help transition Carinn. This is her last year at Sarah Adams.

Carinn has a 1st grader this year.

President's Role:

-Preside over meetings, prepare agendas, primary contact for Principal & represent SA PTO at functions, coordinate the work of all officers and committees so the purpose of our PTO is served.

-PTO Purpose-Will actively collaborate with the school community to support the common goals of parents and teachers by enhancing the educational process and providing additional academic and recreational opportunities to assist in making each child feel valued, challenged and successful.

-Foundation & District Updates

-D95 Boundary Committee Applications Due Sun, Sept 13 by noon. Please see the email sent by Dr. Gault and apply through the link. Those selected will be informed by Monday.

-Diversity poster contest. Watch for details coming out soon. Due Oct 2. The foundation is looking to celebrate the diversity in the community in a different way since the Diversity Fair had to be canceled.

-Wizards game rescheduled to April in hopes of being able to gather then.

Vice President's Report – Angelica Carroll

Second year as Vice-President. She has a second grader and has been involved in PTO since her daughter was in second grade.

Fall Fundraiser will be a stress free fundraiser and will run September 14-October 4. Look for information about how you can get a Sarah Adams yard sign.

Treasurer's Report – Laura Rogers

Laura has been at Sarah Adams for 8 years and her youngest is in 3rd grade.

If you have questions, put them in the chat for Laura to see and answer.

Laura presented the budget which shows a loss this year but we will be okay because of the overage from last year due to canceled events.

Silent Auction – Heather Wooden

Last year's transition to online from on person was difficult, but we did make a good amount of money. There is the possibility to do silent auction again this year, but we would prefer not to have to change venues from in person to online at the last minute. The auction made \$4,000 last year. The executive board's concern is that donations primarily come from classroom funds (which we aren't collecting this year), parent

donations and small business donations. We know that people are hurting this year and donations may not be available to us.

Fundraising ideas? Contact Angelica at sarahadamsvp@gmail.com

-Budget approval-budget is approved

Gift card fundraiser is great for the school. There is an app available. People link their credit card to the app and the gift cards are available right away. The risk is that if the charge doesn't go through, the PTO is on the hook for the cost. If that happens (we have had bounced checks come through), we have no legal authority to get the money back. This is one of the concerns as to whether or not we should make the app available. Feedback indicates it's not worth the risk to the PTO at this time. Laura will continue to look for ways to offer this program with the physical gift cards, particularly around the holidays/teacher appreciation/end of the year/graduation).

Secretary's Report-Karen Beierwaltes

Use caution with committee communications. Should come from SA PTO Secretaries via email blast or our official FB page. Can share SA PTO page, but should not post SA specific requests for volunteers, etc. on other FB groups.

Committee Reports:

Yearbook- Jessica Fiorita

Congratulations on the success of last year. They were beautiful and the home delivery was awesome. Big thanks to Jessica Fiorita. Request a co-chair or team to learn the ropes this year and take over the Yearbook Committee next year because Jessica is moving on. ☺ Parents can upload pictures directly to Treering to be included in our 2020-2021 yearbook. Don't forget first day of school or e-learning pics but do not include pictures or recording of live zoom meetings.

Kindy Play date – Carinn Fleming

The in-person event was cancelled. Instead, the PTO gave out smencils and welcome notes with supply pick up. Thanks to Carinn & Karyn for helping!

Family Fun Night – Carinn Fleming

cancelled

Savers- Angelica Carrol

The fall fundraiser is cancelled. We will consider doing this in the Spring.

School Supplies – Karen Beierwaltes

Giant Thank you to Karen for handling it so smoothly!

Joanie's Closet- Melissa Riske

Joanie's Closet provides assistance to families through the school, like school supplies, winter gear or snacks. School supplies are given to about 430 D95 students. Cleaning

out outgrown winter gear? Hang on to it for Joanie's Closet. More information on how to donate coming soon. Middle School South is looking for a Joanie's Closet rep.

Hospitality – Katie Barr

No Back to school Breakfast. Notes to Staff organized by Katie Barr. Thank you to everyone who helped write notes. Every staff member got a note!

Spiritwear- Rita Homuth

The Fall online sale is open until Sept 18th. We added a few new items including Buddy masks and Smile (clear view) masks for adults and kids. Unfortunately items cannot be returned or exchanged because they are custom made. If you're interested in sizing, contact Rita. She has samples of everything from Melon Ink and can leave them on her porch for try-ons.

Book Fair – Katie Barr

The book fair is online now through September 20. By shopping online, you get access to the entire Scholastic catalog. Your order will ship directly to your house! If you have \$25 of books, your order will ship free. The school will get back 25% of sales in Scholastic Dollars. We use this to give money to the library and the teachers to get books to kids!

Ice Cream Social Distancing- Diana Vance

Oberweis Restaurant Night – Friday, September 18 10 am-10pm. We will get 20% back if you mention Sarah Adams. Please click the link to RSVP in advance so the restaurant can prepare and can schedule their staff appropriately. Utilize the drive thru or call ahead to place your order since there is limited space inside.

Restaurant Nights- Diana Vance

Culvers, Tuesday, October 13th from 10 am -10 pm. They give 15% back if you mention Sarah Adams. More information, and a potential selfie contest, is coming! Last year we raised \$1,800 for restaurant nights.

After School Programs- Carinn Fleming

Rita and she are working to get insurance updated with the district so we can begin promoting. Options we are considering are Virtual Sticky Fingers, Kiwi Co discount, Virtual Architecture class and possibly an in-person class at Clay Monet.

Great Lake Scripts- Discussed during the Treasurer's report.

Buzz Book- Karen Beierwaltes

There will be an extensive delay in receiving data from school. We aren't sure when we will get the information and what the format will be. Please email the pto account if you aren't getting the newsletter.

Box Tops- Keep using the app. We saw a great reduction in our fundraising, so please keep using this! We could use a chairperson for this. If you're interested, please let Rita know.

Any questions or new business

All 2020-2021 PTO Meeting Dates and Zoom Code:

Join Zoom Meetings @ 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 884 2186 2395

Passcode: SAPTO

September 8th

October 6th

November 9th

**No December meeting

January 11th

February 9th

March 8th

April 13th

May 10th