

PTA General Meeting

Apex Elementary School

March 15, 2022 / 6:00 PM / [Virtual via Zoom](#)

ATTENDEES - Virtual Sign-In

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions:

PTA President Carissa White

[Member Sign-in](#)

Meeting began at 6:02

- Board Members
 - Avery Emery, VP Membership & Fundraising
 - Gloriann Austin, VP of Programs & Hospitality
 - Tamara Cosgrove, Treasurer
 - Kristina Killian, Treasurer-in-Training
 - Sarah Moore, Secretary
- Committee Chairs
- Attendees: Lisa Mitchum, John White, Carissa White, Sarah Chi, Tamara Cosgrove, Jaime Thompson, Katie Caggia, Sarah Moore, Gloriann Austin, Stacey Johnson, Avery Emery, Kirsten Verhein, Annmarie Devlin, Angela Edwards, Kristina Killian, Grace Wood, Joy Brunson-Nsubuga, Erin Carpenter, Victoria Jager, Wendy Ellis, Jaime Thompson

Updates & Reports:

- [Review & Approve Previous Meeting Minutes](#) Sarah Moore
 - Sarah reviewed the previous meeting minutes and moved to approve them. Tamara seconded.
 - Minutes approved.
- Budget Report & Funds Transfer Vote Tamara Cosgrove
 - PBIS prizes and signage were purchased and we learned that WCPSS has a print shop.
 - Panera Bread Spirit Night was successful.
 - Spirit Wear is for sale on Member Hub.
 - Spirit Rock is being rented frequently.
 - 5th Grade T-Shirts have just begun to be sold.
 - Visiting Artist coming soon (Drum Beats for Change) - \$6,000 remaining in Cultural Arts fund, which will be used to pay him and purchase his lunches for the week.

- 5th Grade Graduation has a \$500 budget, which is new this year.
- Tamara moved to approve the budget. Avery seconded.
 - Budget is approved.
- Field Day is coming up 6/7 and 6/8 and we would like to up the budget from \$1500 to \$2500, which will come from Fun Run.
 - Approved.
- Joy Brunson is going to be planning our Spring Fling and we would like to budget \$2500 for it, which will come from Fun Run.
 - Approved.
- Admin Update Principal Caggia
 - New CCR teacher, Meghan Norquist, has joined us. She's a previous teacher from Virginia.
 - The historical marker has been installed in front of the school.
 - Two teachers have won an APSF grant, Ms. Graham and Ms. Lachman. In their culminating project, 5th graders will make robots made out of recycled materials and learn about all of the ways art, science, and engineering intersect. \$906 was awarded. AES was the only school with multiple grant entries.
 - We had some fun Spirit Weeks recently (Valentines and Read Across America).
 - African American Read In was a success and it was so nice to see visitors in the building again.
 - Officer Joe recently married and the staff celebrated with him.
 - Students participated in First in Fitness last week and AES had at least one 1st place winner, but all students worked hard and enjoyed it.
 - We started off campus field trips recently.
 - Thank you PTA for the funding for planning days for teachers. There will be either one additional full day or two half days coming up.
- Grade Level & Specials Updates Grade Level Chairs
 - K Update
 - 1st Grade - Ms. Mithcum
 - Thank you PTA for continuing the Sunshine Cart and funding the planning days.
 - First Grade went to NC State to watch a theater production. Kids loved it! Thank you Avery for going in Ms. Mitchum's place.
 - In April 1st graders will go to Jordan Lake's Science Center - parents are welcome to volunteer to come, but must first be cleared with a Green Badge.

