



Fischer PTA Meeting Agenda

September 20, 2022 7:00pm

Attendees: 30+ / Start Time: 7:01

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome - Rashidat

Approval of Minutes from May 2022 - skipped will have these for the October meeting.

President's Report – Rashidat Brobbey/Cyndi Sorrell

PTA council update:

Parent Series for Reading and how the brain works

Brewpoint fundraiser for scholarships – Coffee sales, \$10 of each bag goes to the scholarship fund.

Stock the shelves - teachers snacks -- Boost morale, teacher request

Cultural night – This was a teacher's event last year, which they are not doing this year. Meghan Rivera and Courtney Barcus have agreed to chair this instead for February 17th in 2023.

Costa Rica night vs Culture Night – Kira – There isn't a line item in the budget for Costa Rica night, is this now the same as Costa Rica Night and Culture Night? To many this seemed to be the same and there is a challenge to adding a separate culture/country themed event to the calendar. Trying to only do one thing a month. Mrs Villa stated that if someone does wants to chair an event like this, then a group needs to do it, as it is a lot of work and to talk to the PTA co-Presidents.

School beautification – Kristen Anderson – Outside of the school would need to be taken on by the PTA. Heike, there are funds/grants out there that we could apply for, but may want to wait for after construction. Parent mentors manage the garden that we currently have. Kristen would like to generate ideas and will become the committee chair for this. Reach out to her if you have ideas or want to assist.

Community engagement – Kristen Anderson – Working with Mrs Vargas and ways to bridge the different areas of the school, possibly through events at the library and other areas. Will chair the committee for this, reach out to her if you have ideas or want to assist. One idea is to have an event at Bensenville Fischer Farms and incorporate Spanish Heritage Month.

Coffee with the Principal sponsored by the PTA – First coffee is October 13th 830-930a, there will be a total of 4, this helps to make Mrs Villa more accessible to parents.

Yearbook – there are 2 parent volunteers – Mark and Michael – who are going to lead this project. This will help us have a better yearbook this year. We will also take orders. Student council will assist, 5th graders.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Lippert

Budget Presentation – Budget discussion

Rashidat motioned to accept the budget as discussed and presented, Lisa J seconded.

Exploration of a new banking partner – Amy -- 53 vs Elmhurst Community Bank

Elmhurst Community Bank has better fees than 53 for non-profits, and 53 is lowering some of their balance requirements which could impact the amount of fees that we pay this year.

Rashidat motioned to change banks, Lisa and Maritza seconded the move to Elmhurst Community Bank.

Committee Chair Reports

Back to school Supplies – Joey Arroyo – 178 orders, all have \$2 fee. Check is coming in a few weeks. Some were also donated. Can do home delivery, but it will cost an additional \$8. Need to know by 10/31, if we want to continue with First Day School Supply.

Membership – Yesenia Ochoa – Total of 67 members, QR code for joining, one flat fee for the family.

Book Fair – Alma Carillo – Book fair is running 22 – 23, tons of volunteers. Teachers are getting \$25 gift certificate. We will earn about 50% of sales in Scholastic Dollars, which we will use in the spring and give the kids K-2nd \$7 and 3rd-5th \$10.

Monster Mash/Fall Fest - Kim McCarthy – Recreate this year, inside. Request to move to 10/21 due to other schools possibly having events on the 28th as well, then families will not have to decide between 2 events. Mrs Villa, we also have 10 teachers volunteering, so they have marked that on their calendar.

Spooky entrance, photo booth, sugar shuffle (tables instead of trunks in the hallway, not using classrooms), yard games in the gym, and mini donut truck, and possibly popcorn, apple cider, and other things. (Need to discuss with Mrs. Villa about food and activities indoors.) National Honor Society and Key Club for volunteers.

Subcommittees Needed – Spooky entrance and Photo Booth

Mark – has a booth that is used in a trade show, all black, can be used for the photo booth. The fabric is like velcro which can be used to attached things.

Fundraising – Renee Gagliardo – Will do Affy Tapples again, as well as have a few other potential items for the year.

Reflections - Judith Barrientos – N/A

DPAC - Kristen Anderson – 30+ people attended and next meeting is the Nov 10th at 7p.

REACH - Dulce Renelli – Accelerated curriculum, begins in 3rd grade. Last meeting discussed Eureka 2.0. In 3rd grade reach they are doing 4th grade math, etc.

SERG – Courtney Barcus – First meeting is 10/12 on Zoom.

Running Club - Pearl Boardwine – Begins 9/22.

Girls Scouts Service Opportunities - Chris Ferreri – N/A

Principal's Report – Principal Villa – Thank you to the ice cream social parents, the kinder parents felt welcome right away. Thank you to the coffee morning. Thank you for the wish list for the teachers! Every day is like a holiday, people get very excited for deliveries.

We have changed the events for teachers this year. This year they will participate with the PTA, rather than doing their own Math, Reading and other nights.

We are working on getting the Super Moms and Watchdog Dads back together, likely 2 hours in the morning or afternoon. Would like t shirts, will need a budget from the PTA. This is a parent that volunteers with their class, helps the teacher, with specials, or other activities. Pre-planned at least a week ahead. Suggested that rather than t-shirts maybe they can have a fun pin to wear that reflects their Super/Watchdog status.

Acceleration started last week and will switch groups in about 6 weeks. This is for children that need extra support.

MAP testing was done last week, makeups are being done this week. Actual results will be provided at conferences.

Kinder students will be doing KIDS testing, which is done by the teacher based on observation. Pre-assessment now, post-assessment in March.

Can teachers add more things to the wish-list? Yes, some have expired, but some will be added.

New Business –

Kira asked if the AmazonSmile donations, can go to the teacher wish list items. Martiza answered that this money goes into the general budget, rather than towards specific items. It does help a ton, but varies each quarter.

Adjournment – Amy adjourns, Martiza seconded, meeting ended at 8:25pm.

Next meeting is **Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm.**