

Swift Creek Elementary
PTA Meeting
December 8, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

This was a general membership meeting.

Attendees:

1. Marie Dexter
2. Lauren Nicholls
3. Mr. Propst
4. Ms. Sutton
5. Ms. Mailhot
6. Ms. D'Amelio
7. Lisa Kropilak
8. Megan Holler
9. Maggie Howard
10. Rebecca Simpson
11. Annie Pilz
12. Deb Killion
13. Sarah Wohldmann
14. Anju Jain
15. Farzaneh Ranzei
16. Ashley Elliot
17. Dana Boyer
18. Sam Allen

1. Call to Order
- Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.
2. Budget Update
- Renewal of Reading A-Z, Brain Pop - Brain Pop renewed on October 19 - \$2995 - Reading A-Z renewed November 3 - \$1759.50
3. Hospitality Committee Update
- November hospitality (pies) went great. Staff really enjoyed it! - There is a drop box for gift card donations. Feel free to donate at the school or at my house. Deadline is December 11.
4. Yearbook Cover Contest
- We are doing the yearbook cover contest again this year. - No submissions have been received yet. - There are a couple of rules. - The winner will go on the cover and 4 others will go on the back.

- Sarah Wohldmann to send Mr. Propst a blurb to send out to families.
- Student pictures will be in the Spring sometime.

5. Virtual Science Fair

- Going virtual this year.
- Regional and State fair will also be virtual this year.
- It will be presentation style.
- Entries are due January 12, uploaded January 13 and judging will take place January 14
- Ideas for participation:
 - Teachers can shout it out to in-person students
 - Use of talking points to get the word out
 - Print out of registration forms
 - Google form has been created for all virtual entries
 - Offer some incentives for kids
 - Extra Recess, Lunch with a Teacher, Day off of Virtual Learning, etc.
 - Mr. Propst will take care of figuring out a menu of rewards (It will be the same list for yearbook and science fair) -- due in a week

6. Reflections Committee Update

- 3 or 4 entries were submitted

7. Spirit Wear & Spirit Week

- You can order spirit wear online now!
- Next week we are ending the year with a spirit week. There will be a participation of sorts. Every student can participate. A way for us to have fun and be a community.
 - Monday: Warm Fuzzy Socks
 - Tuesday: Wear a toboggan/beanie and scarf
 - Wednesday: Wear your PJs
 - Thursday: Wear a tacky sweater or mismatched clothes
 - Friday: Wear your school gear
- You can order through this [link](#).

7. Upcoming Events & Other

- Wed, Dec. 9 Last day to register for Spring Virtual Academy
- Fri, Dec. 11 Remote Learning Day
- Mon, Dec 21 Teacher Workday
- Dec 22 - Jan 1 Winter Break
- Jan 28 Application deadline for Year Round / Magnet Schools 2021-22
- We SO APPRECIATE everyone and their efforts to help make everything virtual and keep our school community going.

8. Principal's Report

- Thank you for the pies! They were awesome!

- We very much appreciate the Brain Pop and Reading A-Z.
- Kindergarten registration is open now. We want to make sure we are on top of our registration. Please send any families our way who will have a kindergartener next year.
- After school care - We currently do not have enough students to support after school care. We had funds to float the program until January when 4th and 5th graders return. We will know in January whether we will be able to continue the program.
- New way to communicate with school staff - On our website, if you click on contact us, there is an online form called Let's Talk. It's a way for you to offer a suggestion, idea, compliment, etc. It will be routed to the appropriate staff.
- We have hired a brand new PE teacher. We miss Ms. Graves! Mr. Trey Hines will be joining us in January! He is young, full of energy and excited to join our team!
- We are in the search for a new 5th grade teacher. We will have 3 - 5th grade teachers! We have interviewed a couple of candidates so far and I'm hoping to have more information come January.
- The window for registering for virtual academy ends December 9th. One question I keep getting is "Will teacher ____ be teacher virtual or in-person next semester?" That is a question I cannot answer. We need to wait and see how the numbers work out.
- When will we know if our child will have a different teacher? We will probably have the data by the end of this week. The following week we will look at how kids will fit into classes to decide how best to work it out. We will probably have information by the first week of January.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

--Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Lauren Nicholls.