



UES PTA Meeting Agenda September 14, 2023 7:00pm @ UES

Welcome - President's Remarks

- Thank you to everyone for attending and their support so far this year.
- Thank you to the 22/23 board for their support during the transition
- Brief overview of support and planning the board has been working on over the summer
- Short bios given by new 2023/2024 board
- Old traditions such as the strawberry festival/end of year celebration
- Introduction of Board (Attendance total = 35)
 - Summer 2023 activities reviewed
 - Thank you to the front office for support
- Approval of May 2023 Meeting minutes (general approved May minutes and will be posted on the website)
 - Review of Bylaws – Electronic version will be posted to UES PTA webpage.
 - Last three meeting minutes will be posted to UES PTA webpage.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Approval of 2023/2024 Draft budget (general motion to approve granted)
 - General Members were notified that 2023/2024 budget is contingent on fun run and audit
 - Teacher Grants of those teachers who have completed PTA membership by 9/7 – Motion Granted by general for possible grants of max \$50 per teacher (*contingent on Fun Run Fundraiser)
- Committee Updates
 - Spirit wear-Joyce Valdiviezo
 - Order entered for open house raffle winners
 - next order is pending
 - Teacher Appreciation-Jennifer Rebelez
 - Parent Teacher Conference Week-Oct. 11th, confirmed by Mrs. Hilliard
 - Teachers requested service for Wednesday at 4pm and more vegetarian options and/or quick grab and go with Bottled water.
 - Committee moving forward with planning
 - Fun Run (Oct 6, 2023) (*Rain date 10/9)-Raymonda Yacoub
 - Each Grade will have a leaderboard. Parents are reminded to register with first name and last initial
 - Company this year to assist Fun Run is called, My FunRun.
 - Board notified membership the decision to change companies was due to comparison of last years' 50% fees paid out, this year's "MyFunRun" company is taking 13% , cash /check exempt on fees
 - Deadline for receiving all funds (collection) will end Oct. 9th, 2023
 - Theme : Superheros
 - Activities will include Hide a hawk around the school, Joe Romano will be come for the assembly on Sept 18, 2023, Glow Party after school and DJ Brandon
 - Reviewed prize list and incentives
 - Highlighted prizes : VIP car rider for a month and Principle for a Day

- Fundraising - Restaurant nights
 - Chipotle (Sept 25, 2023)
 - Board asked for volunteers to organize the future restaurant nights , a Templated Letter with tax ID can be provided.
- School Play-Shannon Moodie
 - Option Spring (Apr/May)
 - Maryland Ensemble Theater supports the school play
 - Play selection will be selected at a future general membership meeting and/or electronic vote
- Committee Vacancies that need volunteers
 - Strawberry Festival/End of Year Celebration
 - Directory (deadline Sept 15 to submit information to be included in the directory)
 - Membership
 - Family Nights (i.e. bingo, movie nights)
 - Movie Night Sept 15 is postponed due to A/V issues, FCPS is looking into the system
 - Movie License is until Feb 2024
 - Reflections (*this is a way for UES to be represented at the PTA county and state level)
 - 5th grade celebration (After Spring Break will be when info)
 - PTA will provide 5th grade t-shirts for kids to wear at field trips
 - After school clubs
 - Art: has 2 spots open (K-2)
 - Chess: Thursdays, flyer went out this week
- Administration Remarks
 - Sign on event for Kindergarteners – idea to have student to sign their certificate at the end of the school year to see the change of writing over the year
 - Open house and Back to school night was a success.
 - Superintendent school conduct notices will be in weekly Smores newsletter released by Principle Hilliard
 - Picture Day is Wednesday Sept 20, 2023
 - Traditions School Photography will be used and currently have four parent volunteers to help
 - All parents are encouraged to purchase/make payments for photos online
 - Oct 31st will be Fall Parties for all grades. Room parent will have additional information in October of classroom needs.
 - Family Fridays occur in the mornings (end at 9am)– next is Nov 10th, 2023.
 - *Reminder that Parents need to complete volunteer training
 - Parents are able to come to the building for lunch
 - Theme of the year is “Chapter Four”
 - Volunteer training needs to be completed by any adult who would like to come on campus such as lunch, media help, class parties, field trips, etc.
 - New programs this year
 - Open court for Reading (K-2)
 - Iready for math (3-5th grade)
 - Food Bank- During Education Week (Nov 2023) –Mrs. Cofone
 - request for help to bring in can food (non-perishables) and hygiene items.

- Items will be displayed on stage
 - List of preferred items will be sent in Thursday folder
 - Pumpkin display – Mrs. Cofone
 - Additional instruction will be forthcoming
 - Students are encouraged to decorate a non-perishable pumpkin
 - Parents reminded to please include their students name
 - Mrs. Spicer provided 5th grade updates
 - Mrs. Roth provided suggestions and thank you for staff dinner and breakfast
- General Questions of membership
 - Member (Amanda geysler) requested additional information to volunteer on a committee. Board encouraged UES PTA website for SignUp Genius sign up and/or email UES PTA email directly.
- Board change notification : Shannon M will take over Secretary position effective Sept 14, 2023. 2nd VP position is vacant.
- Closing Remarks - Next meeting October 5, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.