

Swift Creek PTA  
 Board Meeting Mr. Propst  
 September 13, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Attendees:

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| 1. Marie Dexter      | 21. Sarah Wohldmann     |
| 2. Lauren Nicholls   | 22. Danielle Davis      |
| 3. Colleen Muldoon   | 23. Selina Armstrong    |
| 4. Alex Dreier       | 24. Sharon Hizer        |
| 5. ShaRhonda Smith   | 25. Rebecca Simpson     |
| 6. Alyssa Donnee     | 26. Erin Galloway       |
| 7. Anju Jain         | 27. Abbie McAward       |
| 8. Annie Pilz        | 28. Amy Johns           |
| 9. Ashley Fisher     | 29. Jenae Marie Delayan |
| 10. Amy Johns        | 30. Laura Monaghan      |
| 11. Deb Killion      | 31. Kristin D'Amelio    |
| 12. Darrell Propst   | 32. Dana Boyer          |
| 13. Elisa Pearson    | 33. April Bartley       |
| 14. Juanita Francois | 34. Kristen Sherman     |
| 15. Megan Holler     | 35. Megan Sedaghat      |
| 16. Neville Eclov    | 36. Rebecca Simpson     |
| 17. Rachel Blackmon  | 37. Ashley Elliot       |
| 18. Rachel Eclov     | 38. Bryanne Bornstein   |
| 19. Nytasha Tobias   | 39. Jessi Andricks      |
| 20. Sam Allen        | 40. Radmila Sazdanovic  |

Agenda Item	Notes
Call Meeting to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.</li> <li>● Approve May minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First: Sam Allen</li> <li>○ Second: Mrs. Smith</li> <li>○ Approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Budget Approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fundraising goal is lower this year than two years ago</li> <li>● P2 fees are increased by \$1000 this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This week kicked it off - Character Trait: Curiosity</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Line items have been reduced because of lower fundraising goal and to keep in budget</li> <li>● Breakdown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 34% - Student Activities (Cultural Arts, Positivity Project)</li> <li>○ 29% - Staff Assistance</li> <li>○ 13% - Cultural Arts</li> <li>○ 12% - Administrative Costs</li> <li>○ 8% - Staff Appreciation</li> <li>○ Other - Agendas</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The bulk of our budget comes from the Fun Run (\$15,000 goal this year)</li> <li>● The budget can be amended throughout the school year with a quorum (20) of voting members in attendance.</li> <li>● We can also call an emergency meeting that needs to be announced 3 days in advance.</li> <li>● Motion to Approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First: Sam Allen</li> <li>○ Second: Kristin D'Amelio</li> <li>○ Approved</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Fun Run Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Goal - \$15,000</li> <li>● Theme: Small Pieces Make the Big Picture</li> <li>● Date: Friday, October 1, Rain Date: Friday, October 8</li> <li>● Meet Our Goal - Trent Arterberry Think Big Performance</li> <li>● Fun Run information sheet went home already with information on incentives and how to donate.</li> <li>● We have a progress bar in the hallway to track our progress during the event.</li> <li>● Question? Contact Annie Pilz at <a href="mailto:funrun.swiftcreek@gmail.com">funrun.swiftcreek@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<p>Cultural Arts Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 virtual performances this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pre-recorded performance Mask Storytelling by</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>Doug Berkey. Teachers will show this performance sometime the week of Nov. 15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dave McDonald - Live performance; teaching students how to draw cartoon characters, superheroes and write comics.</li> <li>● Writer-in-residence, Michael Beadle for 4th grade</li> <li>● Sound Workshop, Billy Jonas for 2nd grade</li> </ul>
Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fantastic Welcome Back Breakfast for the teachers</li> <li>● Teacher Cart - Have people helping out with donations (be on the lookout for that soon!)</li> <li>● Questions? Contact committee chair Kristen Sherman @ kmartaz@gmail.com</li> </ul>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Total Number of Members - 112</li> <li>● Great compared to previous years!</li> <li>● Currently working with some local vendors to get some coupons for local businesses.</li> <li>● \$8 per person, \$4 goes directly to Swift Creek</li> <li>● Questions? Contact committee chair Danielle Davis @ daniellemdavis06@gmail.com</li> </ul>
Student Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Every PTA member automatically receives a directory. A perk of joining the PTA!</li> <li>● Amy is currently collecting information.</li> <li>● Questions? Contact Amy Johns @ agjohns123@gmail.com</li> </ul>
Healthy Lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weekly wellness tips</li> <li>● Possible return of run club</li> <li>● Questions? Contact Lisa Kropilak @ lmd0925@gmail.com</li> </ul>
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Able to start weaving these programs back into the school</li> <li>● What we Recycle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Squeezable Pouches (TerraCycle program)</li> <li>○ Foil-lined snack wrappers (TerraCycle program)</li> <li>○ Bags, bubble wrap, overwrap, and other stretch plastic (NexTrex)</li> <li>○ Markers and highlighters (Crayola's ColorCycle program)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How to Participate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collect recyclables and coordinate drop-off with Megan Holler OR drop off at Macedonia United Methodist Church on Saturdays from 8-10am</li> <li>○ Plastic Film for NexTrex? Weigh your material and email it to Megan. Then recycle at the grocery store.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● We will also look into getting the recyclable trays program up and running soon.</li> <li>● Questions? Contact Megan Holler at <a href="mailto:meganandrews81@gmail.com">meganandrews81@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
Pollinator Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We've had monarch butterflies visit the garden and now we have caterpillars.</li> <li>● Questions? Contact Megan Holler at <a href="mailto:meganandrews81@gmail.com">meganandrews81@gmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>
Reflections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Entries must be received by Wake County PTA by November 7.</li> <li>● If you are interested in chairing this program, contact Marie Dexter <a href="mailto:mariecarter@gmail.com">mariecarter@gmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>
Coke Gives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enter your bottle caps!</li> <li>● If you are interested in helping with data entry, contact Marie Dexter @ <a href="mailto:mariecarter@gmail.com">mariecarter@gmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Props to our PTA for all that you do for the students in Swift Creek!</li> <li>● Assessment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our school has been given extra months of employment for intervention. Mrs. Hizer has joined by another full time person (Mrs. Aman).</li> <li>○ We are back to using mClass. Teachers are currently finishing up the Fall benchmark. You will soon be getting that information home. This information will be used to get more targeted interventions for students.</li> <li>○ 3rd graders also just took the Beginning of Grade Test which begins the Read to Achieve process. Sometime in the 3rd grade year, they</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

