



# Little River Elementary

## PTA Meeting Minutes

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September 14, 2021 / 8:00 PM / Google Meets

**ATTENDEES:** Sharolyn Paschal, Mike Fitzgerald, Sara Pollack, Kati Ashley, Heather Lucier, Anna Maddock, Alisa Strittmatter, Carrie Hanna, Chris Staessle, Christine Garris, Elizabeth Bush, Ferkat Jawdat, Hae Dong Lee, Jennifer Mitkowski, Jinhee Yu, Joanna Caswell, Justin Fabin, Kevin Murphy, Kimberly Dempsey, Kristie Mundinger, Kistin Martin, Lakshmi Srinivasan, Monica Florio, Shefali Malhotra, Timur Vassel, Trey Tansbotham, Virginia Nipper, Nourane Salem, Nandita Mehta, Jennifer LePore, Hesham Elbarawy, Rakshya Pant, Jennifer Rosenfeld, Danielle Long

**CALL TO ORDER: 8:01**

### AGENDA

**President: Sharolyn**

- Welcome and introduction of 2021-2022 officers
- Open Position - Vice President
- General Membership Meetings will be all virtual until further notice on the second Tuesday of the month

**Treasurer: Mike**

- **Treasurers Financial Report** - Limited activity as no approved budget. Expenses consist of Back to School Movie Night and Income primarily consists of card link income and spirit wear sales.

- **2020 - 2021 Financial Review** is complete and has been approved by the executive board. Mike Fitzgerald presented recommendations and requested approval from the general membership. The Budget Review committee should send an email monthly.
  - 2 signatory people have access instead of the recommended 3 by the PTA to lower the amount of people who have access to the bank account. This is agreed upon by the board.
  - Only one outstanding balance Mike will be following up on from the last fiscal year.
- **2021 - 2022 Proposed Budget Presentation** - Budget has been updated to reflect continued uncertainty for the upcoming fiscal year. The Executive Board has recommended the adoption of the proposed budget with the understanding that budget updates and changes will result as new information is available and as additional needs are identified by the school.
  - We are expected to have a net loss of \$3,000 for this fiscal year due to the uncertainty of the current climate. We would still have a net positive budget due to past years
  - ASEP is a big income source; however, only expecting about a third of what we would get in previous years.
- **Reimbursement Forms and Guidelines** will stay consistent for the 2021-2022 school year assuming adoption of the proposed budget. The forms and guidelines can be found on the PTA website.
- **The Finance Committee** is still in need of a few volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please feel free to sign up on the website or reach out to [mike@littleriverpta.org](mailto:mike@littleriverpta.org).

### **VP of Fundraising: Sara**

- **Spirit Nights**
  - The First Spirit Night of the year is next Tuesday, September 21 from 4-8 PM at Panera. Bring the flyer or use code PRFUND when you place your order online.
  - Spirit night with the new South Riding SweetFrog is in progress--stay posted for details. Thank you to everyone who helped us win the year long sponsorship by this new location.
- **Sprout Supplies:** Many thanks to everyone who made our Sprout School Supplies a success!

- **Spirit wear** is currently in process, be on the lookout for a link to order soon.
- **Rewards Programs:** Always remember to credit Little River with your Coke Rewards and BoxTops. It is also now time to relink your Harris Teeter VIC card for Together In Education. Our code is 5951.

### **Volunteer Coordinator: Kati**

- Cancellation of ASEP for the Fall in the best interest of everyone to keep everyone healthy.
- Volunteers needed for outdoor Bingo night on 9/24 at 6pm, vision screening and glow dance committee in October.
- Looking for Events Chair for board
- If you want on the volunteer email list fill out website form or email [kati@littlriverpta.org](mailto:kati@littlriverpta.org)
- Ecse looking for good condition used outdoor toys
- Huge thank you to everyone who donated to stock the lounge. Keeping the wish list open and updated throughout the year. If anyone wants to order at any time for a little appreciation for the staff, spread out through the year.
- Sweet Frog first spirit night October 7th 4-8pm ! We also get free yogurt cards for everyone at Little River. The adopted us for the full year for multiple spirit nights throughout the year! First Monday of the month they will collect school supplies for us. Donating cups of yogurt to staff event and possibly be at events
- SPED Preschool is looking for outdoor toys donations

### **Secretary: Heather**

- Membership update (with Jessica S.) 173 members with 18 staff adoptions with some outstanding still. Snow cone 50% cotton cand 75% and pizza party with 90%
  - Flyer announcements
- Website is updated with a new layout and updated information and logo
- Panera Spirit night and Outdoor Bingo posted on social media, emails, and the events page of the website.
- Birthday Sign Orders

### **New Business**

- Administration updates:
  - Tomorrow is dot day tomorrow (9/16)

- The school did a lot leading up to Patriot Day complete with the special flag flown. Information in the Newsletter.
- Picture day is 9/22! Make up day with be in November.
- Sign up for Remind to get last minute updates on upcoming events from the school
- Going Gold last week of September. 9/29, supporting childhood cancer month.
- Mr. Murphy wanted to say how impressed he and his staff has been with all the students have done with coming back to school full time.
- Assessments have started and spread out to not interfere with instruction in the classroom. They are also mostly online to help with speed of getting data to teachers. OAS VGA Virginia Growth Assessment, it is like the SOLs but shorter (16-21 questions) and only math and reading. It is a two year roll out starting this year. It is only Fall this year. Next year fall and winter with the SOLs in the Spring.
  - VGA testing for the fall will be for last year grade to be closer to the Spring SOL
  - MAP testing going well so far now that kids are back in school

Third graders are going to be taking the COGAT this fall

### Action Items

- Financial Review brought to vote for approval by Sharolyn and seconded by Heather. Passed unanimously.
- Approval of budget for the 21-22 Fiscal year brought to vote for approval by Sharolyn and seconded by Heather. Passed unanimously.

### Open discussion

- Elizabeth B suggested: if a staff basketball game doesn't work out, perhaps we could switch it to a kickball game. Players can space out and have lots less contact.
- Elizabeth B asked: Will the VGA eventually replace the MAP testing or will we continue to do both?
  - Dempsey responded we will not be removing MAP in the future.
- Monica F: wanted to know if the outdoor classroom as been utilized by teachers as she volunteered to be the gardening committee chairhead
  - Dempsey said it is being used for mask breaks and music class

- Jennifer M said it has been great with the Kindergarteners last Spring
- Murphey, if anyone could weed that'd help with maintenance and possible add more greenier this Spring
- Nandita M: Will the current 2nd graders have COGAT this feb? and is VGA for 2nd graders as well? or any Assessment for 2nd grader? Also: are we looking into having the curriculum night , we had done in the past?
  - Murphy: Our current 2nd graders will take the CogAT (like usual" in Feb 2022) and please reach out to your student's teacher.

**Next Membership Meeting:** Tuesday October 8th at 8pm

**SEAC update:** Elizabeth B. last Wednesday was the first meeting of the school year.

- New VA IEP system. Every family should have gotten an email about this over the summer. It has the same information, just a little differently organized.
- SEAC has very good information on their website about this.
- 1st Wednesday of October, 10/6 is the next meeting at 7pm.

**MSAAC update:** Christine G. first meeting tomorrow, 3rd Wed of every month at 7pm. Equity Trends will be the topic of this month's meeting

ADJOURNED AT: 9:17pm