



**PTO Board Meeting**  
**August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 7:45am**  
**School Parking Lot**

In Attendance:

Dr. Miller  
Mindy Schwartz  
Jessica Lawrence  
Karla Avery  
Ashlea Neal  
Greta Crowley  
Stacey Carlsen  
Renee Chiarelli  
Alison Carlson  
Fall Fundraiser Chairs (Emily Faucette and Kate Wright)

- A. Fall Festival Update: (Emily and Kate) October 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm
- a. Lots of rides, petting zoo, bounce house, dinosaur house, balloon lady, dunk tank, police and fire department, Home Depot crafts, Creepy Crafts, Hair and face painting, goldfish toss
  - b. Not confirmed: Cheerleaders and band from Ridgeview or Riverwood
  - c. Bake Sale??? – Dr. Miller said only individually prepackaged items, so we are cancelling
  - d. FOOD:
    - i. Latin Plate, Boun Fornello, Kona Ice, ChickFILA,
    - ii. Concession Stand: prepackaged candy/popcorn/cotton candy/sodas
  - e. High Point Civic Association – CAKE WALK
  - f. Shuttle for parking idea –
  - g. DJ from 101.5
  - h. QUESTIONS AND TBD ITEMS:
    - i. Tickets – what to charge for entry and tickets for ride
      - 1. \$10-15 for early purchase and \$15 at door
      - 2. Adults and children
    - ii. Should we raise prices or charge separately for premium rides?
  - i. Riverwood/ Ridgeview Kids to Volunteer
- B. Principal Update: Dr. Miller
- a. Dr. Looney visited school – unexpected but well received personable visit
  - b. Attendance is over projection – 670 enrolled
    - i. Gaining kindergarten teacher
    - ii. Increase new minority students in upper grade
    - iii. Increase in neighborhood families in lower grades
  - c. Ms. Cooper(Counselor) – more social groups with students due to lack of interaction with peers during pandemic



- d. Dojo – Jersey days ...Last twenty minutes of last Friday of the month...dojo cash out
    - i. Streamlining behavior incentives throughout the school
    - ii. Parents may need to supply stuff – help but not in the classroom
  - e. Sandy Springs Mission – raised enough money through November for faculty to transport their students to feeder schools
    - i. The goal of raising 20K is sustaining, will not just provide for this year but for several
  - f. Mr. Miller(music) – already working on EIEI-Oops performances for Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> and maybe 2nd
  - g. Hi Dose Tutoring – Sandy Springs Mission is paying teachers \$30/hr for tutoring our hi-risk minority students, CARES ACT to pay for regular students so this is providing our students twice the opportunity
  - h. iReady – Diagnostics finished, new shirt/Jersey for motivation
    - i. Jersey days will be last Friday of the month with Dojo party. Soccer Theme
  - i. Over 80% of county teachers and staff vaccinated
    - i. Parents are doing a good job of keeping kids home
    - ii. Teachers are on top of monitoring symptoms before lunch and students are unmasked
  - j. Math Schedule response –
    - i. Fulton county responsible for Tag students missing math on Tag days
    - ii. Overall curriculum schedules are driven by special ed needs and staffing
  - k. Playground company coming next Monday to meet with Dr. Miller to quote prices
    - i. Company offers seating and shade options (*Follow up from last meeting*)
  - l. Goats – Dr. Miller is researching how to get approval for goats to eat weeds, poison ivy, etc. and use as educational opportunity. (*Follow up from last meeting*)
- C. Membership & Sponsorship (Greta)
- a. 139 Families PTO Members and \$15,500
    - i. 2020(last year) – 78
    - ii. 2019 – 149
  - b. Sponsorships: new, digital, sponsorship corporate packet rolling out
- D. Picnic Recap: (Jessica)
- a. Good community response
  - b. Food trucks met minimum
  - c. DJ was good
  - d. Fuse blew at the end...previously used trailer outlets for outside electrical needs
- E. Website: (Stacey)
- a. \$98 covered in Credit card fees since asking members to cover costs online
  - b. Spirit Wear – Selling going well (21 Units sold since online)
  - c. Register as a sponsor online now available, but must pay by check
  - d. Volunteer opportunities available and sign-up
    - i. County link for volunteers to be available



- e. Board member pictures are up on new website
  - f. Dr. Miller and Mindy to do Principal and President update on new website
  - g. Fall Festival Tickets ready to purchase when new website launches
- F. Grounds: (Alison)
- a. Oct. 2 Hands on High Point
    - i. Window boxes on school house
    - ii. Plant flowers around school
  - b. Metal roof for school house – company to donate
  - c. Callahan (Yard service) is not responsive, withholding check until they respond with contract details and ability to review our services
- G. Stock the Lounge: (Renee)
- a. Ms. Allston to provide help with teacher snack favorites
  - b. Teacher Favorite Things going digital, simple link for teachers
  - c. Custodian Day is week before Bus Driver Appreciation
- H. Board to Review Bylaws and Set long term goals
- a. Will we continue to provide software?
  - b. Specific Goals:
    - for reserve funds
    - surplus funds
  - c. Add dropbox for storage
  - d. Positions – term limits, elections