

August 14th PTA Meeting 6:00 PM

Agenda

Thank you for coming to the first PTA meeting of the year. We had 15 in attendance.

Co-Presidents Update - Tamara Liles & Lynda Nicolay

- **Welcome**
- **Sneak Peek** – Feedback and considerations for next year
- **School Supply Kits** - The check total is \$1,578.86
- **PTA Closets & supplies** – Closets have been completely cleaned out and organized. Please make sure you check in the closet or with Lynda or myself for any supplies that you may need for your event. If you need to make any purchases or spend any money, please get approval from Lynda or myself first.
- **Events:** Budget, Lynn Blue's role, Planning/Layout, Volunteers & Betas, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Marques & Mrs. Kyle's time,
- **Updates on the Gaga Pits & Seesaw** - We have county approval and should be getting work done within the next month on both the Gaga Pits and Seesaw. Will be done over several weekends to try and disrupt outdoor activities as little as possible.

Principal Update - Mrs. Marques

- We discussed the email celebrating our academic progress: 31st in state and 5th in district
- What's new at SBCE? Lego team, Makerspace-through media center special area, Technology fair extended to all students – not just TAG
- Please help us amp up teacher recognition by bragging about your teachers so that we can post it on the Bobcat Brag Board
- We are extending our student recognition per our strategic plan
- Mentor program – partnership with JCPD – per our strategic plan
- Be happy be safe and be kind t-shirts – promoting healthy social/emotional well being
- Zen room - created for our teachers - promotion of social emotional wellness
- FCS is sponsoring a fun run and we have a group of Bobcat teachers and admin participating together
- Teachers express their appreciate the breakfast and lunch during preplanning
- Mini grants - thank you!

Teachers Update – Ms. Matthews

Treasurer Update – Michelle Meyers

Last year's "bottom line" was a \$16k contribution to net reserves... higher than budgeted due to 1) income over budget for events and yearbook, 2) expenses under budget for cancelled or delayed items (ropes course, some academic programs, Gaga Pit project).

School Governance – Daphne Honore & Heather Van Looy

The SBCE School Governance Council met on Friday, August 3, 2018 at SBCE, 5530 State Bridge Road in Johns Creek, GA. The following members were appointed by Ms. Marques and approved by the council:

First meeting was getting the council together and new appointments. Next meeting is on 8/23

- Sarah Gruber
- Morgan Havens
- Lindsay Kyle

Heather Van Looy was voted at the new SGC Chair and Morgan Havens was voted as Vice Chair. The following members were selected to serve on the Budget & Finance Committee: Bridgette Marques (Chair), John Clifton, Morgan Havens, and Heather Van Looy.

The Outreach & Communication Committee will be: Leslie Williams (Chair), Lindsay Kyle, Sarah Gruber, and Daphne Honore.

Heather Van Looy and John Clifton will serve on the Principal Selection Committee.

Warren Hutmacher will be asked to continue as Parliamentarian. He and Mr. Crawford will be assigned to a committee.

The next SGC meeting will take place on Thursday, August 23rd at 7:00 a.m. in the SBCE Admin Conference Room.

Academics Updates – VP Daphne Honore

Mini Grants – Kristina Madh

No opportunities to have the teachers apply for mini grants. The first being now which the deadline for is on August 31st. The second will be after the winter break.

Science Force – Daphne Honore

There are no updates at this time. As soon as the Science Force schedule has been created and finalized, volunteers will be able to sign up using sign up genius as done in the past

A reminder that if you plan to volunteer be sure to fill out the mandatory volunteer for online.

Reed to Succeed – Lindy Washer

No updates at this time

Finance Updates – VP Manju Shringpure

My School Anywhere – Jennifer Rombardo

- 402 families have confirmed their data
- 231 memberships sold = \$28,500.00
 - 9 Platinum
 - 28 Gold
 - 58 Silver
 - 82 Base
 - 54 Minimum
- Next Steps include
 - Updating teacher information
 - Assigning students to classrooms after the 10th day of school - The date for the final assignments will be Friday, August 18th

Corporate & Partner Relationship Chair – Lynn Blue

PTA Bookfair – Julie Snelling, Sonda Bevilacqua, Brook Howard & Katie VanVelder

The PTA holds our Bookfair event in the spring, however we do support the schools bookfair in the fall (August 27th – 31st) with volunteers. We recently sent out an email to all of our board members with a link to a sign up genius. Please take a moment to volunteer during the week if you are able to. We will be sharing the classroom list of dates and times that each class will be attending as soon as we have it.

Family Portraits – Emily Lovelace

We currently have 26 families signed up, but there are A LOT of open slots. I think an e-mail blast with the link included should go out reminding parents to sign-up. The date of the portraits are...

September 15th between 8:30 - 1:30 and 3:00 - 7:30

(rain date 9/22)

September 23rd between 8:30 - 1:30 and 3:00 - 7:30

(rain date 9/29)

We will be having an SBCE parent, Aubrey Canalis who is a photographer take portraits this year. Location TBD.

Box Tops – Heidi Mueller

We collected \$1,174.10 last year. We have 1 pending collection with box top that will be applied to this school year. Counting is slower in summer. Our first collection date for this year will be on October 17th and we will ask volunteers to come in on Friday, October 19th to help count. We will have another in February and end of April beginning of May.

Spirit Wear – Laura Vane, Jodi Richards & Cheryl Baker

As you are aware, we moved our spirit wear all online this year. We made the decision to try online sales this year because we have an abundance of spirit wear from the past that are sitting in the closet. Our plan is to have a “spirit wear yard sale” at some point to try to move these items.

