

**Swift Creek Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2013**

Jennifer Rose, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the Media Center.

The minutes from October were reviewed and approved by Kim Partin and Lynne Pate; first and second motions, respectively.

Treasurer

The Cougar Fun Run brought in over \$20,000. We have not yet met our budget for membership. School spirit sales have been very good.

Grade Parents

We need to make sure the grade parents are getting emails. Several grade parents have not received communication since the beginning of the year. They need advice about how to reach out to the classroom parents for all that goes on with financial commitments, etc. For example, it would be great to let parents know exactly what the money is for and they may get more participation (i.e. Parade of Pumpkins).

Science Fair

The Swift Creek Elementary School Science fair is an opportunity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Students can work on projects individually or with one or two partners. Participation in this event is optional. Our fair is under the direction of the [North Carolina Science and Engineering Fair](#). See their website for help getting started and to answer questions along the way. Our fair follows the rules set forth by the [INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair](#). Our judges are volunteers from the community who are involved professionally in science and understand the underlying principles and work involved in each project.

Science Olympiad

The Science Olympiad will be held Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Leesville Rd Elementary School. More information will be coming soon. Contact Martha Weninger for more information or see North Carolina Science Olympiad.

Book Fair

Next week is our first Book Fair. Family night is Thursday, Nov 21 from 6:00-8:00pm. At 7:00pm, The Story Ship will be performing "The Wand of Dreams" featuring puppets, animation, magic, and music.

Painless Fundraisers

Marie Dexter is collecting box tops right now. Encourage your kids to put the box tops on the pumpkin and turn them in. We also brainstormed ideas for incentives (i.e. have a Swifty Cougar stuffed animal for the month), and we hope this boosts participation.

Membership

We currently have 207 PTA members.

Reflections

We do not yet have a committee for Reflections.

Old Business

- ❖ The new school site and PTA website is up and running.
- ❖ Thank you to all the new volunteers. We couldn't do this without you!
- ❖ The school directory is in the works. The directories will most likely go home next week. Everyone who is a member of the PTA gets a copy.

New Business

The following items were voted on during this meeting:

- ❖ Proceeds from the Book Fair go to the Media Center. First and second motions by Megan Sedaghat and Kim Partin, respectively. Motion approved.
- ❖ Learn to Type Program, \$100. First and second motions by Kim Partin and Ingrid Bowman, respectively. Motion passed.
- ❖ Teacher Assistant Luncheon, \$300. First and second motions by Ingrid Bowman and Kim Partin, respectively. Motion passed.

Principal Report, Ms. Bradshaw

Report cards will be delayed once again and should be out by November 26th. This is the day we get out for Thanksgiving. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please reach out the teachers. This is a county wide issue and thank you for your patience.

Please come to Literacy Night next week. It's opening night for the Book Fair. There will be two Literacy sessions (6:00-6:25 & 6:30-7:00) to encourage and promote reading. There is also a Read to Achieve quick meeting for parents, 5:45-6:00. This meeting is particularly important for parents of 3rd graders.

The EOG scores are in and we'll let you know when our school gets that information. The information may be ready at the end of this month. Ms. Bradshaw ended the meeting with a slide show regarding the EOG scores and understanding the scores.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Our next PTA meeting will held on December 10th at 6:30 in the gym. The Cougar Chorus Winter Concert will immediately follow.

Respectfully submitted by Ingrid Bowman, PTA Secretary