

Fox Mill PTA General Meeting Minutes
21 April 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to order

2. Members present

Seth Edwards, Russel Douglass, Emily Chappell, Anice Denton, Rachel Murphy, Sarah Jones, Ryoko Messeder, Renee Servinsky, Stephanie Farley, Sarah Kingdon, Jenn Zschunke
Unidentified from Zoom handles: Ethos Matters

Quorum was established via chat check-in and record

3. Approval of prior minutes

The minutes of the March 2022 general meeting were approved as correct. Motion to vote and approve by Seth Edwards; seconded by Emily Chappell; quorum reached and Zoom “hand raise” vote to approve.

4. Principal’s Report

- Ms. Denton introduced herself and gave a bit of her background and experience; she came to us from Armstrong, where she worked in special education, and was previously a teacher in Jamaica for 10 years and the Bahamas for 2 years.
- Please help spread advisement to parents—no crossing the street where busses exit, and no dropping students off their either. This is creating unsafe conditions, and we need to ensure street crossings are taking place in the proscribed areas. Please use kiss and ride to safely drop off your students.
- Tutoring is available, unlimited and online, through tutor.com. This is a free, 24/7 service, and works online, through voice, or text, in students’ preferred languages.
- SOAR is offered at Dogwood Elementary this summer, 7/11-29, 8:55am-12:55pm, and is supervised by an FMES teacher. No IEP is needed, the program is free, and transportation is provided. Email Lisa Kim for more information: LKim1@fcps.edu or sign and send form.
- April is Autism Acceptance Month, and we are looking for ideas to expand our community efforts here in future years.
- We are working towards a sensory room at FMES; similar ideas include ones at Armstrong (Ms Denton oversaw creation and implantation of this) and Jill’s House. Mr Moose is also onboard and excited for this!

5. Treasurer’s Report

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Expenditures (3/17/22-4/20/22)

Expenditures \$824.88

Treasurer’s Report 4/20/2022

Expenditures:

Revenue (3/17/22-4/20/22)

Revenue: \$6,282.25

Monthly Financials

Current Checking Account Balance -- \$25,212.18

Outstanding Checks-- \$3809.18

Banking Fees--\$4.00

Revenue includes deposits from Pay4SchoolStuff website (which happens weekly), Donut Day sales, Matsuri food sales and 6th grade Basketball sales.

Available Balance--\$21,403.00

Donut Day made a profit of \$440.17

Donut day made a profit of \$440.17; currently gearing up for 6th Grade Basketball Game and Matsuri events.

Proposed Budget Amendments:

- Japanese Culture Club: Increase JCC budget by \$500 to cover cost of renting RCMS facilities.
- Alumni Basketball Game (for alumni who missed 2020 and 2021 6th Grade Games): Add a line item to our current budget and allocate \$400 to cover the cost of renting the gym at Herndon Middle School. This is a self-funding event, and it should recoup these fees.

Emily Chappell motions to approve, Seth seconds; amendments are passed by voice vote.

6. **Open Roles**

Please join the election nomination committee, to help us search for new board members! Contact Seth (FMES.PTAPresident@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Many roles remain open.

- VP of Fundraising
- School supply ordering coordinator
- Membership coordinator
- Dining for Dollars coordinator
- Event and club coordinators (movie night, chess club, art club, etc)