- 1st graders are studying shapes in math, plants in science, and are having an upcoming Diversity Day in Social Studies.
- All four types of writing are continuing in the 4th quarter.
- Recently students were paired with 5th grade to do buddy reading.
- Thank you to the treasurer for putting notices in our mailboxes about how much money we still have to spend.
- 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade
 - We are finishing up Module 3 in our EL program - reading Peter Pan. It has been a student favorite.
 - Module 4 is our Water Unit.
 - In math, students are learning about fractions. We will be adding and subtracting them.
 - Science Fun for Everyone was a recent, fun at school field trip.
- 4th Grade
 - Thank you PTA for all you're doing.
 - 4th grade is thick in fractions including improper fractions and converting them to mixed numbers and back again. We are also multiplying fractions.
 - In EL we are studying the Revolutionary War from different perspectives. We are also doing readers theater and studying drama.
 - In science, we are in a Patterns of Earth unit.
- 5th Grade - Grace Wood
 - Thank you PTA for all you do supporting our school.
 - Science - reviewing for science EOG and will be completing science check-ins to determine where students might need more review.
 - Math - multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals using several methods.
 - EL - We are finishing our module on athletes and social change. We have been studying Jackie Robinson for a while and will be studying more present and past athletes who have fought for social change. We are also starting to work on a wax museum, which will be the second week of April.
 - Human Growth and Development is also coming up the second week of April.

- The Agape Center field trip is 4/28 and 4/29.
- Thank you to Tamara for all your help getting the 5th grade t-shirts on the website.
- 5th graders are also learning about 6th grade registration soon with Ms. Cockman and Mr. Decker.
- 5th grade is looking forward to our Moving Up ceremony on 6/10.
- Specials
- Committee Updates
 - Cultural Arts Elsie Ramsey
 - Next week we have an artist in residence coming, his program is Drum Beats for Change. He will take over the music room and will bring a full class set of drums and he will talk about drum traditions around the world.
 - A volunteer Sign-Up genius went out to ask for volunteers to help host him.
 - Elsie is also working with Ms. Wilson in the library to host a visiting author from Charlotte. More information will be in the Friday Bulletin.
 - Book Fair Avery Emery
 - April 25-29
 - Will need many volunteers to help make the Book Fair a success.
 - Kristen Bendali will be the “floor manager” of the Book Fair.
 - Tamara will help plan a Coin Drive, which will be used to help students purchase books.
 - Spring Fling Joy Brunson-Nsubuga
 - May 19th.
 - 6 individuals have joined the planning committee and we will be meeting next Monday to start planning.
 - Both fields have been reserved through the Town of Apex.
 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week Gloriann Austin
 - 5/2-5/6
 - Sign-Up Genius will be in the Friday Bulletin to solicit volunteers.
 - Candy Table will probably be back, as well as at least one meal.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Drums for Change - United Arts Council Artist in Residency
 - March 21-25, 2022
 - Spirit Night Spirit Night Chair Erin Carpenter
 - April 4, 5-8 pm - Spirit Night at Mookie's Deli!

- Mookie's is a NY Deli that Ms. Caggia recommends and that delivers to Apex often.
 - May 10, 5-8 pm - Spirit Night at Bruster's Ice Cream
- [Next PTA General Meeting - May 10, 2022 at 6:00PM on Zoom](#)

New Business & Discussion:

- PTA Vacancies for 2022-23 Carissa White
 - Board Vacancies
 - VP of Fundraising
 - Standing Committee Vacancies
 - Nominating
 - A committee tasked to recruit a diverse group of people to fill board positions.
 - Advocacy
 - Other Committee Vacancies
 - Rising K Popsicle Parties - Occurs over the summer
 - Membership
 - Need someone to drive up membership and explain the role and benefit of the PTA.
 - Spirit Nights
 - Walk To School Day - Occurs in October
 - Fun Run - Occurs in the fall
 - Friday Bulletin
 - Spring Fling
 - Field Day
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
 - Email Carissa if interested in any positions at apexespresident@gmail.com.
- [Possible Family Tech Talk presentation for next PTA meeting](#)
 - Hoping to have a presentation available at the May meeting.
 - Joy asked what topics we've considered for presentations during or adjacent to general meetings. At a previous meeting the following ideas were discussed.
 - Curriculum
 - Family Engagement
 - How to talk to kids about race
 - School Nutrition
- Any new business from members-at-large?

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- Tamara mentioned it seems like more people came to PTA meetings when they were in person. Maybe our last meeting will be in person with a Zoom option?
- Ms. Caggia mentioned in the past we tacked PTA meetings to other events so we will look into possibly having the last meeting the same night as Spring Fling.

[NEXT PTA MEETING - Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:00PM on Zoom.](#)