

Fullerton PTA Meeting

February 7, 2023

In attendance:

Britni Hazel, President
Cathy Neisser, Vice President (virtual)
Aleshia Shifflett, Vice President (virtual)
Monica Offerman, Treasurer (virtual)
Susannah Ray, Secretary
Brittany Jeffries, Yearbook
Candace Winterson, Principal (virtual)
Vicki Waite, Assistant Principal
Danielle Thackston, Teacher (virtual)

Mike Lambert, Teacher (virtual)
Kellie Cordell, Teacher (virtual)
Morgan Edwards
Fawn Lindsey
Ally Aro (virtual)
Tanae D (virtual)
Amera Daye (virtual)
G Fagan (virtual)
Kaitlin Schwaab (virtual)
Taisha Andrews (virtual)

Britni started the meeting at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Fun Fest/Fun Day

Mr. Lambert has begun planning this year's Fun Fest, and he would like to make it a full-day event for all grades. Typically, Fun Fest has involved some carnival games in the gym. The games and small prizes are put together by the PTA. This year, we would like to add onto this event, so that students also do an outdoors rotation similar to a Field Day or Sports Day.

After discussing this possibility, a motion was made to move forward with an expanded Fun Fest, supported by the PTA. Britni will meet with Mr. Lambert and Ms. Salkowski to begin hammering out the details. The proposed date is June 2nd, with a rain date for the following week. We will need parent volunteers to help with this, so please stay tuned.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are scheduled to arrive the second/third week of May. An initial proof of the yearbook has been put together and is being reviewed, but Brittany still needs more pictures from Art and Library, as well as pictures of a few teachers and candid shots for some grades/classes. We could also use more pictures of spirit days and American Education Week. If you have some that you would like to share, please send them to Brittany at fullertones.yearbook@gmail.com.

Brittany currently has 45 of 60 baby pictures for the fifth graders. Please send those to fullertones.yearbook@gmail.com ASAP if you have not already. Be sure to label the file with your child's name.

A big shout out to Ally for helping Brittany get pictures of some students who missed the fall picture days. Morgan and Ally will help with some of the other pictures that need to be taken during the school day.

Brittany inquired if any parents would be interested in pre-ordering a yearbook for their child. Several parents said yes, so she will begin working on the logistics of that.

Paint Night

Aleshia is coordinating a paint/art night for kids and parents in March/April. It will be a ticketed event that would include all art supplies needed and possibly some snacks. Each child would need to be accompanied by a trusted adult, and both the child and adult would do the painting.

More details will be made available in the coming weeks or at our next PTA meeting on March 7.

March Is National Reading Month

The first full week is reading week and each day will have some type of reading activity. Throughout the month there will be different activities in homerooms and special areas.

Treasurer's Report

We started January with \$22,344.64. We had **\$462.40** in withdrawals (sign repairs, Joe Corbi's prizes, field trips, and teacher allotments). There were no deposits, so we ended with **\$21,882.24**.

School Safety Concerns

The PTA is buying some new A-frame signs for the school to remind parents/guardians that they cannot park in the bus loop. It is reserved for buses and daycare vans only.

Also, BCPS policy is that dogs/pets cannot be on school grounds during school hours and at arrival and dismissal. Only service animals (in full identification) are allowed.

Is Officer Fuller around to help with unruly teenagers/kids on the playground in the afternoon? Officer Fuller is available sometimes, but she is the School Resource Officer (SRO) for 11 elementary schools and her official hours are during school hours only. If you are witnessing inappropriate behaviors on the school grounds after school, please report it to Ms. Salkowski (cwinterson@bcps.org). If they are current or former Fullerton students, she can address them or reach out to Officer Fuller as needed.

Current and Upcoming Events

We are currently in WIDA testing (for our ELL students) and in the middle of MAP testing (reading and math assessments for all students). Both will wrap up by the end of the month.

The 100th day of school was February 8.

Schools are closed on February 20 for President's Day.

A bus safety drill is scheduled for February 23 or 24.

The Kid's Heart Challenge (formerly Jump Rope for Health) is February 27-March 3.

MISA Testing (for 5th grade science) will be March 5.

Schools close 3 hours early on March 17 and 24.

Spring Break is April 1-10.

First grade field trip to the park is scheduled for a date in April.

Saver's Donation Fundraiser is scheduled for May 6. Bring clothes, electronics, books, toys, etc. that you want to donate. We will take the stuff to them and they will pay us per pound.

Ballroom Dance Week for 5th graders is May 15-19.

Note to Teachers

We have money set aside to help you with your classroom, field trips, assemblies, spirit activities, etc. Please let us know your needs. For example, Mr. Lambert is currently looking into a Reptile World assembly for several/all grades and planning an end-of-year celebration for safety patrol, which we will be helping fund.

Thank you's

Thank you to the PTA for decorating the school for Valentine's Day, including the decorations in the faculty lounge and the paintings on the entry windows (done by Cathy Neisser). It all looks great!

If parents want to send in a Valentine's note/thank-you to teachers, there are "mailbags" in the front lobby for them.

This week is National Counselors Week. Thank you to Ms. C for all the amazing work you do!

Box Tops raised \$25 last month. Thank you to everyone who is participating. If you want to get started and need help, please reach out to Aleshia. Students can bring in notes to give to their teachers and put in

Next Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is March 7 at 7:00 p.m. It will again be in-person in the Fullerton Faculty Lounge and online via Google Meet. We hope to see you there!