



FOREST RIDGE PTA

BOARD MEETING AGENDA-UPDATED

May 4, 2023 @ 7pm @ Blarney Stone & Zoom

Tracy Zerinskas, Dawn Omiecinski, Angelina Andriacchi, Regina Tarchala, Jamie Jensson, Michelle Young, Kim Tresch, Katie Bowman, Sharon Cramer

1. Call to Order - Welcome Pledge at 7:00pm
2. Executive Committee
 - A. President's Business
 - i. Approval of April 2023 Board Minutes - Motion: Dawn, 2nd: Kim. All approved & no one opposes.
 - ii. Open board positions & vote in
 - i. Fundraising Chairperson 1 open position
 - iii. Teacher Grants - none
 - iv. Bank update - we have not been able to get schedules aligned to take care of this yet.
 - v. Calendars - Bridget will check into the same calendars that are used for Project Fire Buddies. She will provide a report back.
 - B. Treasurer
 - i. Treasurer's Report - Sent out prior to the meeting. Ending cash balance at 4/30/23 is \$40,882.84.
 - ii. Square-Log Ins - we will change the logins at the end of this school year, around July 1st.
 - iii. Cheddar Up, Square, PayPal Charity-Updates - Jamie and Tracy will look into additional avenues to get additional bonus money.
 - iv. Food 4 Less Update
 - v. End of year - Have all reimbursement forms filled out and deposited by June 15th. We want everything wrapped up by the time that the bank statements run.
 - C. School Vice President Reports
 - i. Ridge - Mural kids have been working on. Field Day June 2. Kindergarten celebration on June 6th. Step Up Day on May 6th.
 - ii. Kerkstra - THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!! We so appreciate the incredible week that was dreamed up by our outstanding PTA VPs Michelle & Kristen. Teachers feel so appreciated and loved and will go into the weekend relaxed! It has been a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!!! Thank you to our PTA for coordinating our Arbor Day activity last Friday. Students had a wonderful time learning about the paper recycling process and brought home a tree students planted using a milk carton. This past Monday, all students attended an assembly where they learned about the scientific properties of air through a fun and interactive assembly presented by Mobile Ed Production. We are in the final week of our Make a Wish fundraiser. Last week students participated in a spirit week to raise funds, and this week we are wrapping it up with a song challenge. Little Redeemers Food Pantry has reached out and said that they desperately need to restock the food pantry. Early Act is coordinating a food drive that will run

through Friday, May 19, to help support our families in need. A flier will go home this week and be in Mr. Nendza's weekly email. Registration for the 23-24 school year begins on May 8. An email will be sent to D142 families on May 8 with information on registering for the 23-24 school year. Info can also be found on the website. One of our Kerkstra students, Alani D, was diagnosed with Leukemia. To help show our support, students, and staff have the opportunity to purchase a T-shirt. Proceeds from the t-shirt will be donated back to the family. T-shirt sales end on Wednesday, May 10, A flier will go home this week and be in Mr. Nendza's weekly email. Our ABC countdown is up and running. We appreciate all that our PTA does for our Students and Staff. You are an AMAZING group of volunteers. BEST PTA EVER!!!!

- Saturday, May 6, 2023 - National Nurses Day
- Monday, May 8, 2023 - Choir performance at Kerkstra 10:30 am
- Monday, May 8, 2023 - Choir field trip to Foster - students leaving at 9:00 am
- Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - Spring Choir Concert 4th & 5th grade at Hille - 6:00 pm
- Thursday, May 11, 2023 - PTA Summer Bash @ Kerkstra - 4-7 pm
- Monday, May 15, 2023 - MAP Testing - Gr 5
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023, MAP Testing - Gr 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
- Thursday, May 18, 2023 - MAP Testing - Gr 1, 2, 3, & 4
- Thursday, May 18, 2023 - 5th Grade Field Trip - Baseball Game - During the day.
- Tuesday, May 23, 2023 - Curriculum Fair/Open House 4-5 pm
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023 - Fire Drill 1:15 pm
- Friday, May 26, 2023 - Step up day for Kinder to 1st graders
- Monday, May 29, 2023 - No School - Memorial Day
- Wednesday, May 31, 2023 - 4th Quarter Ends
- Monday, June 5, 2023 - Summer Kick Off - all-day
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - Awards Assembly - time TBA
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023 - Last day of school for students - full day
- Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - Last day of school - full day for staff - no students
- Wednesday, June 14, 2023 - PTA Thunderbolts Baseball Game

iii. Foster - The Student Council ABC Countdown started Monday. Foster Spelling Bee Championships for grades 3, 4, and 5. Choir will go on a field trip to both Foster and Kerkstra on May 8 to rehearse their show. May 10 Foster/Kerkstra Choir show at Hille at 6 pm. May 23 Curriculum Fair from 3:30 to 4:30. May 26 Kindergarten Step Up Day. May 29 no school. June 5 Field Day. June 6 last day of school which is a full day.

