

MINUTES

Alston Ridge Elementary School PTA

Date | time July 22, 2019 6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Erica Watson

In Attendance

Erica Watson (President)

Nick Yates (Treasurer)

Jennifer Eggiman (Secretary)

Amy Holcomb (VP Ways and Means)

Christy McDonald (VP Communications)

Niko Schutte (Principal)

Maryann Schroeder (Teacher Representative)

Janet Pride (Teacher Representative)

Committee Chairs: Laura Hudak (Room Parents), Yolanda Sidney (Social Media), Jessica Fairfax (Box Tops, HT/Publix), Rachel Jordan (Cultural Arts)

Approval of Minutes

This was the first Board Meeting of this school year, therefore there were no previous minutes to be approved.

Report of Officers

President:

- Wellness position is now open.
- We will now be using “Robert’s Rules of Order” for meeting agendas.
- The PTA Standing Rules have been updated. All Board Members have been asked to review the Standing Rules before the next meeting. We will vote to make them effective at that time.

Treasurer:

- Discussed the successful use of QuickBooks and PayPal.
- Teacher reimbursements have started coming in for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The meeting attendees discussed the budget for 2019-2020. The budget is still in progress and will continue to be worked on for approval at the August General PTA Meeting. The Board discussed adding money to the budget to fund clubs, increasing PTA sundry, and adding “student equity” fund to enable all students to participate in PTA events.

VP Communications:

- August newsletter submissions are due by July 29th.
- Yearbook team met with Strawbridge; They will receive their Yearbook kit in August.
- Social Media: Yolanda has been set up as an admin and has been posting PTA updates.

VP Ways and Means:

- Discussion of Gator Fest Revenue and admissions cost for students. There was consensus that we could charge a reasonable amount for admission to help cover expenses.

Committee Reports

- Room Parents – Interest forms and release forms have been sent out and are being received. In person meeting for room parents is tentatively scheduled for the night of the next General PTA Meeting (August 26, 2019).
- Spirit Nights – Hoping to schedule a McDonald's McTeacher event to kick-off the school year.
- Spirit Wear – Very successful sales at Meet the Teacher events! Thank you to everyone that helped!
- Science Fair – Working with Ms. Starrett to finalize dates, and it looks like it will be in January.

Unfinished Business

- Safety Patrol Rain Gear has been delivered.
- Decided to remove both Reflections and Welcome Wagon for 2019-2020 School Year due to no lead person. Remove these items from the budget.
- Google Calendar -- Need to replace old Gmail calendar with new gsuites calendar on the website.

Principal and Teacher Reports

- Combined Curriculum and Literacy/Math Nights.
- Teachers inquired about raising money for additional projects and whether this would be through PTA.

New Business

- Discussed an Indian Dance Club and options for funding (community vs. PTA). Determined that only clubs that are free and open to all students can be sponsored by PTA (i.e., parents willing to donate time to lead a club with a teacher sponsor). Paid programming should be channeled through the school in a similar fashion to golf/tennis. For the time being, no additional paid clubs/recreation will be approved by the school for after-school hours that requires use of the school building due to the new YMCA aftercare program.
- Staff Discount for Spirit Wear: plan to maintain discount but find another way for staff to place orders.

Upcoming Events and Key Dates

8/26 - Room Parent Meeting and PTA General Member Meeting

9/5 - Math Curriculum Night, Tr 1&3 Classroom Visits (Spirit Wear, Merchant Fundraising table, Spirit Night)

9/23-10/4 – Book Fair

9/26 - ELA Curriculum Night, Tr 2&4 Classroom Visits (Spirit Wear, Merchant Fundraising table, Spirit Night)

10/16-10/23 Red Ribbon Week

10/28-11/22 Fun Run

Next Meeting(s)

August 19, 2019 | 6:00pm – Board Meeting

August 26, 2019 | 6:00pm – General PTA Meeting