

**Forest Park PTA Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 6th, 2022
Meeting held at Forest Park Elementary**

2022-2023 PTA Executive Board:

Megan Irwin - President
Courtney Black - President-Elect
Frances Mitchell - Treasurer
Erin Long - Treasurer-Elect
Lacey Watts - Secretary
Holly Beth Willis - Education (absent)
Sarah Duke - Buildings and Grounds (absent)
Mollie Campbell - Outreach
Sarah Smart - Communication
Laura Ritchie - Hospitality
Ruthie Loveless - Welcoming

Megan Irwin welcomed group and called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

Mrs. Ketcher, Principal

- Anti-Bullying campaign - This campaign is to promote positive relationships with each other. Please be aware that bullying is a pattern. You can fill out a form on the LRSD website if your child has been bullied.
- NWEA will not be given this year. We will still do other assessments irregardless of what the district is doing as a whole. We will be differentiating learning, based on your child's assessment. This is always changing based on your child's assessment.
- Yearbook Picture Day will be held September 6th.
- Grandparents & Special Friends day will be held on September 15th. LRSD is holding a Grandparent's Day Facebook Sweepstakes beginning September 14th. Please visit www.lrsd.org for contest details.
- Student Council elections are next week. Parents are invited. Each candidate will give a one minute speech. The Student Council's president elect will give a speech at the Patriotic Assembly.

New Business, Megan Irwin:

- Introduced executive committee members (see names/positions above).
- Encouraged people to sign up for the PTA.
- Yearbook is available for purchase. You can use the link in the E-blast.
- Don't forget to buy your agenda books on the Forest Park website.
- Pass the Plaid Pop Up Shop is September 9th from 2:00-3:00.

- Grandparent's/Special Friends Day - Please volunteer to step in and eat with a child that does not have a grandparent or special friend.
- Yearbook Picture Day is September 7th.
- Charleston Wrap fundraiser is has begun.
- If you know of anyone that wants a school wide sponsorship, email Callie Gutierrez or Elizabeth Ivory.
- The Spirit Shop has reordered inventory and will be restocked on September 14th.
- The Fun Run is starting October 10th and ends November 11th.

Treasurer, Frances Mitchell:

- We raised \$900 at Southern Supper.
- PTA teacher memberships are great.
- We have several sponsors for the Fun Run and also school-wide sponsors.

Kami Coleman, Directory

- Please click on link in the E-Blast to submit your information by September 30th. This needs to be done by everyone who wants their information included in the directory regardless of your submission the year prior. The directory will be available on the website mid October. It will be password protected.

Sarah Smart, E-Blast:

- Please look at the guidelines for the E-Blast. Please submit all information by each Wednesday to Sarah Smart. Details and bullet points are important. Please be concise.

Kristen Saffa, 5th Grade Space Camp:

- 5th Grade Space Camp is in April 2023
- There is a mandatory parent meeting September 14th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.
- Please buy your Charleston Wrapping paper to help our 5th graders go to space camp next spring and our 4th graders the following year.

Kristin Taylor, Roots Garden:

- Each student attends garden class once a month for an hour. It is a science based program. We have chickens, butterflies, sensory garden, and 2 outdoor gardens. The theme this year is Food and Security. All produce from the garden will be donated to local charities. Classes can volunteer to water and weed the garden. There is no experience needed.

- Movies in the Park will be September 16th. The movie is free, but a ticket must be purchased for the food. Please buy the tickets in advance. There will be 2 food trucks.
- October is Farm to School month.
- Composting is starting back today. All the food waste from the cafeteria will be made into compost by Urban Food. It is then all sent back to the garden.
- Recycling Rangers- every other Tuesday. There are 2 bins in each classroom for plastic bottles, plastic bags, ink cartridges , etc.
- Chicken Duty- There are two week shifts done by family volunteers. The duties include letting the chickens out in the morning and putting them up at night. Each volunteer family will get to keep eggs. There is a link to sign up in the E-Blast.
- Girls Scouts - This is for girls Kindergarten through 5th grade. There is an informational meeting on September 9th at 3:00 in the Art House. Ms. Cook is co-leader.

Katy Frizzell , VIPS Hours:

- Please keep up with your volunteer hours as every hour counts. Please log all hours on the Forest Park website.

Ruthie Loveless, Welcoming:

- Fall Preview - The Fall Preview will be October 5th. We will drop off pumpkins to prospective incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten student's homes. Please send Ruthie any prospective Forest Park students.

Laura Ritchie, Hospitality :

- There is a sign up in the E-blast to bring teacher treats to the September and October teacher meetings.

Molly Campbell, Outreach:

- The PTA is able to meet needs at our school anonymously. The PTA was able to purchase 2 backpacks per class filled with school supplies.
- Please keep in mind to donate old uniforms, coats, gloves, etc.

Ann Marie Grey, Room Moms:

- There was a room mom meeting on September 6th.

Shelby King, Tutoring

- If you are interested in tutoring, please email Shelby King.

Megan Irwin adjourned the meeting at 9:12am.

Minutes Submitted by:
Lacey Watts, PTA Secretary

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Minutes Approved by:
Megan Irwin, PTA President

Megan Irwin