iv. Hille - 4/29 Scholastic Bowl at Worth JHS. 5/1 Teacher Appreciation week begins. 5/2 Grad Band Rehearsal. 5/4 6th grade Kate Moore Zoom in cafeteria. 5/5 Q4 PBIS Staff vs Student V-ball game. 5/9 Conference track meet at Shepard HS. 5/11 IL Constitution Test during SS classes. 5/12 8th grade Great America trip. 5/15 Choir Concert. MAP Testing on 5/16 and 5/17. 5/17 8th grade awards night. 5/18 8th grade iPad collection day. 5/19 8th grade iPad collection day and 8th grade dance at Gaelic Park. 5/22 8th grade grad rehearsal periods, $\frac{1}{2}$ day attendance for 8th graders and graduation ceremony at Ozinga Field. No school on 5/29. 5/31 grades for 6th and 7th grade due. 6/1 and 6/2 iPad collection days for 6th and 7th grade. 6/5 Field Day. Last day of school 6/6 which is a full day of school.

D. Committee Reports

- i. Communications Chairperson - Communications are going well and being updated. Summer Bash flyers have been created, approved, and sent to the VPs to distribute at their schools. No other flyers have been needed. Currently working on updating the Membership Forms for the next school year.
 - i. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website
- ii. Art Committee - Bridget is working on getting the calendar started and artwork uploaded. Art Committee will be part of the Calendar Committee and will meet over the summer.
- iii. Audit Committee - we will need to start looking at the committee for next year.
- iv. Budget Committee - we do meet over the summer and plan the year ahead. If anyone wants to sit on this, reach out to Tracy.
- v. Bylaws Committee - no updates
- vi. Nominating committee - We will send out on the next newsletter.
- vii. Dine Outs
 - i. April Dine Out Nicky V.'s recap - No updates yet from them.
 - ii. May Dine Out-Culver's - Submission was sent to Culvers for May 31 and May 22. We are approved for May 31.
 - iii. June Dine Out - Original dine out plan was for Oberweis. We have the option of the new Mexican place Bubakoos and Raising Canes and Crumbl Cookie. For June dine out, Angelina's vote is Crumbl Cookie because they will offer 15% of sales all day long, which could allow for more significant fundraising. All agreed that we will go with Crumbl for this dine out.
 - iv. Angelina announced that she will need to step down from the PTA next year as she has a new job that will require more of her attention.
- viii. Fundraising Committee - We have mostly gift cards for Summer Bash. Brittany may need help putting everything together.
- ix. Membership Committee - no update
- x. Smencil Committee - we ordered more of the Croc charms.
- xi. Earth Day Program Recap
 - i. Big Run Wolf Ranch - We had an okay turnout. We don't think we should go with them again. The show did not go for the full hour and half like it was supposed to. We can maybe find better for the price we paid. Some families said they did not know it was going on.
 - ii. Accord Carton Company - They did a nice presentation for 4th and 5th graders at Kerkstra and Foster. Each student was able to take a tree home to plant it.
 - iii. Sneaker Recycling - we just wrapped this up. All sneakers have been picked up. Still need to count and package everything up.
- xii. Summer Bash Committee
 - i. Bounce Houses - we are all set and ready to go. We just need to write the check for the day. We went with Mr. Moon Walks. We got 2 bounce houses. This was under budget.
 - ii. Police & Fire - Tracy will reach out this week to see if they can attend.
 - iii. Volunteers - SignUp Genius was created. We will do another push for this next week.
 - iv. Games - We are all set. We have about 15 games. Michelle will talk to the Kerksta gym teacher to see if we can use the dodgeball stuff.

v. Permits - have been submitted and approved through the City. We will need vehicles to also block the streets.

vi. Food Vendors - We have Kenootz, Nicky V's and Popus Popcorn.

vii. DJ - all set here

xiii. Staff Appreciation Week - Tracy thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Teachers have been pleased and thankful for everything. Next year we need to raise the price for what each person is given. This year it was \$13 per person. We recommend with going to \$15 per person next year.

3. Representative Reports

A. Teacher Representatives - Teachers were thanking us for everything we do. Looking to see if we still need people to go to Culvers. Tracy said we still do need them. We need about 3 or 4 people.

B. School Board/Administration Representative - no update

4. New Business - They are going back to pre-COVID classroom sizes which can be as big as 28 kids. If you want to show support for current classroom sizes, go to the next Board meeting which is May 9th at 7:00pm. The best way to show support, voice your opinion is to go to these meetings.

5. Closing and Adjournment - at 7:45pm