

Pine Grove Elementary School PTA
PTA Meeting
Monday April 17, 2023
Meeting Notes

Meeting held in person (school library) and virtually via google meet.

Attendees:

Jennifer Keiber, Hillary Martell, Cari Santiago, Katie Norton, Kelly Clute, Jessica Appel, Cassie Fick, Robert Bennett, Kim McCray, Katie Kowal, Laura Frederick, Erin Coolahan, Kelly Brittingham, Katie Quinn, Amanda McNeeley, Rob Bennett, Katie Meninger, Jessica Dolan, Theresa Alexander (Bold names include PTA Board Members)

Virtual Attendee: **Katie Adams,** Candice Matthews, Hope Hawks, Meagan Denham, Andrea Wiseman, Jennifer Collins, Joseph Kowal, Diane Causer

Staff Attendees: Principal Lewis, Assistant Principal Markle, Lauren Demonbrun

Call to Order – 6:36 pm; Welcome extended by Jen K, president of the PTA.

Acknowledges the hard work of our committees, volunteers, and staff that have made so many PTA events go off without a hitch.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the PTA General Meeting held on February 21, 2023 was in agreement for approval by Katie Meninger and a second from Rob Bennett and Laura Frederick.

The **Treasurer Report** was submitted by Hillary M. Outgoing funds went towards the reading bookmark program, 5th grade field trip, St. Patrick's day student gifts, and spirit wear. Money coming in was around \$3,000 from the Panda Cake Kits, STEAM night and Chick-Fil-A.

Please review and fill out the budget survey using the QR code. This survey will help plan priority spending next year. The survey should be completed by anyone in our school community, including staff, parents, teachers.

Principal Lewis shared a thank you for those that volunteered for the K/Pre-K Round up days. Also, a thank you for planning the Eric Energy assembly. It was a great event enjoyed by all. The playground is now complete and passed all inspections. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on 4/18/2023 and students will be able to use the new equipment on 4/19/2023. June 13th is the proposed updated end of school date. The BCPS board will vote on this date this week. It looks like the 5th grade farewell will be held on 6/9/2023. On 4/19, The Champions of Children will hold an event honoring the 2022-2023 teacher nominees for Teacher of the Year. Ms. Glascock is PGES nominee. Starting in the fall for the 2023-2024 school year, all students have the option to receive universal breakfast and lunch. No forms will be need to be filled out this year to receive this service. Teacher appreciation week will be held on May8-12.

Ms Markle shared that MCAP testing for grades 3-5, state mandated testing, will begin next week. Look for a notice to come home tomorrow with dates/times for grade-level testing.

Teacher Update: Mrs. DeMonbrun shared that the students enjoyed the assembly. Thank you to those who helped with K/Pre-K round up. The kids enjoyed the snacks and the tour of the building.

The **Student Support Network** held their spring distribution on March 30th. While it was another great event, there was a significant amount of families that signed up that did not show up to receive their donations. Thank you Kelly B. for your help!

Committee Reports:

Reading incentive / Bookmark: Amanda McNeely shared June 1st(12:30-3:30) will be the day to celebrate the reading accomplishments. March prizes are on the way.

Family Events: Kelly from the family events committee shared on May 12th at 6:00pm-8:00pm they will hold an event which will include a family fun picnic with possible food trucks, food and non-food sales. The committee will be offering raffles. Please offer to help volunteer in some capacity.

Student appreciation: Jessica A. shared Eric Energy was a hit. The Baltimore Blast will be coming to school with the WBAL news crew. This is a free event with two time slots (primary and intermediate). This will happen after grade 3-5 testing. The steel drum band could still happen this year or may be held for a future event in the fall.

Spirit-Wear: Katie K. shared the new design is ready for sale and will be on sale at the Earth Day event. Please look on memberhub for spiritwear sales as no cash payments will be accepted.

Teacher Appreciation: Cari S. shared please look for volunteer opportunities during Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12. Something will be done each day of this week to celebrate our teachers and staff. Staff lunch provided on the last day 5/12.

Advocacy: NA

Yearbook: Kelly C. shared that the yearbook was submitted in early April. There is no definite delivery date yet. Please continue to purchase yearbooks. They will be sold through the end of the year.

Fundraising: Katie N. shared there will be one final fundraising event happening this year in either May or June at Mama Lucia's with a 10% return.

5th Grade Parent Committee: Jen K. shared that the committee has set up fun events for the 5th grade. The outdoor movie night will be on 5/5. Baskin Robbins night will be on 4/20. There will be staff greeters. A non-PTA, non-school sponsored event is being hosted by the Pine Ridge Pool for

5th grade families on 6/6. A family night at the Iron Birds Stadium will be held on 6/10. Seats will be available for purchase by families for \$12. Yard signs saying “We are proud of our PGE 5th grader” will be for sale for \$20 a sign via memberhub. The farewell party and yearbook signing party are already covered by the PTA budget.

Unfinished Business:

Earth Day will be celebrated on 4/22 with a table at the Cromwell Valley Nature Center. Kids can complete a scavenger hunt, create a bird feeder, and explore the nature center on this day.

The Nominating committee shared that all positions are up for re-election. Please reach out to Jessical Appel, Cassie Fick, and/or Kim Warner if you are interested in running. PTA executive board holds office for 2-year terms. The current executive board terms are up at the end of June; however, currently Cari Santiago is planning to run for President, Amanda McNeely is planning on running for Vice President, Hillary Martell is planning on running for Treasurer, Katie Norton is planning on running for Communications Secretary. The Recording Secretary position will be vacant. Please reach out to a current board member if you are interested in running for a board position. The election will occur at the next meeting held in May. Pizza/food/drinks may be provided.

Budget Committee/survey: Please refer to the treasurer's report for details and QR code information.

Scholarship: The PTA has slated a scholarship for a high school senior that attended PGE from K-5th grade. Funds include 1-\$500 OR 2-\$250 value to a PGE alum graduating from a local high school. At this time no student has submitted an application. Late submissions will be approved. If no application is received the money will roll over for next year.

The Parkville Rec. Baseball program reached out to see if the PTA would like to run the concession stand during a Saturday game day. The PTA would keep all of the earnings from these sales. Food and spirit wear items can be sold. The PTA would be looking for volunteers to support this event.

Baltimore Blast: Please refer to the Principal's report for Baltimore Blast update.

Open Discussion:

Teacher supplements are beginning to be submitted. Please have these turned in by 6/1.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 in the school library. Virtual link to be sent at a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm