

Swift Creek Elementary School PTA Meeting

March 8, 2016

Kim Partin, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:33pm in the media center. Attendance did not reach quorum for voting purposes.

Kim asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. This motion was first and seconded by Ann-Margaret Alexander and Aimee Langerhaus, respectively. The motion passed.

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Treasurer's Report

Notable Income:

- Painless Fundraisers brought in over \$430
- Yearbook money has started to come in for page sponsors and 5th grade messages

Notable Expenses:

- Science Fair expenses for medals/trophies, fees, copies, etc. (came in under budget by almost \$100)
- Hospitality expense for Counselor Appreciation and Bus Driver Appreciation, as well as general hospitality needs
- Teacher of the Year Banquet fee

Notes: To date, only 5th grade and AIG have spent their grade level grant money.

ACTION: Kim is going to email the teachers about spending their grade level grant money by April 15. We want to have all receipts turned in before the end of the school year. (Last year receipts were being turned in until June 30, and this made things hectic for the Treasurer.)

For more details, see the full profit and loss statement in the meeting minutes.

PTA Positions for Next Year

There are several officer positions and committee chair positions open for next school year. A poster identifying the vacancies will be posted on the PTA board in the hall. Next to the poster will be a flyer with descriptions of each committee and an estimate of the time commitment.

Officer positions include President, VP2, and Secretary.

Committee chair positions include Reflections, Healthy Lifestyles, Spirit Wear, and Yearbook (co-chair)

Changes to the Healthy Lifestyles Committee for This Year

When Lisa Barrangou (the Healthy Lifestyles committee chair) left Swift Creek, she handed the Walking Wednesdays program over to Ms. Graves, the PE teacher. Ms. Graves reported that we seem to have everything we need for this school year. Lisa gave Ms. Graves the information about how to track student laps, order more lap cards, etc.

However, Ms. Graves would like PTA support for this program next year. The Healthy Lifestyles committee also provided fruit for snack at the Fun Run and had the cooking with Kids program. We'd like to see these programs (or similar programs such as meeting to walk in the park) return, so we are hoping for a new committee chair for next year.

ACTION: Ms. Graves will forward the email from Lisa to Kim Partin. This email details how laps are tracked, tokens ordered, lap cards are ordered, etc. -- **DONE**

Plans for the Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair will be held April 11 – 15. The Book Fair committee is planning several activities for the week.

Family Night is Tuesday, April 12. There will be free food and a puppet show (arranged by April Bartley the Cultural Arts chair) in addition to the book fair.

Ms. Bradshaw expressed some concern about having all of this happen between 6-8. She proposed that we serve the food from 5:30-6:30. At 6:30, the puppet show would start and last until 7:15. The book fair would be open from 5:30 to 8:00.

At Family Night, there will be 2-3 raffle baskets for families. You earn raffle tickets if you purchase books and if another ticket if you attend the puppet show.

The grade with the highest attendance at Family Night will earn an extra 30 minutes of recess. In Tuesday folders, letters to grandparents will be sent home. These letters will encourage grandparents to purchase book fair gift certificates.

ACTION:

- April Bartley will contact Grey Seal Puppets, the proposed performers for this night. She will let them know about the time and how things will be set up in the gym. (Meaning that people might be coming and going from the gym during the show.)
- Ann-Margaret Alexander will contact Wake County facilities about using the gym, media center, and cafeteria on this night.
- Marie Dexter will email the book fair committee about the timing for Family Night.
- Ms. Bradshaw/Book Fair committee (?) will follow up with after school program about getting in the cafeteria to start serving food at 5:30.

Spring Fling

Spring Fling is scheduled for Friday, April 29 with a rain date of Wednesday, May 4, which is during teacher appreciation week.

Ms. Graves will help plan the activities for this year. She is going to take a list of activities to the PBIS committee for discussion. She is also proposing having two time blocks: one for K-2 and one for 3-5. Her plan is to teach the activities that will be in the Spring Fling during PE the week before the Spring Fling. That way, students don't have to spend Spring Fling time learning the activity.

ACTION: Marie Dexter will schedule a meeting with Ms. Graves and the individuals who expressed an interest in chairing the Spring Fling this year. – **DONE**. This meeting will be Tuesday, March 15.

Suggestions for Painless Fundraising Money This Year

At the end of the year, we will have accrued approximately \$3000 from our various Painless Fundraising programs (Box Tops, Harris Teeter VIC cards, Coke rewards, etc.). We typically spend this money on items that the kids can get their hands on.

Ms. Bradshaw noted that the literature in the book room (which is currently located in the teacher's lounge and contains sets of books for every grade level) is out of date. She suggested spending the money on new books for each grade level. Everyone liked this idea. Kim is also going to email the staff about additional requests.

ACTION: Kim Partin will email the staff for Painless Fundraising suggestions.

June PTA Meeting/Social

The June PTA meeting is typically a time to celebrate what we've done this year. We set the date for this social as June 2 at Ann-Margaret Alexander's house. Details to come soon.

Feedback on the TGA Program

The TGA program is providing golf and tennis lessons after school at Swift Creek. The owner of TGA recently called Marie Dexter because enrollment numbers at Swift Creek are down from last year. The owner wanted parent feedback as to why this might be.

Here is that feedback:

- Lessons are now 90 minutes (rather than 60 minutes) like in previous years. This is too long.
- The program is not helping children progress. They are repeating the same skills and the skills being introduced are not challenging enough.
- There is a wide variety of skill sets for Kindergarten through 5th graders. You cannot group kindergartners with 5th graders. The 5th graders won't be challenged. It was proposed that instead there would be a free trial clinic where students could be grouped into skill level. Then each group would meet on a specific day. For example, group A meets on Tuesday. Group B meets on Wednesday.
- There was some concern about scheduling the golf and tennis lessons on the same day. Parents were concerned that there wouldn't be enough room at the park. Also, soccer teams are frequently out there using the field.
- There was also concern about the instructor to student ratio, especially in a class that contains kindergarten through 5th graders.
- This January, Swift Creek added a Basketball club, which is free. Also, track will be starting soon and this is another free program.

ACTION: Marie Dexter will email the owner of the TGA program with this feedback. – DONE.

Principal's Report

Ms. Kelly Bradshaw announced the following:

- Math Nights are March 16 and 17.
- Wake County Public Schools has moved the testing period to the last 10 days of the school year.
- 5th grade graduation will be at 10:30. Ms. Bradshaw would like to have a luncheon immediately following the ceremony. She asked who is coordinating the 5th grade events.

ACTION: Kim Partin will email the individuals who volunteered to help with 5th grade graduation and celebration.

- Starting soon, the Powerschools portal will be available to 5th grade parents. This portal is used to help parents see student grades starting in middle school. Wake County is planning to extend

this program to elementary schools for student information, such as address, etc. They might extend it to grades in the future.

- Swift Creek will *not* be a Title 1 school this year. About a year ago, the state changed the requirements for being a Title 1 school. It used to be that 35% of the population had to be on free or reduced lunches. Last year, they raised it to 45%, but schools between 35-46% were grandfathered in. Last March, Swift Creek was at about 45%. This March (when they take the numbers to determine Title 1 status), we were at 41%. Therefore, we will not qualify for Title 1 money next year. This is about a \$110,000 loss to the school budget. Ms. Bradshaw is starting to plan for next year knowing this budget cut.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, April 19 in the gym. It will be followed by the drama/chorus performance of Treasure Island. Everyone is invited to attend.

Marie Dexter
PTA Secretary 2015-16

Swift Creek PTA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July 2015 through February 2016

10:18 AM

03/02/2016

Cash Basis

	Jul '15 - Feb 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Book Fair	6,627.44	13,500.00	-6,872.56
Cougar Fun Run	16,765.60	17,000.00	-234.40
Family Fun Night	536.54	1,000.00	-463.46
Interest	1.23	5.00	-3.77
Membership Dues	1,460.00	1,500.00	-40.00
Painless Fundraisers	2,272.81	3,000.00	-727.19
Read-A-Book Grant	500.00	500.00	0.00
School Spirit Sales	2,442.00	4,000.00	-1,558.00
School Store-Income	565.50	1,000.00	-434.50
School Supply Kits-Income	599.08	3,000.00	-2,400.92
Yearbook Income	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total Income	31,770.20	50,505.00	-18,734.80
Expense			
Agendas	896.71	896.71	0.00
Book Fair - Entertainment	89.53	1,250.00	-1,160.47
Book Fair Media Ctr Books	7,007.92	13,500.00	-6,492.08
Cougar Fun Run - Expense	947.58	1,500.00	-552.42
Cultural Arts	3,325.00	4,000.00	-675.00
Drama Club	487.21	750.00	-262.79
Fifth Grade Celebration	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Healthy Lifestyles	303.69	500.00	-196.31
Insurance Bonding	290.00	290.00	0.00
Landscaping	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Membership - Expense	972.00	1,000.00	-28.00
Miscellaneous - Expense	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Office Supplies	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Painless Fundraisers Expense	97.78	3,000.00	-2,902.22
Paypal fees	127.47	75.00	52.47
PBIS Support - Store Coupons	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Principal Discretionary Fund	515.43	1,500.00	-984.57
Printing	82.41	750.00	-667.59
Printing/Student Directory	0.00	300.00	-300.00
PTA Newsletter Printing	317.43	500.00	-182.57
Read-A-Book Expenses	496.00	500.00	-4.00
Reflections	389.29	500.00	-110.71
Safety Patrol	0.00	150.00	-150.00
School Spirit Expenses	1,164.00	3,000.00	-1,836.00
School Store - Expense	593.63	600.00	-6.37
School Supply Kits	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Science Fair	405.70	500.00	-94.30
Spring Fling expenses	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00

	Jul '15 - Feb 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Staff Appreciation/Hospitality	1,049.49	2,300.00	-1,250.51
Staff Assistance			
Grade level Grants	604.18	3,600.00	-2,995.82
Teacher Allocations	4,212.03	4,500.00	-287.97
Teacher Assistants Allocations	80.00	100.00	-20.00
Total Staff Assistance	4,896.21	8,200.00	-3,303.79
Teacher of the Year	206.00	255.00	-49.00
track team transportation	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Winter Fling	54.95	500.00	-445.05
Yearbook Expenses	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
Total Expense	24,715.43	58,341.71	-33,626.28
Net Ordinary Income	7,054.77	-7,836.71	14,891.48
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Carryover from Previous Year	16,636.94	16,636.75	0.19
Misc Income	500.00	500.00	0.00
Total Other Income	17,136.94	17,136.75	0.19
Other Expense			
Surplus to be spent/Prior Year	797.01	1,671.13	-874.12
Total Other Expense	797.01	1,671.13	-874.12
Net Other Income	16,339.93	15,465.62	874.31
Net Income	23,394.70	7,628.91	15,765.79

Surplus to be spent/Prior Yr Proposed Wish List:

	Jul '15 - Jan '16	Budget
Type to Learn	99.95	100.00
School/PTA website fee	39.95	39.95
All County Chorus	125.00	100.00
Flag Replacements	0.00	150.00
School Banners	150.93	400.00
Playground Equipment	381.18	381.18
Grounds Improvement	0.00	500.00
Total	\$ 797.01	\$ 1,671.13

Amendments approved Nov 10, 2015:

Income: Fun Run, Misc.

Expenses: Book Fair Ent, Spr Fling, Hospitality, Training, TA celebration, Flag Replacement, Playground Equip, Grounds Improvement.