

**Swift Creek Elementary  
PTA Meeting  
March 9, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**

This was a general membership meeting.

Attendees:

1. Marie Dexter
2. Lauren Nicholls
3. April Bartley
4. Caroline Griffith
5. Donald Berrigan
6. Juanita Francois
7. Darrell Propst
8. Megan Holler
9. Megan Sedaghat
10. Deborah Killion
11. Sarah Mailhot
12. Scott Davis
13. Sarah Wohldmann
14. Annie Pilz
15. ShaRhonda Smith
16. Sharon Hizer
17. Anju Jain
18. Ashley Fisher
19. Maggie Howard
20. Alex Dreier
21. Ashley Elliot
22. Laura Monaghan
23. Radmila Sazdanovic
24. Mrs. Fallon

<b>1. Call to Order</b>
- Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.
<b>2. Approve February Meeting Minutes</b>
- Sarah motions to approve. - Mr. Propst seconds. - Minutes are approved.
<b>3. Tier II Presentation</b>

- Sarah Mailhot introduced 2 student teachers: Donald Berrigan is with Ms. Coles and Caroline Griffith is with Ms. McKeon
- What is Tier 2?
  - Tier I is typical classroom instruction
  - Supplemental support program designed to meet student needs
  - Often takes place in group settings with classroom teacher
  - For students who need help with specific academic skills
  - Helps students gain independence in subjects and the core curriculum
- What can you do?
  - Math in Your Home
    - In the Kitchen...
      - Measuring Ingredients
      - Using fractions and fraction vocabulary
      - Read nutrition labels
      - Use timers when cooking
    - While running errands...
      - Count purchases out
      - Count out coins
      - Compare prices
    - More...
      - Look at percentages and graphs together on newspapers, signs, flyers and commercials
      - Have students pair up shoes to figure out if they have an odd or even amount
      - Identify shapes (traffic signs are great for this)
      - Show analog clocks on phone
      - Play games that involve math (dice, cards, etc.)
  - Reading...
    - Talk and don't dumb down your vocabulary
    - Build confidence by pointing out things students can already read (i.e. McDonald's logo)
    - Separate sounds in words you are saying
    - Read aloud when you can and encourage
      - Choral reading - read it together at the same time
      - Echo reading - your student echos short pieces of text after you read while following along in the text
    - More ...
      - Give students lyrics on your phone to sing along to songs with
      - Audiobooks! (Or YouTube read alouds)
      - Turn on subtitles
      - Check out books from the school library - find books that match your child's interests
      - Reading in Your Home:

- Cooking
- Assembling toys with instructions
- Other Resources
  - EPIC!
  - Wake County Public Libraries
  - Encourage a love of reading

<https://sites.google.com/wcpss.net/k-12mathematics/elementary-math-courses>

#### **4. Book Fair**

- March 8 - 21
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Change in Remaining E-Wallet Funds
  - Any unused funds are NOT credited back. Any overages go to a gift card that can be used in the Scholastic Store or in Future Fairs
- How to Give to Teachers
  - Teachers can also create e-Wallets. To donate funds so that a teacher can purchase a book, ask your teacher for the link to their e-wallet.
- Donation from Swift Creek Exchange Club
  - We received a generous \$200 donation to purchase books for students in need.

#### **5. School Pictures**

- March 11
  - Virtual Academy Students
  - Sign up online
- March 16
  - In-person students
  - No need to sign up
- If pictures get taken at school, Sarah will get those pictures.
- If you are not taking pictures at school, you can send Sarah a picture. Please include name, grade and teacher.

#### **6. Spirit Wear / 5th Grade Shirts**

- To celebrate our 5th graders and their most unusual year, we want to purchase a class shirt for every 5th grader
- On March 16, from 5-8 pm, we will have spirit night at Ruckus Pizza in Tryon Village
- If you have questions about these shirts, contact Erin Galloway at [EBGalloway@venable.com](mailto:EBGalloway@venable.com)
- You can also donate online through MemberHub
  - <https://app.memberhub.gives/sces5thshirts>

#### **7. Nominating Committee**

- Our nominating Committee is accepting nominations for next year.
- Nominations will be presented at the April PTA meeting.
- Nominations are being accepted for:
  - PTA officers
  - Committee Chairs
    - Advocacy
    - Reflections
    - 5th Grade chair
- If you are interested in being a member of the nominating committee or have a nomination, please contact Sarah Lewis at [sarahlynnlewis@gmail.com](mailto:sarahlynnlewis@gmail.com)

#### **8. Decorating School: March 14 from 3-4 pm**

- Theme: We are Lucky to Have You!
- Sidewalk Chalk and Posters
- You are welcome to come during that time to decorate or if you have posters, Marie can come pick them up from you. Text (919) 602-9993
- While on campus, please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

#### **9. March 24: Materials Distribution 9:15 - 4:00**

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- For VA students ONLY
  - You will pick up the materials that your child needs for the rest of the year
- You need to return these books:
  - 3rd: Rain School, Nasreen's Secret School, Everything You Need to Know about Frogs, Bullfrog at Magnolia Circle
  - 4th: Love That Dog, Animal Defenses
  - 5th: The Most Beautiful Road in the World, Esperanza Rising

#### **10. International Night**

- Thursday, March 5
- Please upload a video on FlipGrid ... a video on a craft or special meal. Get your child involved!

#### **11. School Garden**

- Kids in the school will soon be getting into the garden. A few groups already have.
- Shout out to Mr. Howard who made us our strawberry garden cover.
- We will be getting the garden beds ready and planting some spring plants soon.
- We will also be getting our pollinator garden ready.

#### **11. Upcoming Events**

- March 29-April 6: Spring Break
- April 13: PTA Meeting

#### **12. Principal's Report**

- Dismissal was thrown off this week due to a downed cable

- Shout out to staff and families who were able to quickly pivot and make it work
- 4th and 5th graders may be returning - no worries! We got this!
- Sarah Wohldmann is our new Instructional Assistant in Ms. Hannah's Kindergarten class. She's off to a great start!
- Ms. Wellborn is now lead secretary at Oak Grove.
- Our receptionist Ghenet Lennon will now be our data manager.
- Swift Creek has an opening for a receptionist position.
- Great job to Caroline and Donald on your presentation.
- Caroline is filling in for Ms. McKeon when she leaves for maternity leave.

\*Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

--Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Lauren Nicholls.