

CRES PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23, 7 PM

Attendees:

Amy Beck	Mary Gatton	Kim Painter	Lakicia Moye
Stacy Vickers	Jason McConachy	Krissy Schmidt	Rachel Ehlers
Regina Galie	Catherine Brown	Laura Connelly	Sarah Yurasko
Katherine Seto	Cindy Ko	Leslie Lauth-Torres	Stacy Vickers
Kristen Melchiori	Elizabeth Busby	Lisa Hammond	Vicki Trump
Elizabeth Carroll	Enidza Segarra	Mark Bibbee	Lisa Baxter
Patrick McCane	Gina Hoffmann	Matt Ryan	Meagan Dwyer
Matt Ryan	Jennifer Dixon	Melanie Manikas	Terri Thomas
Jeannie Waters	Jill Hunt	Nicole Brewin	Ashley Kudirka
Telena Carter	Jocelyn Balangue	Patrick McCane	2 x unknown

Welcome – Jason welcomed everyone back and thanked all for attending.

Principal's Update

Mr. Bibbee – We've had a fantastic kickoff to the year. Staff is working very hard. A couple computers have crashed. This is the first time we've done some of these things so we will fix. Mr. Bibbee attended back to school nights. Is getting concerns about screen time. He asked that we continue to send him that feedback so we will make adjustments and try to balance. No issues with people being angry. All emails to him and staff have been very courteous and understanding. Bad feedback is helpful too.

Regarding return to school: Will still have 110 students who will continue to be online even when some students return to school. Will have to balance staff and classrooms. Was told that start time will stay the same as we start phasing kids in until the second semester. At that point the bus schedule may change (because older kids will be in school). Will slide back even for online students. Will have town hall next week – probably Thursday. Will require new class lists because one teacher will be the online teacher. So in person students would go with the in person teacher. If you decide to go virtual you would go with the virtual teacher.

In Weekly Highlights and Principals Update will have info about blue light glasses. They have helped his daughters with headaches and eye strain.

2019-2020 Financial Review (Vote*)

- Financial Review is available for review in advance at <https://cherryrunelementarypta.org/info/budget/>
- (It is the second document at this link)

Link was sent in the meeting notes. This is required every year by national and VA State PTA. No major findings. Was noted that when we transitioned to online meetings, we didn't present the budget at the last virtual meeting.

We were given guidelines that a cash counting sheet be used whenever cash is being collected.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Financial Review as presented: Catherine Brown
Second: Meagan Dwyer
Several yeses. No one opposed. Motion passed

2020-2021 Membership Dues (Vote*)

Executive Board recommendation to membership is below.

Bylaws require 30 day notification before voting to change dues. Executive board met and collected feedback and recommends continued \$75 dues (and \$10 for teachers). Since the \$75 membership only allows for one adult member, the board is recommending an optional 2 person membership for \$80 if you want two family members to be voting members.

Question about estimated membership. Last year we estimated 150 and the number was much higher. This year we just don't know.

Motion to change the membership dues of the Cherry Run Elementary School PTA, effective as of the 2020-2021 school year and thereafter, to: \$75 for an adult individual, \$80 for a household (2 adults within a household/family unit), and \$10 for teachers/staff:
Leslie Lauth-Torres
Second: Regina Galie
Online vote on dues: Motion passed unanimously.

2020-2021 PTA Budget (Vote*)

Proposed budget is available for review in advance at <https://cherryrunelementarypta.org/info/budget/>.

Questions? Contact Kim Painter at Treasurer@cherryrunelementarypta.org

Budget is on the website and in the chat now. We're trying to figure out what we can do today for students and families. We've gone with GSuite for nonprofits which is free to us as a nonprofit. We are going to do membership online this year. Want to thank Ann Newman for her work in school kits this year which she did with uncertainty. Ann thanked Megan for helping with deliveries.

Yearbook distribution was also a new experience. Spirit Wear, which closes Saturday has also moved online. Thanks to Claire McCartney for heading that up.

