

Sierra General PTA Meeting Agenda
February 7th, 2024
5:45pm - 6:30pm

In person at Sierra Elementary Library, OR Via Google Meet

Virtual Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/fis-jraz-sif>

Meeting called to order 5:54pm

1. Welcome and Comments (5 minutes)
 - a. Sarah, Kelsey Introductions
 - b. Ice breaker - Share your top 3 road trip artists in your group
 - c. 2024-2025 PTA Board positions
 - i. The Board decided to start staggering board position tenures in order to reduce the likelihood of a full board turnover.
 - ii. Open positions for 2024-2025: President (or co-presidents), Membership, and potentially Committees. This will be posted to the Scoop and PTA Facebook page. We need to accept positions in the April General meeting.
2. Secretary Report (5 minutes)
 - a. Approve PTA Meeting Minutes (multiple)
 - i. Motion to approve full slate of minutes from April 24, 2023, September 14th, 2023, and November 7th, 2023. Seconded. All in favor: unanimous.
 - b. Reflections competition update - State Winners!
 - i. We had 4 students go to the state level, and they all medalled, and of the four, three won gold and are going to compete at the national level.
3. Treasurer's report (10 minutes)
 - a. Financial update (YTD Report)
 - i. Not much updated, aside from teachers submitting more grants which have all been approved.
 - b. Budget Committee Meeting
 - i. March 11th at 6pm in the school library
 - ii. Open to all current PTA members
 - c. School Gift Proposals
 - i. Due April 22nd
 - ii. Voted on April 29th General PTA meeting
4. Membership Report
 - a. No significant changes since November.
5. Committees Report (10 minutes)
 - a. Thank you Crossing Guards for keeping us safe!

- b. February Events:
 - i. Staff Appreciation M, W & F - week of Feb 26, 2024 (Thank you to Jessica!)
 - 1. This year we decided to move staff appreciation away from May and into February. Change this year: no more brunch with Room parents covering. Instead it'll be a 3-day event M/W/F for all staff. Breakfast on Monday, a teacher gift on Wednesday, and Friday a coffee event.
 - 2. We will be looking for volunteers to help with coordination, so keep checking the Scoop.
 - ii. Conference Dinners - Feb 22, 2024 (thank you to Leila!)
 - c. Upcoming Events (May)
 - i. Arts Night, Spring Field Day, 5th grade Continuation, Kindergarten Graduation
 - ii. Staff Appreciation gift cards during Teacher Appreciation - week of May 6
6. Community Events Report- (5 minutes)
- a. Recent Totals \$1,387.79 (two most recent nights (Marco's Pizza and GB Fish and Chips) are not included).
 - b. Future Events: Skate night at Skate City in March. Details are being confirmed around their spring break schedule.
7. Sun Shade Update (Dawn Shippe)
- 1) The grant application to the American Academy of Dermatologists for \$8,000 was submitted in mid-December. This will cover the full cost of a new umbrella but is a national competition. We will hear by the end of March.
- 2) The matching grant program run by the city of Arvada is being overhauled and its future is unclear at present. This award would have matched the \$4,000 voted on by the PTA last April to pay for an umbrella. Currently in communication with the new program director and hope to have more questions answered, but at this point, it looks unlikely that any awards will be made in the near future. These changes may impact the track upgrade proposal as well.
8. Sabertooth Mascot
- a. [Sign up](#)
 - b. We have a parent who donated a sabertooth mascot to the school. We're looking for volunteers to help dress up as the mascot at various events throughout the school year.
 - c. Cleaning: the body itself is machine washable and the head can be sanitized, plus we have a few dry cleaners who've donated a free cleaning.
9. Read-a-thon Update
- a. The committee is up and running and our theme this year is Carnival!

- b. Based on feedback from teachers we'll be doing prizes for teachers who participate as well as the student readers and fundraisers. Teachers: if you have any additional ideas of prizes please pass them along to Tennille.
- c. The grand prize this year for the top fundraiser is the Great Wolf Lodge again, and there are three age bands that can win (so three total GWL trips).
- d. The experience prize is set to be having a magician coming in to the school.
- e. Pre-K is included this year!
- f. The Kickoff even will be March 29th, and the readathon will run until April 19th.

10. Questions/comments (10 minutes)

- a. Jodie Miller: Thanks to the PTA for continued support of the science fair this year, purchasing the T-shirts and ribbons for winners.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Upcoming Dates

4/29/2024 - PTA General Meeting