7. **Planned events and activities for the year**

Dependent upon volunteer involvement! Please sign up to help 😊

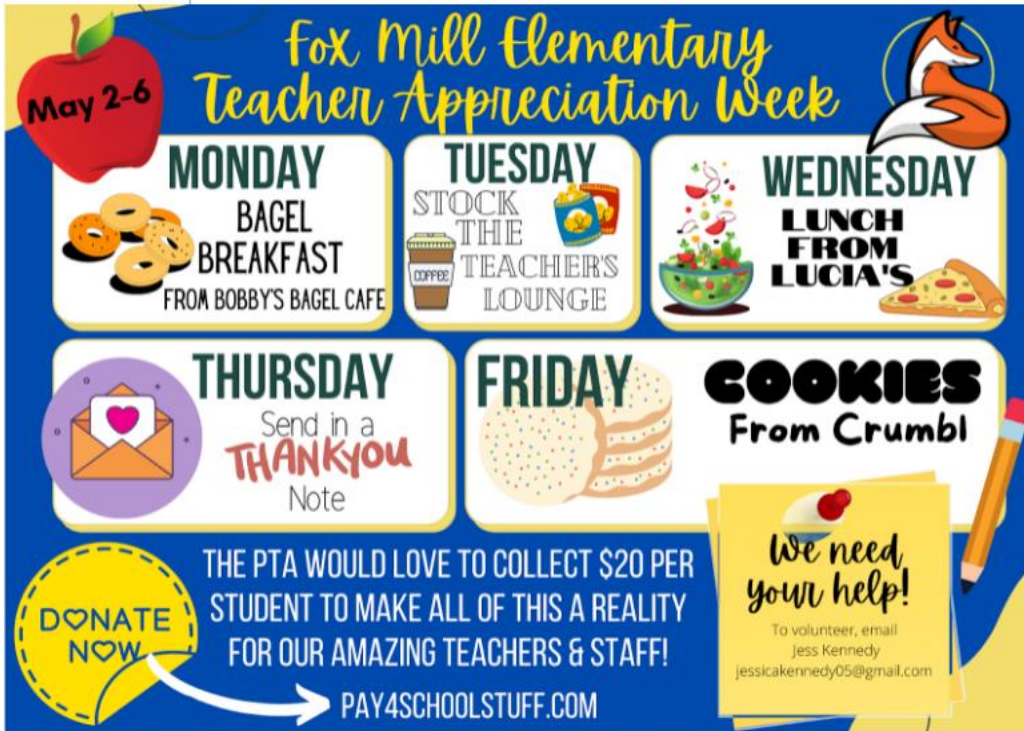
- General meetings will be: 5/19
Meetings will remain virtual, 7pm, 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise indicated.
- Monthly dining for dollars
Next will be 5/31 at Chick-fil-A.
- Monthly teacher breakfasts, grade-level supported
3rd and 4th grade breakfast held successfully; K/1st/2nd will be in late May.
- Movie Night
April 23; will be outdoors but not drive-in.
- 6th Grade Activities
Trish Atkins is coordinating these; basketball game is May 6th, other events (social, graduation, etc) are in the works
- Teacher Appreciation Week
Jess Kennedy coordinates, May 2-6; P4SS is set up to open the flat donation campaign and begin!
- Japanese Cultural Committee activities
 - i. Matsuri will be 5/13 at RCMS
 - ii. Japanese Art Week postponed
- End-of-year Picnic
This is during the school day for students and staff, Mr Moose runs the grill and everyone eats outside.
- Directory
Currently ramping up coordination of data and permissions to assemble this very useful tool; targeting next year for first actual deployment

8. **Event Focus: Movie Night**

- Saturday April 23, Browns Chapel Park
- Screening How To Train Your Dragon, beginning at dark (8:10pm); lawn games open at 5pm, field gates open at 6pm.
- Volunteers are still needed, especially to chaperone lawn games.

- Pizzas, popcorn, drinks, and glow-sticks are all pre-ordered; food trucks will be on-site for additional sales.

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10. **After-School activities**

Based on COVID numbers (FCPS has still not approved after-school activities for elementary age), and building availability, this remains on hold.

11. **Current Focus**

In addition to carrying out the remaining events, the focus of the board is on building towards a safe and successful 2022-2023. We are looking ahead to plan fall events, including representation and information distribution at open house sessions and back-to-school events.

12. **New Business**

Question from Sarah Jones regarding lack of events and reasoning; events require a coordinator (manpower) and space (a resource currently constrained by the construction). When a solution is present for those two, the PTA is happy to support it. We are planning to be able to return to the Dance in February and the Challenge in March of next year, and holding the 6th Grade Basketball game in March or April (as it has historically be done). When possible, we can attempt activities offsite, but this is additional expense and challenge.

Any other questions were of minor clarifying nature to the above items.

13. **Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes

Approved as presented _____

Approved as corrected _____

Secretary (signature)