

**Winnona Park ES PTA
Board of Directors**

Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Winnona Park ES PTA Board of Directors was held via Zoom videoconference on September 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Co-President Courtney Sollie.

Present

Dawn Drobbin, Co-President
Courtney Sollie, Co-President
Ben Duda, Vice President
Anna Summerlin, Treasurer
Stacey Mohr, Secretary
Yara Haddad, Communications Chair
Ruth Scott, Principal
Kelly McCool, Teacher Representative
Cindy Clark, Teacher
April Biagioni
Chris Stirn
Hetal Rothad
Kristen Pastras
Lauren Brown
Lindsay Hodgson
India Epps
Leslie McCauliff
Gina Townsend
Ellen Narain
Lonnie Parker

August Minutes for Approval

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020, meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous show of hands.

Principal's Report

Principal Scott reported that assessments are starting this week and parent-teacher conferences will be starting next week. The new parent members of the SLT are Sherry Peterson and Taniqua Miller. Discussions followed regarding PTA being available to support teachers in any way needed, changes in school enrollment numbers, and suggestion of future agenda item regarding the Flybrary.

DEF Grant Update

Courtney Sollie reported that DEF has stated that they will not be doing any grants while the district is in virtual learning.

Membership Report

Stacey Mohr provided an update on the number of members signed up for PTA. The numbers are lower than this time last year, so please make sure you have joined and remind friends. Discussion followed of ways to let people know what PTA is doing and to increase membership.

Budget Update

Anna Summerlin presented the treasurer's report through August 31, 2020. Membership revenue has not come through PayPal yet, but revenue from passive fundraising is already above budget due to increased revenues through Amazon Smile. The larger expense items in August were teacher stipends and the deposit for the tree sale.

Fundraising

Spirit Wear Store

Ellen Narain and Gina Townsend reported that the store is open until September 30. Sales are behind what they were last year. Discussion followed on getting out the word to friends about the sale and ideas for additional adult-sized items. It was decided by show of hands that a bulk order of youth masks would be made now so that they would arrive sooner to sell.

Read-a-thon

Laura Brown and Hetal Rothad reported that promotion for the Read-a-thon will start on September 28, with reading going from October 2 through 9. My Mitsy is working to make the students' pages private. Charis offered to donate gift cards again for prizes of the teachers. Discussion followed regarding a possible outdoor event at Charis to kick off the Read-a-thon.

Tree, Wreath, and Candle Sale

The sale will take place December 5. Chris Stirn reported that the webpage is up and ready to take orders. Adjustments are being made so that people can purchase items without having to login to the PTA site. The final payment to Cool Springs is due October 1.

Committee Reports

Room Parent Coordinators

India Epps reported that orientation has been held. The spirit wear sale will be included in the next update to room parents.

Diversity & Inclusion

April Biagioni reported that she and Lonnie Parker have met with most of their six sub-committees. Peace & Pie is scheduled for October 5 at 6 PM and will be hosted Virtual Walking Tours. She also discussed heroes in every color being included in Community Circle. Discussion followed regarding potentially having other schools co-sponsor Peace & Pie and allocation of seats. Virtual Walking Tours charges per screen, with a maximum of 100.

Lonnie Parker reported on a letter published on Decaturish.com from the Decatur Black Parents Association regarding recent acts of racism by children in the Decatur community. The PTA should think about how we can engage to prevent these attitudes from developing in our children and school community.

Items for E-Blast

Courtney Sollie asked for any items to be added to the E-blast for this week. Current items include the spirit wear sale, reminder to join the PTA, and a save-the-date for Peace & Pie.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Please let Courtney Sollie know if you have agenda items for next month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM by Courtney Sollie. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 7 PM, via Zoom videoconference. All meetings will be held at 7 PM on the third Wednesday of each month.

Minutes submitted by

Stacey M. Mohr

Stacey Mohr, Secretary

Approved by

Board Vote 10/21/2020