The budget that we put together has some line items that may not make sense for a virtual environment but we have budgeted for them in the past and we don't want to not have them available if the environment changes. We are not married to this budget.

Kim – We have budgeted to have a plan for if we do go back to school. See budget for details.

Other expenses include accounting software, PTA website, audit (in case we need it), volunteer....cut down to 150, membership drive 200, banking fees, bulletin board (in

case we return to school), school beautification 450, last year idea to repair sheds -
Kristin Sinclair

Field trips \$5000, library \$3000 – Ms. Hammond looking to expand virtual library as well as the physical library. Back to school celebration \$50.

Terri Thomas is working on plans for the Fall Festival. It won't be at Burke Nursery. Donuts with loved ones 250 and 250 for sweets with your sweetie. Total for membership programs is \$2000. Running club – Jessica and Barb spend what they bring in for that.

Student programs – couple of cuts. Reptiles alive - Each grade gets \$500. County may not be ok with outsiders coming in. Odyssey of the mind – did not fund. SCA funded at 250 like last year. School wide Arts and Enrichment.

Reflections will happen.

Specials: \$1000 – specials teachers can pull from that.

Ms. Dixon gets extra to replace equipment.

Professional development for staff – weren't certain that would be happening in person.

Classroom supply reimbursement – teachers can submit receipts for up to a certain amount.

Staff retirement gifts \$100.

New families, back to school bash,

Donated funds.

*Recommended in comments to push for Amazon smile in every PTA Newsletter.

Meagan Dwyer – No line item for directory. Kim will make a note of it. Cost was \$189.50 last year. Jason suggest putting \$300 towards that line item. Kim is ok with that.

Answer to a question: Katherine Seto: Brought in almost 700 last year from box tops.

Motion to approve budget as presented with the addition of \$300 allocated for directories: Catherine Brown

Second: Joanna Sampson

Motion passed

*Communications Reminder (You must opt-in to receive PTA Updates)

If you know someone who does not subscribe, let them know

Fall Festival

Terri Thomas – We are planning to have it at Cherry Run (not at Burke Nursery) with a week long list of activities. Will have pumpkin collection. Plan is to have them lined up the sidewalk and up towards the bus loop. We can have a pumpkin walk. Asking students not to carve pumpkins. Just decorate them. No flyers. Advertisement will be in weekly highlights newsletter and on the PTA website.

Programs@cherryrunelementarypta.org

October 26 fall pictures – reach out to Terri if you're interested in participating.

- Volunteer Opportunities

10/26-31st we'll need volunteers – Email Terri if you're interested

Committee chair vacancies: Bulletin boards, Enrichment programs, Arts enrichment, silent auction, virtual engagement (keep kids connected to CR community, maintain morale, etc)

volunteer@cherryrunelementarypta.org – Elizabeth Carroll

programs@cherryrunelementarypta.org – Terri Thomas

Spirit wear - Closes Saturday, September 26

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/cherry-run-elementary-pta-spirit-wear>

Elizabeth posted link to spirit wear in the comments. Used theme “We are...” and all the wonderful things in between. Little kids hoodies have the image on the back. There will be more opportunities to buy spirit wear but this one ends Saturday?

- Silent auction was cancelled this summer. We still have donations and are planning for late November, early December
- Membership / joining will be online. There will be a processing fee for using a credit card.
- Overstock spirit wear from years past will also be on the store.

Reflections 2020-2021: I Matter Because...

(Contact: Reflections@cherryrunelementarypta.org)

Elizabeth Gibbons: Theme – “I matter because...” On Monday, a google classroom, children can join 3:30-4:15, brainstorming session to figure out why they matter and how they can express why they matter in one of the 3 categories. How to enter – obtain a link from her and take a picture and submit it through that link. Need child's age, and category.

Gallery walk will be virtual. Kids will be invited to speak to their art.

Committee and Other Updates

Jeannie Waters - Any parents interested in reviewing the School Improvement Innovation Plan can contact me Jeannie Waters at jfwaters@fcps.edu or if you are interested in joining the school equity committee contact Erin Hurley at eehurley@fcps.edu

Adjournment