



Fullerton Elementary School
PTA Meeting 9/12/2023

1. The meeting started at 7:25 with the Pledge of Allegiance and an introduction of all the current members of Fullerton PTA Board:
 - Cathy Neisser – VP 1, Fundraising
 - Aleshia Shifflett – VP 2, Membership
 - Monica Offerman – Treasurer
 - Susannah Ray – Secretary
 - Brittany Jeffries – Yearbook
 - Britni Hazel – School Spirit Coordinator

2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. July & August starting budget: \$14,099.99
 - b. July & August expenses: - \$1,431.66 (insurance, teacher allotments, PreK & K playdate, teacher breakfast)
 - c. July & August income: + \$698.24 (memberships, Kona fundraiser, GotSneaker fundraiser, Scentsy fundraiser)
 - d. July & August ending budget: \$13,366.42
 - e. Our 2023-24 budget will be confirmed at our next meeting.

3. Fundraising Report
 - a. Spirit Nights:
 - i. **Tuesday, September 19 at Chick-Fil-A in Perry Hall** – Flyers will come home next week but you can just mention that you are from Fullerton.
 - ii. **Wednesday, October 4 at Chipotle in White Marsh** - Flyers will be sent home that week and will include a code for online ordering; you can also buy in person and just mention Fullerton.
 - b. Penny Wars – Send in your loose change to help your child's house win the penny war. Pennies and dollars add points for your child's house. Nickels, dimes, and quarters subtract points, so kids can "sabotage" another house. Collection buckets for each house are in the main lobby at Fullerton.
 - c. Cookbook – We are collecting recipes to include in a cookbook that will be sold at a later date. Please send your favorite recipe(s) to share to Cathy Neisser at <https://bit.ly/FullertonPTACookbook>.
 - d. BoxTops – No more clipping required! Just download the app, connect to Fullerton Elementary, and start scanning your receipts. Encourage your family and friends to participate, too. Certain items on your receipt will go directly toward funds for our school: we've already raised \$62 this year! In addition, every receipt scanned (even those without BoxTops) enters us into a drawing for a \$5000 donation for our school.
 - e. Raffle Basket – Tickets were sold at Back-to-School Night and the winner was drawn at tonight's meeting. Congratulations to David James for winning the raffle basket!



4. Membership Report

- a. If you have not already, please [become an official member of 2023-24 Fullerton PTA](#). It costs just \$10 per member. One of the benefits is that members will have first access to volunteer opportunities at the school.
- b. Please also [join our Facebook page](#) to receive ongoing information.
- c. If you are interested in voluntary at Fullerton at any point this year (helping out in classrooms, attending field trips, helping with Penguin Patch or FunFest, etc.), you must [COMPLETE THE BCPS VOLUNTEER TRAINING](#), and you must renew every school year. This involves an application, a 15–20-minute online course, and sending the certificate to the school. All information is available on www.bcps.org.

5. Yearbook Report

- a. Planning for this year's yearbook has already started, but we need your help with collecting photos! Please email photos to Brittany Jeffries at FullertonES.Yearbook@gmail.com or post them to the Fullerton PTA Facebook page.
- b. If you are creative and want to help with taking photos at the school or with designing the pages, please let Brittany know. She does appreciate the help!

6. Trunk-or-Treat

- a. Mark your calendars: **Trunk-or-Treat will be 5pm-6pm on Thursday, October 19!**
- b. This event is free of charge, and all students are welcome to attend. But for safety reasons, we ask that all children be accompanied by an adult.
- c. We will send out a Sign-Up Genius for trunk spots. If you host a trunk, set-up will start at 4:30.
- d. If hosting a trunk or attending the event, please do not park in the bus loop, as it is a fire lane and the pick-up zone for Calliday after school care.
- e. Candy donations are welcome: more information to come regarding how to do this.
- f. We will send out an Amazon link for other ToT donations, for those interested.
- g. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please ensure you are a registered BCPS volunteer.
- h. Sarah Twist will be the main point of contact and coordinator of this event this year.

7. Voting for Our New PTA President

- a. The presidency position has been vacant this summer.
- b. Sarah Twist has volunteered to take on the role. No other nominations were made, and Sarah was voted into the position. Welcome, Sarah!

8. Principal's Report

- a. We tried something new with tonight's Back-to-School Bash. We hoped you liked it. Information will be going out if you missed a session that you wanted to attend.
- b. This is one of the best turnouts we've had for a PTA meeting. So, thank you for staying late.
- c. A police report has been filed regarding the graffiti on the playground. The school cameras did record the culprit, and that footage has been shared with the police.
- d. A teacher's car was broken into, and a police report has been filed for that too.
- e. Safety is a top priority for the teachers and administrators at Fullerton. Ms. Salkowski entrusts her staff to make a decision and err on the side of caution, if something seems unsafe.



- f. In the event of an incident at the school, the immediate focus is on securing the safety of the children and teachers, as well as communicating/coordinating with the police and then BCPS. If it's a major event, then communication will come directly from BCPS. If it's not a major event, then Ms. Salkowski will send out communications, but it may not be immediate.
- g. We understand that not knowing is stressful, so you are always welcome to call the school.
- h. We also ask that you err on the side of the caution. If you notice something unsafe/concerning in the community, please call 911 (for emergencies) or 410-887-2222 (for non-emergencies).

9. Upcoming Dates

- a. Picture day is September 20.
- b. In observance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, schools are closed for students on September 15 and 25.
- c. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 pm. It will again be in-person and online. We hope to see you there!

10. In attendance

- Sarah Twist (President), Cathy Neisser (VP 1, Fundraising), Aleshia Shifflett (VP 2, Membership), Susannah Ray (Secretary), Brittany Jeffries (Yearbook), Britni Hazel (School Spirit Coordinator), Candace Salkowski (Principal), Vicki Waite (Assistant Principal), Tara Jones (Teacher), Lauren Lissau, Stephanie Payne, Joey Kirby, Kelsey Valletta (Teacher), Allison Aro, Shannon Clark, Tiffany Wicks, Rosemary Ojin, Samantha Jerbi, Danielle Zurick, Gina Sherwood, et al., Taisha Andrews (online), G Anene (online), Sara Bosque (online), Katelyn Caplinger (online), Tanae D (online)