

Field School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7pm

I. Call to Order/Welcome – 7:01pm

- A. Motion to begin: Ranan Gasser, 2nd by Lauren Johnson
- B. In Attendance: Trish Poulson, Lauren Johnson, Katharine Wagner, Kate Blythe, Genious Chaudry, Carolyn Allar, Seni Oduwole, Rana Gasser, Christina P, Sarah Jensen, Bridget Sundt, Rachel Lazzarini, Marianne Kearney.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

- A) Motion to approve 5/11/21 Meeting Minutes (as amended) by Katharine Wagner, 2nd by Lauren Johnson, motion passed.

IV. Principal Report- Heidi Thomas

1. The new school year has gotten off to a great start. Field teachers have been spending the past weeks working on building safe, happy, and trusting relationships with their students. Routines have been established and student stamina has increased daily.
2. Fall bench mark testing has begun on reading behavior and comprehension.
3. MAP assessments are almost done and will be in the coming weeks.
4. Curriculum Night 2021 was a success! Thank you to all the parents who made it out to this fun beginning of the school year event.
5. Talon the Field Falcon has been busy visiting classrooms and welcoming the students back to school.
6. Thank you to the PTA Teacher Appreciation Committee for the new refrigerator in the Teacher's Lounge! Thank you also for the delicious dinner at Curriculum Night and the monthly treats in the lounge.

V. Executive Committee Reports

A) President – Trish Poulson

1. Since Pres-Elect candidate Mindi Honken could not make tonight's meeting, she will be voted in as Pres-Elect at the October PTA meeting.

2. Motion to approve proposed 2021-2022 PTA budget by Kate Blythe, 2nd by Katharine Wagner.

B) President-Elect (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. Still looking for Room Parents for Ms. Kalinsky and Mrs. Giblin
2. Asked to make sure Room Parents know that they have money from the PTA to use first on Room Parent needs before using money donated by classroom parents.
3. Remind Room Parents to submit their reimbursement forms by the 1st week of May.

C) Treasurer- Genius Chaudry

1. Vote taken to approve the payment of (2) teacher reimbursement requests from the previous school year; Vote Passed with the caveat that a deadline be established and clearly communicated to teachers for when they can submit future reimbursement requests.
2. Taking our balance on hand, including the projected income and expenses for the coming year, we were left with a deficit of \$2,226. In order to be in the positive, the following changes were proposed:
 - (a) Increase the projections for the following fundraisers: Dad's Club (\$500), Eat & Earn Day (\$1000), School Supply Kits (\$1300), Twinkle Tour (\$1500)
 - (b) Decrease the budget for the following expenses: Playground Equipment (now \$250) and Specials (now \$500).
3. Vote taken to approve the proposed changes to the PTA budget; Vote Passed.

D) Membership- Lauren Johnson

1. About the same number of PTA memberships as was last year.
2. Directory Spot is up and running.

E) Programs- Kelly Asseff (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. The Fall Assembly has been scheduled for November 11, 2021. The focus of this assembly will be on STEM forces and motion (physics and everyday lives).
2. The assembly will involve (4) groups of students at a time to promote social distancing.

F) Ways & Means- Liz Roder (as reported by Trish Poulson)

1. The Kimmer's Eat & Earn was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the PTA!

2. All MNO have been scheduled! The first MNO will be this Friday, September 17.
3. The next Eat & Earn will be Wednesday, September 22 at McDonald's on Butterfield Road.

VI. Standing Committees

A) Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Jensen

1. The Teacher Appreciation Committee provided lunch for the teachers on the 1st day of school. It was a success with many teachers being appreciative of the nice surprise.
2. The monthly snacks have been filled in the Teacher's Lounge.
3. A dinner was provided for teachers before Curriculum night this month.
4. Donation request will be made to Field families in the coming PTA Newsletter.

B) REACH- Sarah Jensen

1. REACH is for all students and all parents are welcome at the monthly REACH meetings. Please sign up for the REACH newsletter.
2. Last year it was discussed that the REACH program would be revamped. All discussions regarding changes to REACH have been put on pause this year.
3. District 205 will be testing students for REAC placement three times this year: fall, January, and another time tbd. Testing is for incoming 3rd & 6th graders.
4. REACH is looking into ways to provide enrichment opportunities for all students and not just in the area of math but also in literacy.

C) Field Running Club- Audra Stanley & Tanya Britton

1. Field Running Club will start on Thursday, September 23 and is open for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students!
2. The tentative date for the Drumstick Dash is November 11th.

D) Field Yearbook- Audra Stanley

1. Please download the TreeRing app and use it to upload pictures you take of Field students (with their approval), programs, and/or events this year!
2. The TreeRing app has a shared Field School account. When you upload your photos the Yearbook Committee is able to pull pictures to place them in the 2021-2022 Field Yearbook.

E) Walk/Bike To School- Katharine Wagner

1. The fall Walk/Bike To School event is planned for Wednesday, October 6th with no rain date scheduled.

F) Field Beautification/Fall Family Service Day- Marianne Kearney

1. Planning is underway for the Fall Family Service Day. In past years, veterans and local boy scout troops have helped; will look into having their help again this year.
2. Idea to plant bulbs around Field this fall and then in the spring, dig them up and give out to students at the end of the year.

VII. Upcoming Event Dates/Reminders

September 17- Kindergaten MNO at 7:30pm

September 22- Late Arrival Day

September 29- SERG Webinar at 7pm

October 1-School Picture Day (tentative)

October 6- Walk/Bike To School Day

October 8- NO SCHOOL (Teacher Institute Day)

October 11- NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)

October 12- Field PTA Meeting

October 14- REACH Meeting via Zoom at 7pm

October 20- Late Arrival Day

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Kate Blythe, 2nd by Marianne Kearney, adjourned at 8:15pm.