

Swift Creek Elementary
PTA Meeting
September 8, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

This was a general membership meeting.

Attendees:

1. Marie Dexter
2. Lauren Nicholls
3. Colleen Muldoon
4. Ashley Fisher
5. Danielle Davis
6. Lauren Smith
7. Darrell Propst
8. Sarah Mailhot
9. Sarah Graves
10. Sharon Hizer
11. Jazzmone Sutton
12. Maggie Howard
13. Kristen Sherman
14. Megan Sedaghat
15. Laura Monaghan
16. Lisa Kropilak
17. April Bartley
18. Carrie Fernandez
19. Dana Boyer
20. Kristen D'Amelio
21. Megan Holler
22. Mothers Day Hang
23. Rod Tobias
24. Sam Allen
25. Sarah Wohldmann
26. Deb Killion
27. Anju Jain
28. Kimberly Fallon
29. ShaRhonda Smith
30. Jason Millhiser
31. Annie Pilz
32. Juanita Francois

1. Call to Order

- President Marie Dexter called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- Marie gave an overview of Tonight's Agenda.

2. Vote on Budget

- Very little change for this year.
- Fun Run goal dropped to \$10,000. You should have received an email from Mr. Propst. Fun Run expenses reduced from \$1,200 to \$600.
- New line item added for \$500 for the recycling committee.
- We need to have enough to carry over \$5-7,000 through next summer.
- Sam Allen motioned to approve. Ms. Killius seconded. Motion approved.

3. Family Resources

- Ms. Hizer ([Choice Board](#))
 - Idea #1: Make a daily schedule:
 - Task 1: Sit down with your child to review their daily tasks.
 - Task 2: Have a schedule in a visible place.
 - Task 3: Talk with your child's teacher.
 - Idea #2 : Set up a designated workspace
 - **Let your child have input in what that space would look like
 - Change up the environment
 - Example: Morning at desk; Afternoon at kitchen table; Lunch/Recess outside
 - Idea #3 : Change seating
 - Sitting on an exercise ball
 - Wobble stool or a stool
 - Extra cushions or pillows
 - Idea #4 : Change positions
 - Laying on the floor, on their tummy and providing a clipboard or something to write on while working
 - Idea #5 : Stay connected with your child's teacher
 - Idea #6 : Allow for additional breaks as needed
 - Idea #7 : Acknowledge when your child works hard
 - Links to Articles:
 - 5 things parents can do to support students online learning
 - How parents can support their k-12 student in online learning
- Family Buddies
 - We have a lot of families who are willing to be buddies.
 - We have 5 families that have been matched up so far.
 - If interested, please sign up at this URL:
 - <https://tinyurl.com/scesFamilyBuddies>

4. PTA Committee Updates

- Fun Run Update (Annie Pilz)

- The goal has been changed to \$10,000. The year before was \$18,000.
- All the incentives are touch free this year. The biggest incentive is that every student will have their name entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card.
- All donations will be online only.
- Saturday, October 3 is the Fun Run Date.
- The fundraising period is September 8 - October 9.
- ***PLEASE email your pictures to Sarah Wohldmann!! We need pictures to fill up our yearbook!
- <http://swiftcreekeswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/cougar-fun-run.html>
- Recycling Update (Megan Holler)
 - We are still taking the squeezable pouches.
 - We are also still collecting foil-lined wrappers.
 - Please collect in any old markers, highlighters, and dry erase markers.
 - We are also collecting plastic film if you do not have an easy drop off location.
 - Weekly Drop-offs are Saturdays 8-10 am at Macedonia Methodist Church
 - Any questions - please email Megan Holler at meganandrews81@gmail.com
- Hospitality Update (Sarah Wohldmann)
 - We are going to try to do something every month
 - September 16 at 3pm is ice cream
 - October 6 from 11 am - 1 pm we will have a taco truck coming to the school
 - A sign up will go out for parents to donate drinks
 - We are going to do as much as we can.
 - Please email Sarah Wohldmann if you have any ideas: swohldmann@hotmail.com
- Reflections (Carrie Fernandez)
 - Reflections is a nationally sponsored PTA Art program for students. It gives students an opportunity to express themselves in a form of art.
 - Reflections is for grades 3 -5.
 - For more information, please contact Carrie Fernandez at cfernandez@wcpss.net
- Membership (Danielle Davis)
 - We have about 50 members so far.
 - The cost is \$8 per person.
 - Join using the link below:
 - <http://swiftcreekeswcpssnetptahtml.weebly.com/membership.html>
 - Contact Danielle Davis for more information at daniellemDavis06@gmail.com

- You can join online through MemberHub.

5. General Information

- Pictures
 - No pictures taken of students working on the laptop
 - You cannot take pictures of a child's screen during remote learning.
 - It is a privacy issue.
 - Opportunities to take pictures:
 - You can take pictures of their kids but not their classmates on the computer
 - Hashtags. Please use them on social media! We will use them for our yearbook as well :)
 - #SCESROARS
 - #ROARtoSoar
 - #WeSoarHigher
- Library Books
 - You can now request books from the library
 - Every Thursday from 9 am - 12 pm
- Spirit Night
 - Thursday Sept 24 from 1 - 8 pm at Papa Murphy's - 25% of sales go to Swift Creek
 - Monday, Sept 28 Teacher Workday
 - Saturday, Oct 3 Virtual Fun Run
 - Tues, Oct 15 @ 6:30 pm PTA Meeting

6. Principal's Report

- This is not going to destroy what we have worked hard to build.
- If it is too much...shut it off. If you miss one math meet, one P2 lesson, it is ok. Teachers have used the word exhausted a lot. We appreciate all the work the teachers are doing and what parents are doing to make this situation work.
- September 22 from 7-8 pm we will be having a virtual open house.
 - You will be able to go to a live open house with teachers from your grade level.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

--Minutes taken by PTA Secretary Lauren Nicholls.