

**Simpson Elementary School  
PTA Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, March 31, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Dana Samuel, Mary Catherine Jennings, Lauren Forster, Sara Wiggins, Katie Berrigan, Heather Reich, Dr. Connery, Julie Miller

**Call to Order:**

Mary Catherine Jennings, PTA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 9:37am.

**Approved the previous Board Minutes (March 3rd)**

**Treasurers Report: Lauren Forster:**

-The budget to actual was reviewed. The PTA is in very good shape. We have about \$33k in additional cash. Grants have been completed (\$7K).

**Principal Report: Dr. Connery:**

Safety and Security measures added to Simpson:

- vestibule with extra doors have been added.
- School Resource Officers (SRO) officer Huggins comes in the morning or mid-day he is armed. He's stationed at Pinckneyville so he can get to the school very quickly if necessary. There are armed officers at every middle and high school in Gwinnett.
- All classroom doors are required to be locked at all times. Fences around the playground have been installed.

The Simpson Singers are set to perform on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Braves game.

Starburst Field Day is scheduled in May 16-19<sup>th</sup>.

EOY parties are being planned. Each grade level will have their own time and we will have bouncy houses, DJ, and popsicles as the EOY party. All parents are welcome.

5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony will be 5/24 at Paul Duke Middle School.

**Academics/Arts: Megan Skurski (absent presented by Mary Catherine Jennings):**

- Potential virtual author visit for the Last Kids on Earth author.
- Other ideas are in process.

**Communications/Publications: Beth Goldstein (absent presented by Mary Catherine Jennings):**

- Yearbooks should be here in May.

**Family/Community Outreach: Stacie Olson (absent presented by Mary Catherine Jennings):**

- No updates

**Finance: Heather Reich:**

- School supply kits are going to be on sale after spring break.
- Spirit night Taqueria Del Mar will be 4/19.
- We are still looking for a new treasurer.

**Health/Environment: Sara Wiggins:**

- Walk to school day will be 4/20. The fire truck and the mayor will be here.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> grade 50s party is scheduled for 5/19 from 1:30-3:00pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade signs are available for sale.

**Staff/Student Services: Julie Miller:**

- EOY party is in process.
- Add one large signup genius for gift card day for teacher appreciation next year.
- Staff appreciation luncheon is being planned May 5th. A charger will be given to each teacher. Ippolito's is catering the luncheon.

**PTA Business:**

- PTA Nominating committee openings were discussed.
- Still considering adding a water tank to the teachers lounge.
- Heather Reich is donating Red Bulls to the teachers' lounge.
- The PTA will have another general meeting 4/20 during Kindergarten Sings all executive board members should attend.
- TOTEM might be a new platform for collecting membership dues and Memberhub will no longer be used. They have auto renewing memberships (default). An online store is not available currently. More information to follow.
- We will not meet 4/14 as planned and our next meeting will be 4/20.
- The end of the year PTA party was discussed. We may do a brunch or lunch at Neely Farm on 5/5.

**Next Meeting April 20, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT** Mary Catherine Jennings adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.