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**UES PTA Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 4th, 6:30pm at UES**

Attendance: Amy Sullivan, Shannon Moodie, Raymonda Yacoub, Alisha Doty, Christy Patti, Mrs. Hilliard, Mrs. Piermarini, 28 Members (Attendee List on Last Page)

1. **Welcome (Amy Sullivan)**
2. **Approval of May 2024 Meeting Minutes**
   1. Motion to Approve – Sarah Takas
   2. Second – Jen Albert
3. **Treasurer’s Report (Alisha Doty)**

* Checking account balance is $16,517
* Total Budget Goals are $54,017 in Income and $64,610 in Expenses
* Alisha explained the reason for our projected expenses being higher than our projected income and noted that the budget will be updated as fundraising comes in to balance out.
* Our fundraising goal for Fun Run is $25,000
* PTA dues are $5.25 per member to national PTA
* PTA purchased 10 umbrellas for teachers

1. **Budget Approval**
   1. Motion to Approve – Jacky Libby
   2. Second – Maurica Price
2. **Survey Results**

* Christy presented the results from the funding survey
* Shannon reminded about the teacher survey

1. **Committees to Fill**
   1. **Fun Run**
   2. **Spirit Wear**
   3. **Teacher Appreciation**
   4. **Fundraiser Restaurant Nights**
   5. **Family Night Outs/School Dances**
      1. **Glow Party - October 24. Need volunteers!**

Keziah mentioned the Glow Party being very loud last year, so we will be mindful of the volume level this year.

* 1. **Community Service**
  2. **Strawberry Festival –** May 15 is our tentative date
  3. **Nomination**
  4. **Fifth Grade Celebration**
  5. **Reflections** – “I Belong” – any form of art. PTA.org/reflections

Shannon will work with art teachers to spread the word

FUN RUN (Raymonda Yacoub)

* Fun Run Date is Thursday, October 16
* Kick off Assembly for Fun Run will be September 25
* Theme is the Hawk Hustle, going along with the Seven Commitments theme.
* Reminded everyone to complete their volunteer training.
* Working with MyBoosterthon this year
* We need a few volunteers to help in the weeks leading up as Happy the Hawk
* Mrs. Albanetti reminded us that her classroom is the stage, so dance parties in the cafeteria need to be mindful of sound.
* Raymonda spoke about the prize levels
* Fifth grade asked if they can change their shirt color, and purple was proposed
* We will pick a color for Pre-K/Expressions this year. Christy will follow-up with Grimes on color possibilities

1. **Administration Remarks**

* Mrs. Hilliard mentioned that she will make computers available again during conference nights to aid in the volunteer training. Teacher Conferences are Oct. 13, 14, and 15
* PTA is looking into adding a night with computer setup for volunteers to complete training earlier than the week of October 13 to get volunteers registered in time for Fun Run.
* Mrs. Hilliard had the teachers present introduce themselves
* Ms. Giffin asked for the PTA to again provide the teachers t-shirts (and modeled one for us)
* Mrs. Hilliard thanked the PTA for the staff breakfast
* John Gordon’s “Seven Commitments for a Great Team” is the theme for the school year.
* Volunteer opportunities: UES is looking for volunteers to work with children for 30 minutes for primary drills (recognizing letters and numbers). The media center needs volunteers as well.
* UES Leadership Team – Parent liaison is James Patti
* 39 students signed up for Student Council Nominations. Everyone gets to be a school ambassador even if they don’t win.
* Family Fridays – will be spaced out throughout the year. First one will be November 7th in the morning. Siblings are not allowed at these events.
* Anyone who was at the meeting, if they come next time with a friend, their student will receive 10 SOAR dollars.
* The PTA held a raffle for a $20 lunch gift card for staff. The winner was Jean Johnson.
* First night for teacher conferences is when the PTA will provide food. Favorites of teachers/staff include pasta and chicken marsala.

GENERAL QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

* Could we have a calendar that PTA members can subscribe to? Christy will be looking into this
* Jen Albert spoke about Heritage Night and asked if we can put $500 towards it. Alisha noted it was already budgeted.
* Asked for better communication when play tickets go on sale to the general public
* March 13-21 is the spring book fair (closed on 20th).
* Science Fair is March 18
* Nov 17 -21 is the fall book fair
* October 2nd is Custodial Worker’s Day – PTA is planning to get them cookies

1. **Closing Remarks – Next Meeting Thursday, October 9th, 2025**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

2025-2026 UES PTA Officers

President: Amy Sullivan

Vice President 1: Shannon Moodie

Vice President 2: Raymonda Yacoub

Treasurer: Alisha Doty

Secretary: Christy Patti

Meeting Attendees:

Lynn Evans

Thuythuy (Lisa) Nguyen

Shyamala Chandrapati

Mezquia Heydi

Sarah Albanetti

Nicole Schoo

Karissa Heid

Keziah Hill

Jackie Libby

Naeema R. Kaleem

Sarah Scherhaufer

Evelyn Botchway

Sabrina Jatoi

Sarah Takacs

Maria Costea

Heta Parikh

Jini Etoule

Luis Mezquia

Maurica (Shae) Price

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Maryela Chihuan

Megan Tufano

Mimi Lee

Jen Albert

Aliya Sassi

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Suzanne Landy

Ms. Giffin