

Swift Creek PTA
General PTA Meeting
September 12, 2023 @ 6:30pm


Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/25mfh8tw>

Link to Slide Presentation:  **SCES PTA Mtg Sept 2023**

Has quorum been met (20 attendees)? YES


Attendees:

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| 1. Jessi Andricks | 17. Rebecca Simpson |
| 2. Deb Killion | 18. Sara Nicholson |
| 3. Danielle Davis | 19. Sarah Lewis |
| 4. Kristen Sherman | 20. Zoraida Fernandez |
| 5. Tina Chadwick | 21. Janet Blomquist |
| 6. Jennifer Jones | 22. Laura Monaghan |
| 7. Heather Weiner | 23. Lisa Kropilak |
| 8. Lauren Nicholls | 24. Ashley Elliott |
| 9. Katie Deerin | 25. Tristan Launden |
| 10. Rachel Blackmon | 26. Julia Ross |
| 11. Elizabeth Ford | 27. Jenae Delayen |
| 12. Kimberly Flalon | 28. Abbie McAward |
| 13. Hannah Colaco | 29. Michele Callaway |
| 14. Kiana Haag | 30. Bryan Nicholls |
| 15. Jamie Harward | 31. April Bartley |
| 16. Sarah Chi | 32. Darrell Propst |

Agenda Item	Notes
Call Meeting to Order (Deb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting called to order at 6:36pm
Approve Minutes (Deb)	 May 2023 General PTA Mtg <ul style="list-style-type: none">Does anyone have any changes for the minutes?No changes...minutes are approved!
Budget Updates (Kristen)	Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add 2 line items under income for some

	<p>donations/fundraising efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased recycling income. • Increased painless fundraising income due to a check we received from Harris Teeter because they had someone who won the lottery. <p>Expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P2 staff shirts were increased to \$450 under expenses. • Garden budget increased to \$300. • Healthy Lifestyles increased to \$450.
Budget Vote (Deb)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve from Jenae Delayen • Second from Danielle Davis • All approved. Budget is passed.
Grade Level Presentation (2nd Grade Teachers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers: Mrs. Fallon, Ms. Colaco, Mrs. Haag • Homework in 2nd grade is optional. This is a teacher, parent, and student team. Parents know what is best for their children. If it benefits the student and family to do it, then they can. If it is a detriment to the student or family routine, they do not need to do it. Families make this decision per quarter. • During School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ EL: 4 Modules (Stands for Expeditionary Learning) ◦ Letterland ◦ Science & Social Studies: The team alternates which of these subjects they teach but cover all content in both subjects throughout the year. ◦ Math: Cover numbers 0-999, they do not teach the standard algorithm for solving math problems...instead students learn a variety of strategies that help students understand why and how the answers can be found • Exciting Things in 2nd Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Thank you to the PTA for the opportunity to work with Billy Jonas on our sound unit. ◦ Book Buddies with 4th grade! ◦ Special Guest Speakers: Paleontology & Weather

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pollinator Garden ● 2nd grade works collaboratively with our Creative Arts Team (music, art, pe, media)
Committee Updates	<p>Fun Run (Michele)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biggest fundraising event of the year. ● Goal: \$19,000 ● October 6th is our Fun Run date ● We need all the help we can get that day! ● We have raised close to \$4000 in the first week. ● We hope to double that in the next week. ● Everyone should've received an envelope. ● Every Tuesday, students can come get a prize from the Fun Run wagon if they've had a donation. ● We can take donations from businesses and corporate matching. ● Help get the word out, especially to kindergarten families. <p>Painless Fundraisers (Jenae)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Link your grocery cards-Has to be done every year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harris Teeter: Code 2126 ○ Food Lion ○ Publix ○ Lowes Foods ● Box Tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scan your receipt or email it to receipts@boxtops4education.com. ○ Download the app! ○ We can make a place for people to just drop off our receipts to be scanned. ● Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A (Waverly-411 Colonades Way in Cary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9/21/23 ○ Download and order from the app (drive through or dine in) <p>Recycling Update (Jenae)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Squeeze pouches WITH the lids attached-we get

	<p>money for these</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foil Lined Bags-no money, but good for the environment • Stretchy Plastic-bread bags, ziplock bags, grocery bags, etc... We get products for free with this.
Newsletter Update (Jessi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be coming from Mr. Propst every other Friday • Previously, only select people received the newsletter, if they signed up for it through the PTA • Every family will now receive the information in 1 letter • You can also check the FB page (Swift Creek Elementary School PTA) for updates. • You can check the Swift Creek ES website as well. • If you have questions, you can email swiftcreekespta@gmail.com and someone will get back to you.
Getting Involved (Deb)	<p>Do you want to get involved, but you're not sure what opportunities are out there? Scan the QR code below to read descriptions of our different committees, and reach out to the Committee Chair for more information. We would love to get you involved in ways that compliment your strengths and work around your schedule!</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want you to be involved beyond just being a member of the PTA.
Macedonia United Methodist Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are still partnering with the church • If there is a need for food donations, it will be sent out via the newsletter
Principal's Report (Mr. Propst)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great, calm start to the year! • Had a kick off assembly last Thursday.

- Awesome group of kids! A few kindergarten tears this week as reality has set in, but we'll work through it.
- NEW: Verkada check in system for checking children and visitors in as well as checking out.
 - To check out, you use the text you receive and click the link.
- Need: Top WatchDog for our WatchDogs program. This would be a father or grandfather. Father figures spend a day at the school in a variety of settings throughout the school.
- Challenge: Staffing-We've hired several amazing new people, but are still looking for a few more positions...kindergarten teacher and 2 special education teachers.
 - Our special education students are being served. It is just challenging and we need to find special education teachers and our kindergarten teacher.
 - Ms. McCleave, our amazing IA is currently teaching our kindergarten class.
 - We have hired our third 3rd grade teacher. Kudos to Mrs. Ellis and Ms. Jones for teaching all the students thus far. The new teacher did her student teaching her a few years back.
- Challenge: Air conditioning...4 or 5 classrooms upstairs and 3 rooms in the kindergarten building without air conditioning. We've moved classes into spare rooms and purchased 2 portable AC units and are looking for a few more.
- 3rd Grade Beginning of Grade 3 test in reading is tomorrow morning. It tests the bar that they should reach by the end of the school year. It's okay if they don't pass now!
- Our 4th grade classes, despite large numbers, are not protected by the state class size mandate. Those mandates are only for grades K-3. There is a possibility that if we get a few more kids, we might get another 4th grade position. We do have a

	4th/5th IA starting soon.
Spirit Wear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have to order your shirt by Friday, 9/15. No exceptions! • Spirit Days are back! Our first one will be on Friday, 9/22. Wear spirit wear or purple.
Next Meeting (Deb)	Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30pm.

Meeting ended at 7:37pm.

Minutes by Tina Chadwick, Secretary