



Sparks Elementary PTA Meeting (Virtual)

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 7:00 PM

1. **Welcome** (Sapna Prasad): **In attendance:** Sapna P. , Corinne R, Mrs. Alvarez, Ms. Chyko, Alex C, Cassie J, Jennifer D, Jessica L, Maggie K, Matt B, Erin M, Shannon H.
2. **School Updates** (Ms. Chyko and Mrs. Alvarez)
 - a. Spring Break Starts in 2 days! Sat, April 9 through Monday, April 18.
 - b. Kindergarten Round-up is tomorrow April 7! 56 new Sharks signed up for appointments tomorrow!
 - c. April 22 is Picture Day.
 - d. Mrs. Laumann and Mrs. Merritt are retiring. We will miss them and wish them all the best!
 - e. Thank you to the PTA for covering the registration fee (\$2400) for both Sparks Robotics teams!
3. **Board & Committee Updates**
 - a. **President** (Sapna Prasad): No new business.
 - b. **1st VP** (Erin MacDougall)
 - i. **Casey Cares/World's Largest Pajama Party wrap up:** 123 pairs of pajamas were donated! Great job Sparks ES!
 - ii. **Earth Day:** University of Maryland Master Gardeners will be coming to Sparks, along with Halten Garden Club members, for an Earth Day event at Sparks. The students will go by grade to the outdoor classroom. They will plant a seed and take it home. Volunteers will be needed to assist the teachers and gardeners. Erin to send out a SignUp Genius to parents.
 - iii. **Sky Zone Spirit Night:** April 21 from 4 to 8 pm. A portion of all jump sales will be donated back to Sparks. Fliers will go home on Tuesday April 19th. Magan will send out info in an email.
 - iv. **PTA Officer Elections:** In the process of confirming returning officers and getting updated biographies. Looking for a new Recording Secretary as Alex's son will move on to HMS next year. If interested email Erin at erin.macdougall@yahoo.com
 - c. **Treasurer** (Matt Barr)
 - i. **Budget Report:** See attached budget spreadsheet.
 - ii. **Robotics Donation:** \$2400 given to the Robotics team for the Vex IQ World Championship registration fees.
 - d. **Hospitality**
 - i. **Lucky Ducks:** All winners have been drawn. The teachers and staff loved it! Thank you to Kerri Brozene for organizing.

- ii. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Erin will work on forming a committee of parent volunteers to assist. Will have a teacher luncheon again this year. Other activities TBD.
 - iii. **Bus Driver Appreciation:** April 27th. 14 total drivers/assistants for Sparks ES. Will give each a cinnamon bun with a “We love how you roll!” note. Erin coordinating.
 - iv. **School Secretary Day:** April 21. Erin will have Tammy and Chrissy order a lunch from the PTA.
- e. **Reflections**
- i. **Awards Ceremony** (Cassie Jackson): Ceremony was attended by Cassie. Ceremony was really nice and several Sparks students were among those honored.
 - f. **Shark Shuffle** (Alex Castillo, Corinne Roth, Sapna Prasad): Thank you to parents for signing up to donate items! There will be a sign up for teachers to get doused the day of the event. A sign up may go out for NEW UNOPENED kids toys for the toy raffle.
 - g. **Fifth Grade Farewell** (Alex Castillo): The students chose “Nacho Average 5th Grade” as their theme. T-shirts being handled by West88 via a web page and ordering window. Panoramic picture scheduled for May 5.
4. **New Business:** No new business.
5. **Adjournment: 8:20 pm**