

**Simpson Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 4, 2020**

Members Present:

Brittany Adams, Liz Dunn, Dana Zamuel, Katie Berrigan, Heather Reich, Dr. Connery

Members Present via Zoom:

Elli Mayo, Lauren Forester, Beth Goldstein, Sara Wiggins

Absent:

Megan Skurski, Samantha Morgan, Christina DelGaudio

Call to Order:

Brittany Adams, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Approved November 2020 Board minutes

Treasurers Report: Heather Reich

-Updated Budget vs Actual Statement YTD available

Academics: Lauren Forester

-Virtual book fair has begun, and teacher wish lists have been distributed to students.

-Science fair judges are lined up and volunteers have been found

Principal Report Dr. Taffeta Connery

-Spring preferences are due (in person/digital)

-With the updated preferences Simpson has approximately 90% in person and 10% digital, however approximately 100 students have not declared their preferences yet and the school is anticipating those children will be in person.

-With this shift towards mostly in person students the school is working towards aligning the teachers and shifting classrooms.

- The 2021 school calendar has been changed to include more teacher workdays which will be digital days for students.

-The new CDC guidelines on COVID are being evaluated by the school board and the new rules will be communicated to the school at some point.

-The school council is working to help promote things going on at the school and there will be a zoom call 12/9 called "Conversations with Connery" to help disseminate information to the parents.

Arts: Beth Goldstein

- Reflections winners have been announced and working on dates for Starry Night
- Square one is being moved to the Spring in time for Mother's Day
- Arts in Ed working on getting the Atlanta Opera to do a program on MLK and Black history month
- No talent show this year

Communications: Megan Skurski (absent) presented by Brittany Adams

- No updates

Family/Community Outreach: Christina DelGaudio (absent) presented by Brittany Adams

- No updates

Finance: Samantha Morgan (absent) presented by Brittany Adams

- B&N shopping night will take place 12/14 and 12/15, and we are working to get Fire and Stone and Peterbrooke involved.
- Winter spirit wear is going to be available for sale online.
- School supply kits for next year are in process
- Charleston wrap fundraiser was a success

Health/Environment: Sara Wiggins

- Starburst is not taking place this year
- Working on plans for Earth week in March
- School beautification is going really well

Publications: Dana Zamuel

- Yearbook cover has been submitted
- The flyer for the yearbook sales will be distributed and sales will be for 1 month beginning 12/20

Staff Student Services: Ellie Mayo

- The 5th grade handprint design needs to be finalized and a spot for the design selected

PTA Business

- Virtual winter party-school wide with a snack (available for pick up for the digital learners) will occur 12/17 and there will be a comedy magician show
- The nominating committee for next years PTA positions needs to be selected and everyone needs to know what the open positions are for this coming year.
- We will be sending thank you notes to our top donors (\$100 or more) and the business partners.

Next Meeting January 8th

ADJOURNMENT Brittany Adams adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

