

Sugar Hill Elementary



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The vision for the Sugar Hill Elementary PTA Board is
"To Partner with Teachers to Build a Community and Enrich the Education of our Students"

Sugar Hill Elementary PTA Board Meeting
Friday, August 10th, 2018 10:00am
Location: PLL Room
Minutes

Call to Order

Jill Arendell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members in attendance are Jill Arendell, Amanda Melancon, Kate Kelly, Krissy Awana and Alaina Jones.

Introduction of Board Members

Our new board is as follows: President, Jill Arendell, Vice Presidents: Krissy Awana, Kate Kelly, Amanda Melancon, Treasurer: Kim Young and Secretary: Alaina Jones.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$21,924.71. \$10,361.60 which was brought over from last school year. So far, we have brought in \$15,495.69 in August with a large part of that being spirit wear - \$5,942.89. We were able to pay off the invoice for spirit wear as well as purchase several bins and a rack to display shirts which we can use for the coming years. All spirit wear sold from here on out will be pure profit. Total expenses so far are \$7,931.91. (Spirit wear can be sold at Longhorn Family Fun Nights.)

Committee Chair Updates

1. Spirit wear – Cristin Serio

- Cristin needs volunteers to sell spirit wear at both curriculum nights, August 21st and August 23rd. A signup sheet is available if you can help.

2. Longhorn Family Fun Night – Sherrie Coar

- The first Longhorn Family Fun night is Picnic in the Park, August 16th. Mellow Mushroom and Rita's will be giving a portion of their proceeds back to the school. Sherrie will get Celebrity Scoopers scheduled before the event. You can call ahead to Mellow Mushroom to place your order.

3. Staff Appreciation Lunches – Sherrie Coar

- Grab-N-Go lunch for the teachers will be October 24th. Looking to have someone help out that can take this over for next school year. Let Sherrie know if you have any interest.

Open House Review

Open House was a successful event. Jill opened it up to the members in attendance and no feedback was given.

Update Status of By Law Changes

In order to make changes to the By Laws currently in place, we must give PTA members 30 days' notice of the changes. There is currently a sheet at the Check In desk noting the changes that are being requested. This will also be published on the website. After the 30 days is up we can vote on the changes.

Lines of Communication

The PTA has a larger presence on social media this year and there are several ways to get in contact with the Executive Board if needed.

- Facebook – Sugar Hill Longhorns
- Instagram - #sheslonghorns
- Website – www.sugarhillpta.com
- School Messenger – Text “yes” to 675-87 (no longer using Remind 101)
 - Receive information regarding bus dismissal, PTA meetings, etc.
- PTA Email – www.sugarhilleslonghorns@gmail.com
- PTA Bulletin Board
 - Located outside of the cafeteria. There is a section for the Giving Tree, What's Coming Up Next and other important information.

Recent Donations from PTA to Sugar Hill ES

The way funds are distributed from the PTA to Sugar Hill has changed this year. In the past, a lump sum was given to the school and administration decided where it would be spent. This didn't allow PTA and parents to know what their money was being used for.

This year teacher's will submit a Funds Request Form to the PTA Executive Board and they will review and approve or deny. This will allow the PTA to share where the money was spent and celebrate all the awesome things we are able to give the school this year. There are line items on the budget for these donations.

So far, we have given Kindergarten money for Brain Pop, and 2nd grade money for Scholastic News.

We have also pledged money to purchase (30) Chrome Books. The school currently has a computer cart that has (8) Chrome Books but only (4) work. A lot of the testing over the year should be done on computers but since we don't have many chrome books this is not being

done. The PTA's hope this year is to raise money for more hardware and software for the school.

Lanier Education Foundation – which helps support all schools in our cluster – will be giving each school \$6,500 in the coming months. This will also help pay for more technology.

Current Volunteer Needs

Backyard Bingo is on September 7th. This will be held at Lanier High School. In the past we used to have a carnival night at E.E. Robinson and then a separate night for Bingo. Last year it was decided that the events would be combined and held at LHS. It is a larger area so more families can attend. We will be looking for people to help out with various aspects of the event so be on the lookout for information on how you can help!

We are in need of a volunteer to head up the 5th Grade Yard Signs. If you would like to head this up please contact someone on the Executive Committee.

Upcoming Events

- Picnic in the Park – August 16th
- All Pro Dad Breakfast – August 17th
 - Any caring individual is welcome to join their child for a breakfast before the school day starts. Cost is \$5/family. This is a great opportunity to have some one on one time with your kiddo.
- Curriculum Night – K-2nd – August 21st
- Curriculum Night – 3rd – 5th – August 23rd
- Backyard Bingo – September 7th
- Laps for Longhorns – October 18th
 - This event used to be handled in house by PTA members. It got to be so large that is had to be outsourced. Last year we partnered with Boosterthon and it was a huge success! This year the event will be held outside. There will be 2 grade levels participating in the event at a time with each grade level having a separate track. Donations can be made as a flat amount of pledge per lap (maximum of 35 laps). Look for more information in the coming months.

New Events/Items for 2018-2019 School Year

This year we will be holding a Talent Show. It will be a great way to showcase the kiddos of Sugar Hill Elementary. This will not be a judged event and will be open to everyone. It will not be a huge money maker as the only money raised will be ticket sales and possibly water – but it will be a fun night for the school. Scheduled for February 1st and more information will be made available as the date gets closer

PTA will be selling 5th Grade Yard Signs this year to raise money for the 5th grade Field Trip. Signs will not be personalized but have the school year listed. The signs will be up for sale in the spring. We are looking for someone to head this up so if you would like to help out let someone on the Executive Board know!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree (formerly known as the Legacy Tree) is a great way to give back to the school. There is a \$50 minimum donation and you can indicate exactly where you would like the money to go (i.e. a specific teacher, grade, specials area, purchase of chrome books, etc). An apple will also be placed on the Giving Tree outside the cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Submitted By,

Alaina Jones
Sugar Hill PTA Secretary