

Aug 28, 2025 1:00 PM | 📅 PTA Meeting Agenda

Attendees:

Charity Blackwell, Jessie Barta, Savannah Hightower, Melanie Boone, Marcie Bunch, Jake Gambrell, Susan Stuble, Betsy Steifle, Kayla Mann, Meghan Arquette

Principal/Asst Principal Report

Susan Stuble, Jake Gambrell

- Thank you! Our opening has been amazing!!!
- MAP Testing Completion (1st Grade)
- AMIRA Updates and Assessments have begun
- RTI-push in model is in full force!
- STEAM Day, Friday, November 21st
 - New staff giving a lot of praise about the support they have received from PTA.
 - A lot of new families at the school and wanting to be involved
 - Oct. 10th State Report Cards
 - Letters training underway for all staff, year 2
 - November 21st new day for STEAM day
 - MAP testing completed for 1st grade (1 of 3 for the year)
 - AMIRA new reading program district has provided.
 - Parents get a report that provides an AMIRA level. Don't let this be misleading or be concerned about the number, it's just one piece of data and doesn't correlate exactly with other reading assessments. It's a useful tool that changes based on how they answer, adds fluency and comprehension.

Teacher Report

Melanie Boone

-See teacher/school needs below.

Treasurer's Report

Jessie Barta

- Budget Review and Confirm the budget was approved by vote during the summer
 - The budget was sent out on July 25th, 2025 and PTA members had 5 days to vote. The budget was approved through electronic voting.
 - As of August 20th, our current balance is \$24,456.78. We have had many deposits for memberships, birthday book club, and celebration rock since the statement ended.
- Financial review is ready to be signed from 2023/2024 by three non-board members (planning to do this today).

PTA Updates

Charity Blackwell

- Members: **256**
- Faculty Members: **60**
- Celebration Rock Update: **People who sign up will now be responsible to pay for fees. This will make the profit \$15 or \$20 instead of PTA paying \$1.25 of the card fees.**
- Me and My VIP/Book Fair: **November 3-7, Fun on the Farm. Chick-Fil-A**
- PTA Wall: We would like to paint the wall.
 - Map of TR (cartoon style)
 - Children holding hands
 - Mountain scene behind a gator
 - **The wall was for people that donated, arranged by PTA, not a “PTA wall” if we want to paint this we need to submit it to the district so they can approve it.**
 - **Mrs. Stublely would like something inspirational.**
 - **We will plan to provide a sketch**
- Boosterthon: We would like to make this our big spring fundraiser
 - **PTA handles upfront cost \$2k**
 - **Profit Share: 75%**
 - **Corporate matching: 100%**
 - **Considering, Kick off March 4th. March 5th-11th. Celebration and Fun Run March 12th.**
 - **March 12th is student appreciation day- PTA gift could be a white shirt with a sponsor or something on it. It would work well if we did a color/fun run.**
 - **K4 has a field trip so we need to consider if they want to do it on a different day.**
 - **Mrs. Stublely- “videos can be played on the news daily that week.”**
 - **If we do “color fun run” we need to do permission slips due to allergies and need to be clean before getting on the bus.**
 - **Mrs. Stublely- if the teachers are asked to do anything daily, they likely won’t like that due to the hype of the students and this is leading up to testing times.**
 - **PTA doesn’t anticipate the teachers will have to do anything other than turn the news on each day. We will work to be sure there isn’t a lot for them to do, even if it’s another PTA volunteer doing something.**
 - **We will discuss more and work through logistics before coming up with a final plan to propose.**

- Needs:
 - School Needs
 - Teacher Needs
 - **Ipads, minis. (K-2). Need new ones because the ones they are using are very old. Don't always work but this is used for their Letters Assessments (carry around while working with students, hard to carry laptops). It would be one ipad per teacher.**
 - **Soccer goals - 2nd grade playground**
 - **K4 request- touch up the painted area on the kindergarten playground, covered patio area.**

Volunteers

Sarah Mills

- **Every class has at least one parent who has signed up to volunteer- most classes have several.**
- **I am emailing each teacher with the volunteers' information and what they are willing to help with next week after we have received all papers.**
- **I will have the class coordinators assigned by next Friday. All teachers will be notified.**

Fall Festival - October 17

Betsy Steifle

- Review of event: PTAs involved
 - Current sponsor list
 - Review of tickets form / new ticket procedures
 - Vendor review (addition of Salted Moose-coffee trailer, Video Gaming and Carnival Ride options)
 - Community Ticket Sales (through city website and other area schools)
 - STEAM lab
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- **Gateway + Slater Marietta this year**
 - **Need more volunteers, approx 30 more due to Heritage not participating this year.**
 - **Reach out to Furman University and NGU education program to see if any future teachers would be interested.**
 - **Around \$3k committed sponsors**
 - **Applied for Spinx grant, waiting to hear**
 - **Pre-order deadline October 16th, \$1/ticket, buy 20 tickets and get 5 FREE**
 - **Slater Marietta is providing their own tickets to their students. On the night of the festival they will provide one check for all of their**

presales. They will also provide two volunteers specifically for tickets.

- Food vendors said they wanted more staffing
- This year each food vendor will take BOTH tickets/cash
- Increased police presence at ticket sales and food vendors

- Video gaming booth- new vendor out of Simpsonville, much more expensive (last year was \$500) this vendor is \$1500 this year so instead of doing that we can get an additional ride such as swings or tubs of fun (spinning), and a trackless train. These are about \$500.
- City of TR wants to know if we want to do online sales for a will call box.
 - City also wants to know if we want to make this a city thing in the future and the new “corn festival”
- Heritage wants to have a discussion in January 2026 to talk about the potentials for next year.
- Savannah to ask someone else about being an additional face painter so we could possibly have 2.

PTA BYLAWS presented to Administration and Mrs. Boone for staff.

Important Dates:

September

- September 9th - Skate Night, Taylors RollerRink \$5 skate rentals or bring your own.
- September 18th - Popcorn, \$1 for students. Teachers/Staff free (if members of PTA)
- September 25th - PTA Board Meeting