

Fischer PTA Minutes



September 21, 2021 7:00 pm Fischer Elementary Library

Attendees: 24 in attendance.

Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance was said at 7:06 pm and the meeting began.

Welcome: Dulce Renelli and Alma Carrillo introduced themselves and the rest of the 2021-22 PTA board.

May Minutes: Submitted minutes from the May 2021 meeting were reviewed by those in attendance, they are also posted on the Fischer PTA webpage, Jenn Kovacs motioned to approve and Lisa Janco seconded.

Parent Mentor Program: Blanca Vargas, Yesenia Ochoa, and Kathy Davis

This will be the 4th year of the parent mentor program. There is a stipend for parents that volunteer 5 days a week. At 100 hours the stipend is \$1000, at the second half of the year (another 100 hours) the stipend is another \$1000. If you only want to volunteer 3 days a week, then you do not receive the stipend, but the support is still much appreciated.

This is a volunteer program. It is an activity where you can be in the classroom with the teacher, with students 1:1 or in small groups. M-Th 2 hrs every day in the classroom, then F there is a meeting. There are 8-10 parent mentor spots, with a few openings remaining. Contact Blanca Vargas at the school, if you are interested in the program.

Yesenia Ochoa was a mentor the first year. She stated that Fridays is training to learn to engage with the students and was very informative. She has now gone on from the program to earn her education degree and is getting her teacher's license, all with the support of the program and the teachers and staff at Fischer. It is a great opportunity to learn and is only 2 hours a day.

Children are very happy to see parents in the school.

Time commitment is 830-1030 each day, M-F.

Kathy Davis – Parent Engagement Institute Coordinator – Started with the program as a mom, where she only intended to be involved while her children were in elementary school. She is still involved and her youngest is a senior in high school. It is a great program for teaching parents on how to be more connected and involved and the children treat the

parents like rock stars. She stated that if you cannot be a parent mentor, then do try to be a volunteer elsewhere in the school, as any little thing helps.

The program is state funded through a grant, but is not run by the district. The district provides approval to be in the classrooms.

President's Report: Dulce Renelli

Ice cream social was a great success. Handed out new student kindergarten signs to dual and mono language students. All students and siblings received palettas.

District PTA Update: We will not receive a board liaison this year, as all board members will rotate to the schools. The D205 Foundation is selling Christmas trees this year, use Karen Sienko as a tree captain if you do not have one locally. She will deliver to you! The Foundation will be hosting a three-way McDonald's eat n earn for York scholarships, watch the PTA Newsletter for details.

Events: They will be happening, just may not be quite the same as before. The PTA has acquired a Square, for taking credit card payments. Email the treasurer, Maritza Beltran (mbeltran51@gmail.com), for info and getting this prior to an event, if needed.

Flyers: You can now come into the office for making copies for flyers! There is a list for class counts near the copier. Just inform Mrs. Villa and Monique that you are coming in before you do so.

PTA Membership! Join now! PTA membership gives you access to directorySpot and voting.

Membership: 61 members. Current rates are \$20/family and \$15/individual, people can join online or in person. <https://fischerpta.memberhub.com/store>

Book Fair: First Book Fair of the year! September 30 – October 1, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm each day. Sign up genius volunteer requests have been sent out. The fair will also be open late on October 1st, from 3:45-4:45 pm after school, only after the buses have left. There will be a flyer to come.

Fundraising:

Portillo's Eat n Earn on September 29th! Flyer's have been given to teachers. Keep the flyer for the night of!

Affy Tapples sale October 1 – 13th. Apples will be passed out at Trunk or Treat day.

Renee has reached out to the Emerson and Churchville Presidents regarding a combined eat n earn event, she is waiting to hear back.

Fall Fest: Kim McCarthy Trunk or Treat, the plan is to have 6 families and 6 local businesses decorate a trunk for candy handouts. Also have a spooky walk, cake walk, and games. This way everyone is spread out. Need a bilingual co-chair to assist. Also looking for sponsors to help and also make this a fundraiser.

Event Date: October 29th 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Need volunteers! Will use sign up genius and flyers. Will also reach out to NHS Students that need service hours.

Reflections: Judith Theme this year is “I Will Change the World By...”, judging is done by school, then district, then region, then state and national. Due date for Fischer submissions is November 19th!

Directory Spot: Judith The file has been received from the office, hope to have it uploaded by tonight.

DPAC: Karen Next meeting on October 7th, may be sending a survey to parents.

REACH: Dulce Table everything on the tiered REACH program for now, will be looking at changes later. The next meeting time will change based on feedback.

SERG: Dulce Parent webinar on September 29th. All monies not spent last year were donated back to school social workers for fidget toys.

Treasurer’s Report: Maritza Budget presented, as discussed by the Exec board. This will be posted online and voted on in the October meeting.

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Villa Just finished F&P reading levels. MAP will be done 3 times a year this year. CHAMPS continues this year; it is the behavior program. Be sure to mention it, if your student wins as it is a big deal and great effort. Rocket man, math program. This is not a homework effort, but a practice effort. The goal is to have math practice for 30 minutes, in order to have 30 minutes for math and reading each evening, as students are behind in fluency from last year. Nothing has been sent yet, for kinder students this will begin in January.

Part of the school improvement plan is reading, math, and SEL. Goal is for all students is to be at grade level reading by the end of the year. For math it is to increase fluency at grade level.

Hunt, Gather, Parent book study book study is on October 12th is the first section, 7-8pm. There are 5 sections to the book. The discussions will focus on what is something in that

section that was an “Ah ha” and what are you willing to try. The other session dates are: 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, and 2/8, all from 7-8pm.

For Spanish speaking parents there will be another book that will be discussed, which hasn't been decided yet. This will be done in later in the year.

New Business:

Spirit Wear: Waiting for our mascot. We are working with a graphic design company through the district. The PTA will be ordering spirit wear as soon as we have a mascot!

Running Club: Pearl Boardwine Wednesdays, have a really good turnout. Previously ran in the open field. Will be reaching out to those that volunteered and Mrs. Spinelli. Will incorporate the foot tokens this year, as they run a mile.

100 Days of School: Judith & Jenn Offered to start a Yorkfield Food Pantry food drive to celebrate the 100 days of school. Each grade would get an item for the 100th day of school. The 100th day of school falls in the Jan/Feb timeframe.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Lisa Janco, Second: Pearl Boardwine, Meeting ended at 8:06pm

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2021 @7:00PM