

Pointers Run Elementary School PTA Meeting
May 30, 2023
7 pm

Welcome/Call to Order
Dalia Bracy, President

- PTA President Dalia Bracy welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Principal's Report
Dr. Holden

- 5th graders did an amazing job at Simulated Congressional Hearings
- HCPSS County Transportation Opt-in is due June 1
- Please take transportation survey from PRES - admin will fix link
- 2023-2024 School Year Planning:
 - Kindergarten registration for 2023-2024 is underway, with 99 students registered already, which is a lot more than usual for this time of year
 - kindergarten will have 7 classes
 - 1st grade will have 6 classes (currently have 2 teacher vacancies)
 - 2nd through 5th grade will have 5 classes each
 - Teacher assignments in progress and not ready to share because BOE has not yet approved the involuntary and voluntary transfer process has part of next year's operating budget
 - Teacher assignments will be communicated as usual to parents in late August
- School pictures: PRES admin is looking for new vendor for next year to replace Strawbridge
- Yearbooks will be delivered to students the last week of school
- School Fundraiser
 - Administration (not PTA) is running a fundraiser for the school June 2 -5
 - Taharka Bros ice cream, delivered to your home. Check Pointers View for ordering info. Only available to certain 21044. Delivery June 7, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.
 - Funds will be used for PBIS incentives (e.g. dance party) and school supplies, recess equipment, etc.
- Report cards will be available June 16 in HCPSS Connect
- Dr. Carr reported that All Standardized Testing is complete for the year
- Dr. Holden passed out information from the Equity Survey results at PRES
 - On the Yellow sheet passed out at the meetings, the "L" = scored as low priority to fix at PRES and the "H" = high priority to fix at PRES
 - PRES will be focusing on staff training and learning to implement the high priority areas
 - Still time for parents to complete survey
- PRES Admin is hosting a thank you luncheon for parents and others who have volunteered this year at PRES, June 8th, 11 – 2. Please join us

Special Guest Presentation

Alice Johnson, 4th grade PRES mom and Girl Scout troop leader of multi-level troop at PRES consisting of 10 juniors and 1 brownie

- Girl Scouts are seeking permission to host a booth at the PRES end of the year picnic for a fundraiser for 2 local animal shelters for their Bronze Award
- The booth will provide an opportunity for students to make no-sew blankets for animals and to donate money for toys for large dogs at the shelter
- The PTA and PRES Admin agreed the Girl Scouts could host the booth

Budget Vote

Reema Bhatt, Treasurer and Dalia Bracy, President

- Reema reported we are \$230 over the agreed upon PTA budget for this year based on two line items (insurance and PTACH donation)
- Erin Kirkpatrick voiced a motion to increase the PREA PTA organizational expenses by \$230 to cover these two line items
- Motion seconded by PTA member Adelis Rodriguez
- Motion put to a vote and passes unanimously
- Note: PRES PTA is ending this year with \$17,000 in the bank, which is a huge testament to this community and the fundraising and donations that came in throughout the year. THANK YOU to all PTA members and families who donated this year.

Vote in 2023-2024 PTA Executive Board

Dalia Bracy, President

Adelis Rodriguez, Nominating Committee

- This is the full executive board's last PTA meeting - all members are cycling off after reaching the 2-year service maximum
- Dalia gave a round of thank yous to the PRES administration and board members for their service
- A quorum was confirmed and voting for the 2023-24 PTA Executive Board took place:
 - **President:** Bhumika Parikh was nominated, no floor nominations, vote passes unanimously
 - **Vice President 1:** Michelle Azari was nominated, no floor nominations, vote passes unanimously
 - **Vice President 2:** Daljit Soni was nominated, one self-nomination from the floor: Brittney McCarville
 - Both candidates gave speeches about why they want to be VP2
 - Anonymous paper vote was conducted
 - Heather Eacmen and Val Weidemann counted the votes; Carla Ratliff and Erin Kirkpatrick observed the counting.
 - Of the 19 votes cast, 10 are necessary for election.
 - Candidate Soni received 7 votes, Candidate McCarville received 12 votes
 - Brittany McCarville was elected VP2 by paper ballot
 - **Vice President 3:** Elif Tasci was nominated, no floor nominations, vote passes unanimously
 - **Secretary:** Kim Griffin was nominated, no floor nominations, vote passes unanimously
 - **Treasurer:** Regina Montalbano was nominated, no floor nominations, vote passes unanimously

Committee Reports

- Cultural Celebrations – talent show was held in late April and was well attended and all the performers did a great job.
- Enrichment – Reptile Man was a great assembly and the students loved it. Email Noreen Ramienski with assembly ideas for next year. Ideas must be submitted now so it can be budgeted over the summer.
- PRES Fun Run was held in May and it was very fun! 204 registered and brought in almost \$5,000 for the PTA. Thank you to all who came out
- Staff Appreciation Week – This was held in early May and committee chair Aamina Bhutta did an awesome job organizing a week of appreciation for staff at PRES. It was well received and appreciated. Staff reported that the pizza lunch on field day was perfect and the coffee truck was awesome.
- Restaurant night – In total, these fundraisers brought in \$2,000 for the PTA this year
- PRES Annual PJ Drive – Pointers Run donated 150 pairs of pajamas to local charity Casey Cares, which provides pajamas to children in local hospitals. The 3 classes that donated the most pajamas (Fraser, Cascio, Nichols) received chick-fil-a coupons and PRIDE tickets. Thank you to all who donated!

Announcements

- PRES End of Year Picnic will be held Friday, June 9, 2023, rain or shine.
- Committee Chairs should submit POWs for next year prior to the budgeting process that takes place over the summer.
- Dalia adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm