

**Swift Creek Elementary  
PTA Meeting  
January 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**

This was a general membership meeting.

Attendees:

1. Marie Dexter
2. Lauren Nicholls
3. April Bartley
4. Kristen D'Amelio
5. Sarah Wohldmann
6. Darrell Propst
7. Megan Holler
8. Rebecca Simpson
9. Sarah Mailhot
10. Sharon Hizer
11. Lisa Kropilak
12. Dana Boyer
13. Denise Agnew
14. Sarah Lewis
15. Laura Monaghan
16. ShaRhonda Smith
17. Danielle Davis
18. Deb Killion
19. Maggie Howard
20. Ashley Elliot
21. Jenae Delayen
22. Sam Allen
23. Anju Jain
24. Ashley Fisher
25. Kimberly Fallon
26. Melissa Crosby
27. Monica Coles
28. Savitha K.

<b>1. Call to Order</b>
- Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.
<b>2. Science Fair Winners</b>

- Thanks to our Judges: Marie Dexter, Ashley Fisher, Ashley Elliot, Michelle McKeon, Farzaneh Renzaie, Radmilla Sazdanovic
- Winners:
  - 3rd Grade:
    - Kira Mayhew 1st
    - Prarthanaa Karthikeyan 2nd
  - 4th Grade:
    - Malak Saed 1st
  - 5th Grade:
    - Caitlin Agnew 1st \*Best in Show
    - Tanner Wohldmann 2nd \*Best in Show
    - Mason Fernandez 3rd \*Best in Show
    - Haily Williams 4th
    - Alex Bartley 5th
    - Luke Elisworth 5th
    - Ethan Francois 5th
- Big thanks to Ashley for rocking this virtual science fair!
- We can get pictures for the yearbook from Ashley's Google Drive.
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g9eqBzZzXgmyCO5eC7Y3-CWWhr2hOAYiF?usp=sharing>

### **3. Reflections Winners**

- 1st Place: Brooklyn Wade "You Matter, I Matter" (Literature/Poetry)
- 2nd Place: Caitlin Agnew "The True Me" (Photography)
- 3rd Place: Tanner Wohldmann "I Matter Because" (Literature/Poetry)
- Brooklyn and Caitlin also placed in the county competition this year! Congrats to all our winners.
- A Big Thanks to Carrie Fernandez for all her time and energy to make this program possible.

### **4. Cultural Arts Performance**

- We had Donna Washington do a virtual performance for the school the first week in November.
- Michael Beadle worked with the students over Google Meet. It was a great experience!
- Billy Jonas came to second grade and worked with students both in school and virtually.
- Our last performance is in February. Yasu Ishida will do storytelling with origami. The PTA will be provided with origami paper so students can participate during the performance making origami animals. Teachers will receive a link to a Google Meet performance. There will also be recorded sessions.
- Thank you April for making this happen!

### **5. Yearbook Cover Contest**

- SEND PICTURES!
- 5th grade dedications are due by the end of February

- Vote for your favorite yearbook cover by Jan. 29!
  - <https://tinyurl.com/scesYearbookVote21>
  - We have 179 votes so far!
  - Big thanks to everyone who participated :)
  - Students who raised \$200 they are able to put a picture of their choosing in the yearbook.
  - Thanks to all the students who participated: (Caitlin A., Sam B., Jacob B., Nola C., Ava D. Grace D., Shannon F., Eli H., Maisy H., Andrew K., Wyatt K., Isaac K., Eliana M., Eli N., Isaac P., Owen P., Adelyn S., Cara S., Giuliana S., Riley S., Anna W. , Tanner W., Caroline W., Eady Rose W., Hailey W.

#### **6. Virtual International Night: Thursday, March 25**

Share your family traditions.

Record a FlipGrid Video

- Show your favorite meal
- Walk us through a craft
- Share a story
- Teach us a dance or a game

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/scesinternational2021>

#### **8. Nominating Committee**

- We will be taking nominations for the PTA.
- If you have anyone who would like to serve on any of the committee chairs or as an officer please let us know.
- Chair openings:
  - Advocacy
  - Reflections
  - School Supply Kits
  - 5th Grade Chair
- Email [sarahlynnlewis@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlynnlewis@gmail.com)

#### **9. Upcoming Events & Other**

- **Jan 18 3pm** - Decorate the school grounds - New Year New Heights!
- **Jan 18** - No School
- **Jan 19** - Teacher Workday - No School for Students
- **Jan 20** - Virtual Tours at Dillard Drive Magnet School
- **Jan 28** - Deadline for applying to magnet or year-round schools for next year.
- **Jan 29** - Deadline to Vote for Yearbook Cover
- **Feb 7 3pm** - Decorate the school grounds - Our Staff is All Heart!

#### **10. Update on BOGs**

- We are required by law to give every 3rd grader an opportunity to give them a 3rd grade exemption.
- The Read to Achieve law states that 3rd graders need to be proficient in reading:
  - BOGs: Students that were in school were given the BOG. Virtual students may sign up for a BOG in-person for sometime in February.
  - I-Station Scores
  - EOGs
  - Read to Achieve Test
- If you know of a parent who needs to speak to me, please send them my way. [smailhot@wcpss.net](mailto:smailhot@wcpss.net)

## 8. Principal's Report

- No changes to class lists yet. The school board will revisit early February about returning to school sometime around mid-February.
- Spring Pictures:
  - We are going to have pictures this year.
  - Two dates: March 11 (VA Students) - Parents will be sent a sign up sheet for pictures. March 16 is for in-person students
- We are fully staffed with the exception of the third 5th grade position. If you know of anyone please send them our way!
- What if we have a 'snow' day?
  - Students will have a virtual learning day.
- Are EOGs going to happen?
  - They are still going to happen. More information to follow.
  - IStation benchmarks are very important right now. It's really the only reliable data we have on students right now.
  - We need to make sure students are getting all these ample opportunities to show proficiency in reading.

\*Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

--Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Lauren Nicholls.