

PTA Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Plain Elementary School “A school Family-
Positively Committed to Excellence”

April 11th, 2025 | 12:30 pm | *Meeting called by President*

Board members

Debbie Mihalic, Principal | Angie Lewis, Assistant Principal (Absent) | Angela Gibson, Administrative Assistant | Philippa Haynes & Erica Moss, Co-President | Jackie Melikant, Vice President | Leigh Ann Guthrie, Secretary (Absent) | Lauren Chapman, Treasurer |

12:30 Welcome

Old Business and approval of last meeting's minutes PTA Board- Minutes Approved

Principal's Report- Debbie Mihalic:

Mrs. Gibson will be moving to Mrs. Lewis' position when she leaves at the end of this year. Tom Miller will be taking over as administrative assistant. He will be visiting and meeting people during Arts Night in May. Alex Bowen has been offered a part time PE position (to replace Mrs. Hart) but he hasn't accepted yet, due to wanting a full time position. The school has an open resource position. The interior of the school will be repainted this summer. The custodial crew is fully staffed. For the 25-26 school year we will be getting an additional 1st grade teacher bringing the total to 10.

Financial Monthly Report- over \$90,000 in the bank. Over \$22,000 made at carnival. The end of the year will have many expenses.

Treasurer- we will be paying for next year's IXL program and looking into Razkids for 3 grades. The PTA is going to purchase 8 new iPads and pay for part of the Reading Horizon program that's going to second grade. We have given all teachers (who registered with boosterthon) and related arts teachers checks as part of participating and helping with Booster. We will also be paying for a treat for all students and teachers during both field days in May.

Old and New Business PTA Board

BYLAWS- new bylaws from the state have been read and discussed. Motion to approve was all "yes" from attendees. Now it needs to be sent to the general PTA.

a. Welcome Katelyn Moore (Miss Simpsonville Teen Volunteer America) and John Cochran (GCS Board Member)

b. Miss Simpsonville "Wait Until 8th" Presentation- a program aimed at students and parents. Sign a pledge to postpone children receiving smart phones until the end of 8th grade. When 10+ families in a grade take the pledge they "activate" support, and can talk to other parents about how they're dealing. Kids who wait to use smart phones develop stronger communication skills and healthier relationships with tech. The use of smartphones at younger ages can alter developing brains, it's linked to anxiety/depression and sleep issues and it can disrupt academics and relationships. Miss. Moore would love to bring her presentation and booth to our parent nights and will provide social media posts for us and handouts to be sent home. She may come to and have a booth for our arts night on May 6th.

c. Fifth Grade Finale Update and Timeline for Future Chairs- after fundraising their total is up to \$2393. The total for all of the fifth grade events will be \$4155.60. This is based on 168 students (ALL fifth grade students, including ones in self contained classrooms). Main event has a sensory friendly area for students need a break from the lights and noise. A note will be going home request that each student pays \$13 for the three days of events. This amount allows for some wiggle room in case some students are unable to pay. The MainEvent trip will have a 1:10 ration for chaperones.

d. Volunteer Breakfast April 16th- planned by the sunshine committee. We will be having 2 volunteers of the year (Kayla and Diana)- receiving a \$25 gift card to Simply Pink Boutique; the PTA is paying for one of those gift cards. We will also be having 2 everyday hero's (Michelle and Vicky) who will be receiving a plant, purchased and paid for by the PTA.

e. Grants- all grants approved. Mrs. Chackal had an issue with the rug purchased with her grant this winter but she has found a new one. The board has given approval to reimburse her the \$86 extra it costs. April grants will include the cost of the new Reading Horizon program for second grade.

f. Spirit night Big Air April 17th- will be posted on Facebook

g. PTA Board Nominations- Ashli is working on getting the forma out to everyone who has emailed with interest.

h. **After Carnival update**- working on tying up the rest of silent auction items. Will offer it to teachers next week. Look into Mad Hatter for both rides and slides next year. Saved money by not needing big lights since it stayed lighter outside for longer.

Announcements- the slice spirit night will be May 13th. Next meeting will be May 2nd.

Adjournment- meeting ended at 1:31 pm

PTA Board

President

Present-

Absent- Leigh Ann Guthrie, Angie Lewis