

PTA General Membership Meeting

March 10, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Tiffany Allen, Rebeka Barringer, Tricia Billy, Robin Clark, Terri deBerjeois, Jeanne Denuo, Jeanette Dixon, Sarada Dudley, Crystal Epps, Liz Esper, Maggie Hanes, Lynn Hirsch, Shannon Hullopeter, Linda Fyle, Leigh Iler, Catherine Jones, Sue Kenny, Kely LaGarde, Tamara Nimkoff, Loren Pease, Susan Record, Stacie Savage, Hannah Stang, Tony Widder, Julie Wolfe, Io Wolk

1. *Introduction of the 3rd grade team* -- Ms. Dixon, Ms. Stang, and Ms. Iler (Ms. Scott was not present)
2. *Scroggs Music Explorawall* -- Ms. Dixon provided an overview of the proposed Scroggs Music Explorawall, which would be built on the wall across from the playground. She is spearheading this effort because she's passionate about hands-on learning and being outdoors. She's approaching the PTA not necessarily for funding, but to request items to be donated and help from parents, especially those skilled with tools. Teri deBerjeois supported this proposal as a multi-faceted learning experience which would benefit many children. Tiffany commented that the PTA would be able to help, especially via the Garden and School Beautification Committees.
3. *Introduction of the 2nd grade team* – Ms. Baringer, Ms. Dudley, Ms. Hullopeter, and Ms. Billy
4. *Reflex Math program* – Ms. Baringer provided an update on the use of Reflex Math in 2nd grade. The end-of-year goal is for all students to be 100% fluent in addition and subtraction. The Reflex Math program allows teachers and staff to check individual students' progress. The program works best when students log-in at least three times per week. Last year, and again this year, the team is hosting a kickball game for all 2nd graders who meet their individual goals. One parent asked if the program can be slowed down, and Math & Science Specialist Ms. Kenny responded that the program will pair known facts with unknown facts in order for students to succeed more easily. Ms. Kenny also recommended that parents do not help students enter the answers because it's also important for the students to learn the keyboard.
5. *Introduction of Chapel Hill Police Dept. (CHPD) Officer Clark* – Ms. Epps introduced Officer Robin Clark. Officer Clark works in the CHPD Community Services Division and has 27 years of experience working in Chapel Hill schools. She is building a partnership with Scroggs to ensure good relations between students and the police. Officer Clark will visit Scroggs every Friday around lunchtime to make presentations (e.g., personal safety), check on a few students, and have a positive presence at the school. She will also attend the upcoming Scroggs STEAM Night. Officer Clark is also willing to visit individual classes.
6. *Review of Draft Meeting Minutes* – The draft minutes from the Jan. 14, 2016 general membership meeting were reviewed and approved.
7. *Proposal to Restructure 2016-2017 PTA Budget* – Tiffany announced that there will be a special PTA meeting in May to discuss the proposed restructuring of the PTA budget, with a vote planned at the June 2nd PTA meeting. She provided an overview of the proposal, which involves grouping budgeted items that have historically been individual line-items (e.g., grouping grade-level funds for fieldtrips, unit books, and artists-in-residence), to provide Scroggs administration and staff with more flexibility in how to spend the funds. The "bucket" amounts will be based on historical spending, school-based priorities, and availability of funds. The PTA Board will present more detailed information at the all-staff meeting in early April.

8. PTA Committee Updates

- A. Teacher Appreciation Week (Jeanne Denuo) – Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for the first week in May and is full of new ideas, including a funding drive for all staff (similar to what was done in December for the holidays). Two of the three committee chairs will be “graduating”, so there’s a need for one or two more individuals to join.
- B. STEAM Night (Kelly LaGarde) –STEAM Night is scheduled for April 14th from 6-7:30pm. There will be four sessions, one more than last year, which should allow students and families to participate in more activities. As of now, Mathnasium is a \$500 sponsor and there are a number of new presenters (e.g., NC Parks and Recreation). Kelly requested help with set-up beginning after school that day.
- C. Garden Committee (Loren Pease) – The garden is looking great! As a reminder to teachers and room parents/volunteers, seeds are in the library and ready to be planted. There’s also a binder in the garden shed with great ideas on how to use the space. If a teacher needs a volunteer to help in the garden, he or she should contact Loren.
- D. Scroggsweat (Stacie Savage) –Scroggsweat can be purchased via the PTA website now! The teacher/staff promo code for 25% off is “STAFF.”
- E. Read-a-thon (Catherine Jones) – This year’s Read-a-thon raised \$3,500! So far, students have read 496,000 minutes, and with every student reading for seven minutes tomorrow, the 500,000-minute goal will be met! The celebratory assembly is scheduled for tomorrow.
- F. Prom (Catherine Jones) – Plans for Scroggs’ first large-scale fundraiser on April 30th are going well. Tiffany thanked Catherine and everyone else involved in the planning process.
- G. Yearbook (Tiffany for Marlee Marguiles & Patti Martzloff) – The Yearbook Club is comprised of 21 fifth graders who have been meeting since early February and assisting in the production of the yearbook. They’ve been brainstorming new layout ideas, practicing their interviewing skills, taking photos, and coming up with creative ways to advertise the yearbook. Their final meeting is Monday, March 21st and the book will be sent to the printers in late March, on time and within budget. Linda Fyle was thanked for her help with the development and printing of the yearbook.

Tiffany Allen thanked everyone for attending the meeting.