Minutes

Alston Ridge Elementary School PTA

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

# In Attendance

Erica Watson (President)

Jennifer Eggiman (Secretary)

Nick Yates (Treasurer)

Amy Holcomb (VP Ways and Means)

Christy McDonald (VP Communications)

Schanel Mize (VP Programming)

Niko Schutte (Principal)

Janet Pride (Teacher Representative)

Committee Chairs: Emily Collins (Red Ribbon Week), Rachel Jordan (Cultural Arts and Yearbook), Colette Barnes (Wellness)

# Approval of Minutes

September Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

# New Business

* Storybook Pumpkin Patch
  + PTA agreed to contribute the popsicles for each grade level winner (left over from Popsicles on the Playground event) to Dr. B (Media Center).
* READvolution
  + Voted to use $180 of the school improvement fund from the budget ($30 per grade level) for grade level prizes.
  + Emily Collins will coordinate this with Dr. B.

# Report of Officers

President:

* The PTA has done a great job building community so far this school year!
* Most revenue line items that have already occurred are already exceeding budget!

Treasurer:

* Great revenue so far this school year, especially from Spirit Wear and the Book Fair!
* Teacher reimbursement are still coming in.

VP Ways and Means:

* Locations for Sponsor Banner – front hallway by the office and outside window.
* Spirit Night at DEFY and Cici’s – revenue $ amount is still unknown.
* HT Linking – handed our gift cards to the 2 winners from the drawing; 133 linked to date so far and $142 revenue.
* Sponsor recognition week – January.

VP Communications:

* Provided a schedule of all upcoming communication events and who/what is needed.
* 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest- voting will occur on November 1st via e-mail to ensure we meet the deadline for submitting the cover to Strawbridge.
* Will start sending out a monthly e-mail (approximately 2 weeks after the monthly newsletter) that will only include links for upcoming volunteer needs.
  + Schanel will be Volunteer Coordinator.

VP Programming:

* November calendar for the front hallway – let Schanel know if you have any additions/suggestions.
* Thank You notes in the PTA office – any one can use them to send for PTA volunteers, donations, etc.

# Committee Reports

* Book Fair – very successful ($4,782 net earnings); reconsider ways for next year for scholarship funds/donations.
* Fun Run – begins on 10/28; volunteers needed for day of the Fun Run(s).
* Red Ribbon Week – everything went great and beginning to gather ideas for next year; Ms. Payne’s class was able to visit with the K9 unit.
* Staff Appreciation – breakfast scheduled for November 7th; sign-up genius sent out for volunteer needs.
* Yearbook – 5th grade cover contest ends on 11/1; yearbook due by 3/1; photo releases and name checks (misspellings) – determine the best way to go about this.
* Cultural Arts - Still looking for an Indian Dance Group, but not having much luck. The April cultural arts event was voted to be the Aviation Group (Bright Star Touring Theater) rather than the Indian Dance Group.
* Room Parents – updates are being sent out; some 4th and 5th grade classes are still lacking room parents, Gallant Gator Readers is under way, however, next year, the goal will be to get room parents assigned earlier so that Gallant Gators can start earlier.
* Science Fair – Initial planning meeting will be on 11/1 at 8:45am with Ms. Starrett. Science Fair is scheduled for 1/23/20 and 2/4/20.
* Spirit Nights – Mod Pizza on December 4th.
* Spirit Wear – Online order system is working out great so far; teacher order forms with the teacher’s discount can be found in the office.
* Wellness – Whole Foods partnership (ask them if they are willing to set up a tent for Gator Fest or to send a nutrition speaker (Mrs. Pride); Taekwondo Club (1-2 sessions/month); Yoga Club (1-2 sessions/month); teacher sponsors.

# Unfinished Business

* Feed the Kids program.

# Principal and Teacher Reports

* PTA has done a good job this year of creating great, lasting systems.
* The school is still growing!
* Most families have likely attended at least 1 event outside of regular school hours so far this year; great job of creating a community!

# Upcoming Events and Key Dates

10/28-11/22 Fun Run

10/28 Tr 1&2 Pep Rally (2:15 pm)

11/7 Tr 1&2 Race Day (9:30 am K&1st, 10:30 am 2nd&3rd, 11:30 am 4th&5th)

11/12 Tr 3&4 Pep Rally (2:15 pm)

11/21 Tr 3&4 Race Day (9:30 am K&1st, 10:30 am 2nd&3rd, 11:30 am 4th&5th)

11/1 - 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Competition submissions due

11/5 @ 8 am - Chorus Interest Meeting

11/8 - PTA Board vote on winning yearbook cover

11/12 @ 8 am - Chorus Interest Meeting

11/22 - READvolution ends

11/18-22 - Judge storybook pumpkins

11/26 - Storybook pumpkin grade level winners announced

# Next Meeting(s)

November 18, 2019 | 6:00pm – Board Meeting