* **Welcome**
	+ Voted in minutes (11 votes on line, 15 in person)
* **QR Codes & Connecting with other parents**
	+ WhatsApp groups by grade (see slides for QR code)
	+ Master QR Code
		- Included in slides
		- Important links available in single code
* **Swag Fundraiser**
* Car magnets $5
* Bags $10
* **Staff member of the month**
	+ 16 submissions
	+ September winner: Ms. Gracias
		- *“Ms. Gracias did a fantastic job organizing for the students to walk in the Wheaton Arts Parade. She worked after school with students to use create masks, costumes, and paper mache creations from recycled materials to represent our school and its diversity in the community. My kids were so excited for the opportunity to walk in the parade and show off some of the art that they created. I know it will be a lasting memory for them and is one of many wonderful projects they’ve worked with Ms. Gracias on during their time at Singer.”*
* **Budget review**
	+ Dine outs 5 guys $500
	+ $400 spirit wear
	+ Increased expenditures, e.g. field trips, teacher grants, staff appreciation
	+ 21 kids funded for afterschool scholarships!
* **Membership drive**
	+ 3-way tie for 1st place (Yuan, Bennett, Brownes)
	+ Budget allowed for additional parties
	+ Exceeded goal!
	+ Purple Wig Day date TBD
	+ Live raffle: Ricky Connary & Anlia Bora 🡪 basket
	+ Monthly raffles at the end of each month
* **Book Fair**
	+ Oct 17-25th
	+ Volunteers needed to work the fair
		- Special hours on 18th (school closed)
		- Set up 10/16
	+ Share the Fair
		- Coin drive to support every FS student to get a book from the fair
	+ More information and eWallet sign-up <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/FloraSinger>
* **Movie Night:** *Inside Out*
* 6:30pm 10/25
* Concessions & ice cream truck
* Not a drop off event so please plan to accompany students
* **Photoshoot fundraiser**
	+ Book 30 minute session with no sitting fee
	+ Only pay for photos you love
	+ When: Saturday, October 26, 2024 OR Sunday, November 10, 2024
	+ Where: McKenney Hills Park
	+ How to Book: <https://qrco.de/FLORAPTA>
* **Dine outs**
	+ Chipotle: Oct 8, Wheaton Mall
	+ Big Greek Café: Nov 12, Downtown Silver Spring
	+ Hollywood East Café in December
* **Reminder: No November PTA meeting**

**Principal Heatwole Update**

* Thank you for a great birthday
* Picture day Mon 10/7
* Mon 10/14 Open House
	+ Observe in morning 9-noon
* Fall Fest 10/31
	+ Costume Parade
	+ KAH Party in All Purpose Room
* AHA Partnership Fundraiser coming this fall, information forthcoming: Keep eye out for newsletter

**Reading Curriculum**

* General overview (Ms. Quinn)
	+ CKLA video
		- Speaking & listening
		- Reading & Writing
		- Language
		- Book selection with discussion on:
			* Text to text
			* Text to self
	+ K -2 instruction
		- More robust language and vocabulary
		- FIT time (Flexible Instruction Time)
	+ 3-5 instruction
* FIT Time: Flexible Instructional Time
	+ Continuation
	+ Targeted Group
		- Reteaching
		- Enrichment
	+ Intervention
		- Pullout group e.g. reviewing phonics
* Question: How do we make decisions to change?
	+ Benchmark for last 5 years
		- RGR replaced phonics portion
	+ Schools don’t make curriculum decisions at the individual level
	+ Board of Education determines curriculum county-wide
		- Usually ~5 years between evaluation
* Breakout rooms by grade level (zoom or tables)

**Attendance**

In person

1. Naomi Mulligan Kole
2. Brett Gellman
3. Rachel Gellman
4. Maura Davis
5. Hillary Geldner
6. Brianne Harrison
7. Elisabeth O’Bryon
8. Eric Gumah
9. Beth Angerman
10. Rachel Trexler

10. Laura Donnelly Smith

11. Jessica Alvarez / Russell Provost

12. Chris Reynolds

13. Christine Riley

14. Kyle Heatwole

15. Aaron McKinley

Virtual (Zoom)

1. Catherine Foxman
2. Aaron Foxman
3. Jocelyn Donnelly
4. Elise Crane
5. Beth Strum
6. Elizabeth Baden
7. Yvonne Carney
8. Alissa Barron-Menza
9. Charlie Menza
10. Katie Donovan
11. Josephine Bonoha
12. Renae Stenhouse
13. Margaret Norris