



Bill Roberts PTA Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:30pm

In-person and Live-streamed

<https://meet.google.com/dwi-pcfv-rjv>

President: Suzi Williams billrobertspta@gmail.com

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Secretary: Cynde Hennegan billrobertssecretary@gmail.com

In Person Attendees: Alison Boyd, Cynde Hennegan, Ashley Kernstock, Lisa Lajimodiere, Shuba Love, Christina Lundblad, Sarah Marwitz, Matt McGruder, Michelle Murray, Sara Porter, Jason Sanders, Adie Tate, Katie Wiktor and Suzi Williams.

Bill Roberts Staff Attendees: Christina Lundblad and Jason Sanders.

Virtual Attendees: Karen Morris, Katie Quinn and Lara Hussain.

Upcoming events:

01/10-11 Musical Auditions

01/11 1st Grade Pizza Party, MS Tour

01/12 BSU Field Trip

01/15 MLK Day no school

01/17 DEI Meeting

01/23 CSC Meeting (pending budget from DPS)

01/24 K-5 Evening Tour and DEI Podcast Parent Discussion

01/30 3rd Grade Field Trip

02/02 First Friday with Mr. Sanders

02/07 Bike Bus, K-5 AM Tour, Dos Amigos Eat & Give

02/07 Middle School Support meeting at 9:15 am

02/13 CSC Meeting

Committee Heads

Fun Run: Alex Foster and Nicole Potsane

DEI: Emily Shamsid-Dean

MS Parent Support Committee: Sarah Bartles

Book It Bobcats: Lara Hussain

Art Support: Kate Chimenti and Alex Foster

Carnival: Ashley Kernstock, Kendra Burkholder. May 10

Collaborative School Committee (CSC): Jacob White

Communications: Taylor Norvell
Direct Giving: Ellie Bergman
Edukit: Melissa Kroll
Elementary Tours: Katie Wiktor
Family Dance: Michelle Murray
Family Outreach: Sara Giordana
Garden: Alia Chiapella
New Family Welcome: Suzi Williams
Library: Lisa Lajimodiere
Original Works: Laura Judd-Glossy
Room Parent Coordinator: Courtney Smith
Safety: Katie Asher, Jill Sly
School Volunteers: Kirstin Tulk
Spirit Chair: Alison Boyd
Staff Liaisons: Nita Baumann, Christina Lundblad
Staff Support: Sarah Bartles
Sponsorship: Adie Tate
Staff Appreciation: Sarah Bartles
Third Party Fundraisers: Rachel Rosenberg, Katie Asher
Thursday Notes: Cynde Hennegan
Website Designer: Nicole Potsane
Wellness: Laura Orozco

Principal Sanders' Update:

School Works audit in early 2023 results speak highly from parents and students. Focus on Kindergarten playground. Locations for new security cameras are set, deciding who is paying. Working on STEAM item requests. Opening up Jr. Coach positions with Coach Grace and Play Works. Middle School students will be helping facilitate games for K-5 and learn conflict management in 25 minute blocks. We are working on new branding including logo, tagline, position statement. We want to be clearly branded for families so they know what we stand for and what our positions are.

President's Update:

Suzi Williams: We have new parking tags for auction winners. There are some safety concerns with cars stopping and blocking the intersection by the school (22nd and Akron).

Middle School Support:

Suzi: We will have two Middle School dances, one on March 15th and one in May. Book Fair is May 6-10. We are hoping to have a Mac & Cheese/Chili Cook Off on January 30th following the Boys and Girls Bobcat Basketball home games. Maybe I Heart Mac & Cheese can be a sponsor? Destination Imagination is underway and teams are being formed. There will also be a popcorn February 4-9 pop-up online store that will raise money for the middle school trips.

Book It Bobcats:

Lara: We are planning for the spring summer reading program. We will have another update at the next meeting. Looking for ideas for the Fall Book It Celebration such as lunch, a visit from Miles the Bronco, etc. We would like to promote this in the spring to get students excited for the Fall.

Art:

Suzi: Rehearsals for the spring musical Seussical start next week. We are looking for artwork ideas. Maybe we can sell a Dr. Seuss t-shirt with ticket sales? We have looked into other auditorium locations for the dress rehearsals and performances but none near us have availability this spring.

Carnival:

Ashley: The committee will kick off in February with planning starting in March.

Treasurer Update:

Ashley: Budget is updated. We are doing well. The Family Dance in December did very well. We are looking into Giving Day to coincide with a spring holiday like St. Patrick's Day.

Direct Giving:

Suzi: Online Giving Day fundraiser. Sending out instant messages. Can we do a competition for the highest percentage of participation? Prizes being gold coins or dress down passes. We are also looking into reviving Direct Giving Parties. Maybe a Kentucky Derby Party.

Edukits:

Suzi: We are looking for a new Edukit volunteer. It is a lot of work in August. You coordinate class supply lists with the company. There are lots of other companies who do it.

Safety:

Suzi: Committee is adding a Family Handbook accessible online. They are concentrating on parking lot improvement in the spring and more cameras are coming.

Elementary Tours:

Katie: Getting lots of positive feedback. Parents have been very impressed. Tours are going well and we have two more tours left that are full. Today's tour saw Play Works, ukulele practice and a STEAM presentation.

Family Dance:

Michelle: Lots of comments on the dance. Evening went well with no complaints. Due to legal restraints we will probably not be able to have outside food vendors inside the school. Adie suggested that a vendor become a DPS-licensed so they can sell inside. Katie suggested we move the family dance to late winter, like around Valentine's Day. But the Book Fair is in December. Lisa will talk to Ms. Cassie. Maybe we can bring back music performances by grade.

Auction:

Suzi: People liked the auction in the fall and dressing up at the fancy venue helped people spend more freely at the auction.

Family Outreach:

Is there something we can do for the Venezuelan families in Central Park? We will reach out to Ashley Elementary and Crawford Elementary. Maybe we can do a school supply drive? A coat drive? A hygiene drive? A combination of all?

Garden:

Sarah: There was a garden clean-up before Winter Break. We have a DPS contact for playground mulch.

Library:

The book fair raised around \$5k. The spring book fair will be May 6-10.

Spirit Wear:

One parent complained that the sizes are small. We will have the vendor put up a size chart. There was a request for stuffies being available. Scrunchies and bows for hair would sell well. Waiting to add new items for the new branding.

Room Parent Coordinator:

Teachers are requesting subscriptions for Teacher's Pay. Can we offer gift cards for the teachers who want them? Maybe we do a drive during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10).

Sponsorship:

Wrapping up sponsorship commitments for 2024. We are always looking for new sponsors.

Upcoming PTA Meetings:

We generally meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the school library. Upcoming: February 7 (rescheduled due to Valentine's Day), March 13, April 10 and May 8.