

**Forest Park Elementary PTA  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
Meeting held at the Forest Park Orchard  
Video Conference via Zoom**

**2021-2022 PTA Executive Board:**

Kristen Saffa – President  
Megan Irwin – President-Elect  
Betsy Blankenship – Treasurer  
Frances Mitchell – Treasurer-Elect  
Kami Coleman – Secretary  
Julia Hamra – Education  
Sarah Duke – Buildings & Grounds  
Mollie Campbell – Outreach  
Courtney Black – Communication  
Ann Marie Gray – Hospitality  
Leigh Ann Raper – Welcoming

Kristen Saffa welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes, Kami Coleman:**

- Kristen Saffa asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous monthly PTA meeting, held February 8, 2022. Megan Irwin made the motion. Monica Mullens seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

**Budget, Betsy Blankenship:**

- Overall, our operating income looks good. We are just over \$100,000 year to date from July 2021 through now, about \$1,400 shy from this time last year though we have not yet held our spring fundraiser which will be in April. Profits from Spirit Shop are down, but new merchandise will be for sale soon. Pass the Plaid is doing well. PTA membership income is approximately \$800. Our net operating income is approximately \$29,000 year to date compared to \$26,500 last year. Our expenses are up due to some upgrades.

**New Business, Kristen Saffa:**

- **Nominating Committee:** Ruthie Loveless reported that a secretary and treasurer-elect have accepted these positions for next year, but the committee is still making a decision on president-elect. The slate will be presented to the PTA for a vote when all selections have been made.
- **Spirit Shop:** The new school Disney-themed t-shirts are in and will be available for purchase at the next Spirit Shop sale on March 16<sup>th</sup>. There will also be some sweatshirts with this design available in limited supply. These will all be available online after the sale as well.
- **Spring Calendar:** Spring Break is scheduled for March 21-25; Grandparents Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> outside the school; Parties in the Park is scheduled for Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The committee is preparing to get parties together for signup at the event. More details available soon on both events.

- MAP testing is currently taking place at school for the upper grades. The lower grades will test in April. A field trip is planned for the fourth graders on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The second graders have a field trip planned for the following week. The Planetarium and the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission fish tank will both be available on campus soon for all grades to tour outside.
- Hospitality: Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up this spring – look for emails with more information from the Room Moms soon.
- ROOTS Garden: Kristin Taylor is working on a school cookbook, but the recipe submissions are low as of now. We will scratch the project if we don't have any more recipe contributions.
- Yearbook: Michelle Mullens reported that it is due for print next week and we will have spring delivery. We did well on sales and advertisements this year. We will have a few extras for purchase if you did not preorder.
- Fifth graders are working on graduation plans, each grade will also have an advancement ceremony, most likely in the outside pavilion in May. More details to follow.
- Our Outreach program needs warm weather clothing (shorts, skirts, t-shirts, belts, shoes) for the spring. If you have gently used or new clothing/uniforms, especially for older children, please donate if you are able to.

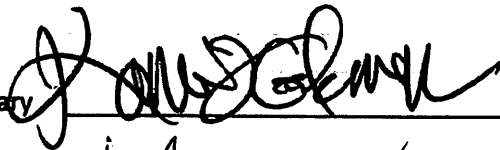
**Principal's Report, Principal Teresa Ketcher:**

- Discussion of Field Day to be held this spring – we will hold the event outside and plans will begin after Spring Break.
- We are hopeful that the end of year programs can be held outside so parents are able to attend them.
- ACT Aspire preparations and tests to be held after Spring Break – hoping to stay ranked at five or higher in the state!

A PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Kristen Saffa adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Kami Coleman, PTA Secretary



Approved by:  
Kristen Saffa, PTA President

