

October 6, 2021 / 1:45 PM / [Virtual via Zoom](#)

ATTENDEES

Administration: Katie Caggia (Principal) , Sarah Chi (Assistant Principal)

Board Members: Carissa White (President), Gloriann Austin (VP Programs & Hospitality), Joy Fulton (Secretary), Annmarie Devlin (Teacher Representative), Wendy Young (Chair - Grant Writing), Kathy Bouverie (PTA SIT Representative, Chair Book Club Committee), Khristen Bendali (Shade Structure Grant)

AGENDA

Introductions & Check-in

Updates & Reviews:

- Budget Review & Approval - Tamara Cosgrove
- Not many changes occurred from the last General body meeting.
- Go Play Save raised approximately \$5,385.
- Open donations are at approximately \$320.
- Spirit wear orders were received.
- Spirit wear will be offered all year long.
- There is a new line in the budget
- Call for vote on budget approval for budget approval
- PTA president Carissa called for a vote. Gloriann seconded it.
- Budget was approved unanimously for all members present.
- Review & Accept [Code of Ethics](#), [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), & [Rules](#) - Carissa White
- PTA Software Purchases? - Pebble Go & Raz Kids?
- No new licenses needed through the PTA for PebbleGo and Raz-Kids the school is going to continue using the Wake approved software.
- Administration Updates - Katie Caggia
- There is a vacancy for a Special Education IA.
- The school has an allotment of 651.
- Due to the population it now can have 656.
- The school is awaiting word on the extra positions
- There are still items needed for the Amazon Sunshine cart.
- In particular drinks such as Diet coke and whole candy bars

- Fun Run - Carissa White for Avery Emery
 - Change date to November 19
 - Week-long online auction fundraiser
- Spirit Wear Update - Tamara Cosgrove
 - Spirit wear orders went in.
 - Received approximately \$2,219 with cash
- Cultural Arts - Carissa White/Elsie Ramsey
 - The grant was received from the United Arts Council.
 - There will be a drummer coming in for the month of March for a week
 - The Drummer will be taking over Ms. McGowan's class.
 - Reflections submissions are coming in.
 - The \$100 application fee was paid the contract is being worked on.
 - It was signed by the principal and is awaiting the signature of the PTA president.
- [Committee Chair Search Update](#) - Gloriann Austin ([Committee Owners Sheet](#))
- Membership Update - Carissa White
 - There are 102 members of the PTA this year; last year there were 163 members..
 - The PTA president wants to open up the narrative on how to be a part of the PTA.
- Shade Structure Grant - Khristen Bendali
 - Looking into a shade for an outdoor playground and picnic area.
 - For short-term solution - looking into smaller shades but some handy work like cementing will have to be done for foundations.
 - In order to receive a grant you have to show proof of a safe site and adequate storage space.
 - There has to be a quote and a plan for what's needed. This will be Revisited for next year.
 - In the interim other Wake County schools/facilities are going to be contacted for further guidance and protocols in going about acquiring shades for an outdoor playground and or classroom. She's going to be pairing up with Wendy from grant writing.
 - The school is in line to receive 3 picnic tables for this year.

New Business:

- PTA Shared Goals - Carissa White
 - Re-build sense of community and belonging

- Make connections with other parents - reach out and learn about what goals folks have had in the past.
- Advocacy - better together - cognitive awareness & empathy - awareness around \$\$ deadlines and things that might create conflict or difficulties for our families.
- Brainstorm & Plan general meeting special presentation - Carissa White
 - History of Apex - the train system, Rosenwald School
 - Connections between school and Apex Baptist Church - a way to tie in folks from there for PTA programming.
 - Oak Grove is hosting Dr Rangel for her “how to talk to kids about race” presentation
 - Roundtable with the students around talking about race & Ethnicity
 - February - Historical Marker for AES as a rosenwald school - will be a celebration in conjunction with Black History Month
- Standing Committee Formation - Carissa White
 - We need to recruit members to form the following standing committees.
 - Audit Committee - recruit at the end of the year to review books
 - Advocacy Committee
 - Nominating Committee
- Apex Public School Foundation Guilty Pledger Campaign Promotion- Carissa White
- [Sunshine Cart Check-in](#) - Need Anything? - Drinks (flavored seltzer (la Croix), Diet Coke, Regular Sodas) & Whole Candy Bars
- Other New Business?