will need to meet a certain level of performance. Parents of 3rd graders will receive a report about how they did on the test. Ms. Mailhot will soon hold a presentation to talk about the Read to Achieve Program

- K-2 will soon be taking the Number Knowledge Test. 3-5 will take a STAR math test. It gives valuable information about where students are.
- 3-4 grade will both be taking the CogAT test which is used to identify giftedness.
- Open House
  - October 11 from 3-4 pm will be a virtual open house. It is a teacher workday. All the great things that our grade level teams, support staff, etc will be shared at that time. The presentation will be about one hour long and there will be an opportunity to answer questions. This will also be recorded for later viewing.
- Bus Delays - anything we can do to help?
  - Voice your concerns to WCPSS.
  - There is a shortage of bus drivers so many have to serve double routes.
  - You can also contact WCPSS Transportation (919) 805-3030
  - You can use the Bus App provided by WCPSS
  - We have also started tweeting out bus information
  - When there is a substitute driver or bus, sometimes the features of the app such as bus location and arrival times will not work.
- Is Swift Creek changing dismissal times for carpool?
  - Due to construction on Tryon we have started getting students to the carpool lineup at 3:30 pm on those days.
- Will we be receiving weekly or biweekly newsletters from teachers?
  - All teachers communicate through Talking Points.
  - Is there a way to see a spouse's response in

Talking Points? Mr. Propst looking is looking into this.

- Teachers will also use electronic or paper newsletter.
- WatchDogs Program update
  - Right now we do not have visitors in the building.
  - There is a group that is going to start monitoring the outside seating at lunch. It would be wonderful to see some dads out there for that.
- Outdoor Eating Arrangements
  - There are a lot of factors: temperature (hot/cold), humidity, kids already being outside, bees, etc.
  - At this time we have not established hard and fast rules for that.
  - It is decided on a class by class basis.
- Did the curriculum change? Are first graders no longer learning sight words?
  - There has been a change. Sight words are incorporated in their Letterland instruction. (also called Tricky Words) - They work with those words for the entire week.
  - Rainbow cards have gone away. They have made additions to the curriculum to enhance it for students.
- COVID
  - Seating Clusters
    - The district did not give individual schools definitive guidelines for this. We relied on our year round schools to learn from them. What we learned is that if we have students in long row seating, it tends to wipe out more students than cluster seating. We are clustering students in groups of 4. They are together in specials and lunch. Doing this has led to a smaller number of students needing to quarantine. If your

child has a fever, runny nose, headache, etc there is a huge process involved in ensuring that it is not COVID. We are doing all these things to mitigate as much as possible.

- Snack Breaks/Water Breaks
  - Ask your child's teacher what they are doing. We talked about the generalized guidelines with staff and teachers have created their own guidelines that comply with WCPSS.
- Lunch Rotation
  - There are 8 tables outside and we sit 4 kids at a table (32 total) which is about half of the grade levels. We alternate (every other day or every third day)
  - There is a notebook that allows staff to know who has gone outside.
- Group Rotation (Pods)
  - As teachers learn the students they may be rotated but staff are encouraged to switch as little as possible.
  - You may see rotations every six weeks.