The online store opened up a few weeks before school started and we will be closing it on Wednesday the 15th to complete our first bulk order. We will reopen the store in the later part of fall.

Current sales are 278 items. These items will be delivered to the school in a few weeks and we will send items home with the students.

Yearbook – Colleen Scruggs, Eva Kim & Isha Lee

- Sales are open at \$30 until Aug 24th. This coincides with the Jostens promotion of Free icons with personalization until 8/24. After that they go to \$32. Ads for 5th graders are also open. Once I have the school roster into the system we will start promoting this.

- 113 sold already and we have a goal of 450

- The replay it app is down until mid-August. Once it is back up we will promote the app and start asking for back to school photos.

- We have 8 empty pages bc of No fall tybee and No field day in May. Pls start thinking....I know we have the fun run so that is good. (No Tybee bc copy is due to Jostens at the end of Feb. All events after that do not get documented.

****Please send pictures to help fill in the yearbook**** We are looking for first day of school pictures, After school activities (ie: boy/girl scouts), and also pictures from both Daddy/ Daughter Dance and Mother / Son Kicks and Cones from last year.

Social Media – Jennifer Rombardo

Facebook

- New Followers 15
- Total Followers 222
- In the last 28 days
 - 1600 reached

- 1500 engagements
- 138 link clicks
- Most engaging post was the First Day of School, share your pics

Twitter

- 101 Followers

PTA Website – Heather Van Looy

Please check out the SBCE PTA website to keep in touch with what is going on.

www.sbcepta.org

Community Support – VP Lynda Nicolay

Room Rep Coordinator – Arti Keddy

Gardening – Rachel Park

Landscaping – Chris Touchstone

Hearing & Vision – Michelle Meyers

Scheduled for October 16; volunteers will be needed and signup genius will go out next month

Teacher Breakfast – Michele Allison

We started our teachers off with a wonderful back to school breakfast on Tuesday, July 31st. Our next teacher breakfast will be on Friday, September 21st and will be hosted by our 4th & 5th grade classes.

Teacher Lunch – Laurie Davie & Mary Peterson

We recently completed the teachers back to school lunch 8/3 and have started working on the Oct 19th Teachers Tailgate. We are looking at a few new, healthier food options this year (vs the BBQ from last year), that will also allow us to have a vegetarian option.

We have a teacher who is Vegan and have reached out to her and found out a few vegan options we can bring her during each of our events.

Regarding the Dec holiday event should we do both the Teachers holiday party AND the Teachers luncheon? Last year we opted to just do the party.

Teacher Appreciation – Laurie Davis & Mary Peterson

No updates at this time

Newcomers Committee – SaraBeth Grow & Kristina Madh

Our Newcomer's Coffee is this Wednesday at 9:00 in the media center. It will be a time where our newest members of SBCE can meet the administrative staff, learn about PTA and take a tour of the school.

Family Events – VP SaraBeth Grow & Sonda Bevilacqua

All Pro Dads – Pete Lovelace

Registration will be through Peachjar. This years All Pro Dads will be looking to do a service project for the school. This is still in the planning stages.

Raffle Basket Coordinator – Katie VanVelder

Bingo – Kelly Karson

No updates at this time

Fall Festival – Cheryl Baker

September 30 2 until 5 pm.

Committee volunteers needed ASAP

Co-Event Organizer to assist with general planning

Committee Chairs:

- Decorations (e.g. hay bales, scarecrows, pumpkins) - scarecrows should be in PTA closet, pumpkins I used to collect from people who didn't carve, but maybe do a Sign-up genius for people to donate pumpkins.
- Craft
- Games/Prizes
- Farmer's Market/Food
- Ticket Distribution

Walk to School Coordinator – Elizabeth Cook

- I met with Marielena Guterrez (School Outreach Coordinator with the Georgia Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School). International Walk to School day is the first Wednesday in October.
- I met with Chris Coughlin (parent and city councilman for Johns Creek) to discuss ways to promote the October Walk to School event.
- We are in the process of looking at and scheduling a Wednesday in October to hold the event.
- In the upcoming 7 to 10 days, we will have a flyer to blast on social media.
- Monthly tallies will start in September. 2 days per month, each teacher is requested to count how many children walked, biked, took the bus, rode in a car with their family or carpooled with another family to school in the mornings and the afternoons.
- I will have much more information at the next meeting.

The City is trying to help SBCE become a more “walkable” school. In the coming weeks there will be safety walk prior to our Walk to School Wednesday event.

Family Fun Run – OPEN POSITION

Deji-Ann Simms and Erin Nichols have stepped up to help chair the Fun Run!! Thank you!!

This is our first and only fundraising event. The purpose of this event is to raise money to fix the PK, K & 1st grade playground. The date is set for Sunday, October 27th (with a rain date of November 10th). We are looking for someone to chair this event. Please contact Lynda Nicolay or Tamara Liles if you are interested in heading up this event or volunteering for this event.

Daddy Daughter Dance – Marcie Shaffer

No updates at this time

Mother Son Event – Katie VanVelder

No updates at this time

Field Day – Carrie Finn & Rebecca Rice

No updates at this time

5th Grade Finale Coordinator – OPEN POSITION (Must be filled by a parent with a current 5th grade student)

No updates at this time

Upcoming events:

- August 15th – Newcomers Coffee 9:00 am in the Media Center
- August 21st – PK – 2nd grade Curriculum Night 6:00 pm (please no children)
- August 22nd – 3rd – 5th grade Curriculum Night 6:00 pm (please no children)
- August 22nd – Tybee Meeting for 5th grade parents following CN
- September 3rd – No School
- September 15th & 23rd – Family Portraits
- September 18th – our next PTA Meeting at 11:30 am here at the school

Thank you for attending!