

**PSE PTA BACK TO SCHOOL MEETING**  
**August 21, 2019 6:30 PM**

Introductions- Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and stated their role in the PTA this year.

**Jayne Armbruster, Principal**

- Her big rocks are: building relationships, do what is right for the kids, be present, and she presented vision and mission statements.
- The 4 pillars at PSE are Paideia (getting national accreditation this year), Character Education (focusing on this school year), technology (focus for 20-21 school year), outdoor learning (focus for 22-23 school year)
- Part of the safe school plan is that wearable technology is no longer allowed at PSE.
- Tuesdays will be folder days when all of the teachers will send home weekly communications.
- Twitter will now be used for the PSE bus info- @psebuses
- Each class will have a daily meeting in the morning
- There is a new EL curriculum for K-3 and 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will have thematic units
- 16 new teachers to PSE this year (4 are first year teachers)
- There will be 8 day rotation with specials (2 PE and one collaboration/community day that teachers can use for art appreciation or character ed etc.)

**Ms. Shelton/Ms. Stewart, Teachers**

- They will share a space for their classrooms this year. These are separate classes but will allow these students to gain a greater sense of responsibility, community, small groups via collaboration. The teaching areas are separate but the workspace is shared.

**Lauren Shoumlin, President**

- Please attend our Mecklenburg Co PTA meeting which will be on 9/14 at Phillip Berry Academy of Technology from 8-2pm.
- We will have grade level t-shirts to purchase for each class in different colors on pay for school stuff this year. Children will use for activities and field trips throughout the year.
- There will be a new parent coffee on 8/30 at 9:30 am in the cafeteria.

- The spirit rock is open to board members so reserve your birthdays on payforschoolstuff. We are repainting curb around the rock and if you get paint on it you could be fined \$150 to repaint.
- Please donate new batteries to the metro school battery drive, which begins on 8/26.

#### **Lori Toney, Treasurer**

- Motion to approve current budget, approved by the board
- Motion to reallocate funds as needed by the executive board, approved by the board.

#### **Shanna Hodges, Secretary**

- Explained about folders in the office and that name tags and forms for year are in your folder.
- Please complete your confidentiality form and conflict of interest form and print your name below your signature. You can place in my box when completed.

#### **Marguax Karagosian, Audit Chair**

- Presented the audit report for 2018-19 as correct. A motion was made to accept the audit and membership voted to approve the audit.

#### **Shanna Hodges, School Supplies**

- Thanks to everyone who helped with school supplies. We were able to get everything done in one day and will distribute to kindergarten classrooms on 8/29 at 8 am to anyone who is able to help.

#### **Crystal Sharpe, Go/Play/Save and Free Fundraisers**

- Go play save will have a \$45 bundle option this year, which allows you to buy both the book and the mobile version.
- There is a new app to scan your grocery receipts for box tops.
- Please also consider enrolling in amazon smile, HT together in education (up to 5 schools can be used), Publix's program.

#### **Lee Sugg, Parent Info Packs**

- Sending out a simplified version of our parent info packs home with parents on open house day.

### **Amy Mahaffey, Hospitality**

- We had Salsaritas cater our teacher luncheon and also gave go/play/save books to each teacher along with some spirit wear items. Thank you to the parents who donated desserts as well. We plan to do box dinners for curriculum night.

### **Megan Sutsko, Spirit Wear**

- We will have spirit wear available at open house and online until 9/13. Orders will be delivered on 10/1.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm

Attendance: Alexa Adams, Shanna Hodges, Julie Swope, Meghan Swedberg, Genie Ombach, Crystal Sharpe, Sarah Elliott Burton, Pia Ramey, Peggy Conerly, Lee Sugg, Amy Mahaffey, Margaux Karagosian, Megan Sutsko, Lauren Corkey, Rowena Stryron, Jennifer Sbarra, Lori Toney, Denise Short, Michelle Kidd, Lauren Shoumlin