



PTSA Meeting

Aug 10, 2023

APS PTSA General Meeting #1, August 10, 2023 held in the APS Cafetorium

In Attendance from the board: Kristin Morgan, Kristen DeFabrizio, Erica DeRobertis, Meri Gaston, Carrie Griffiths, Audrey Forster, Jill Healey, Molly Peaden, Erin Provenzale, Sara Joy Clemmer, Kelly Fowler, Mandy Chandler, Caitlin Shelby, Jamie Buechele, Devin Quereshi, Will Dukes, Jason Fritz

A quorum was established.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome by Kristin Morgan, PTSA President at 9am.
 - A. Introduction to board members.
 - B. [Join PTSA](#) - by joining you can support APS via staff appreciation, staff meetings, sunshine state books, parties, helping kids on campus. Recent PTSA project, Privacy Fence around Kindergarten playground.
 - C. Sign up for [ADDitions](#) to volunteer at school or chaperone field trips.
- II. Introduction to Jason Fritz, Principal
 - A. Personal history - Previously Principal at Berkshire Elementary. Many friends/connections at APS with teachers and families. Excited to join APS!
 - B. General School Update
 1. May need to add teachers for some grades as APS grows.
 2. Mrs. Gergley taking over the Gators/animal program.
- III. Erica DeRobertis, Treasurer
 - A. Provided budget breakdown line by line, hard copies provided upon request.
 1. Executive board approved the budget in the July meeting.
 2. Motion from general assembly - Jill Healey moved to approve. Mandy Chandler seconded.
 3. General PTSA approved budget.
- IV. Meri Gaston, Co-VP of Events
 - A. Fall Family Event – Sept. 28 5:30-8pm, taking place of Gator Shower, on campus, free event.
 - B. International Night – January 2024 - Cultural Night, on campus, food, entertainment, family night
 - C. Falcon 5K – February 2024 - race on campus
 - D. Falcon Fling – March 8, 2024 - largest fundraiser, Winter Park Event Center
 - E. Staff Appreciation – April 2024 - show love and shower staff w/ gratitude
- V. Carrie Griffiths, co-VP of Communications
 - A. Asked for a vote on who found out about the first PTSA meeting/Tears and Cheers via social media. Majority voted they did.

- B. Tag APS on school related activities @apsk8_ptsa on Instagram and <https://www.facebook.com/Audubon-Park-School-Parents-Teachers-Students-135191083957574/> on Facebook.
- C. Invites everyone to look at the updated APS website designed by Audrey Forster, co-chair.
- D. Questions regarding Facebook grade related groups, reach out to Mandy Chandler (agdavis1@gmail.com) or Caitlin Shelby (cshelby@corkcicle.com).
- E. Make sure your PTSA membership is current to receive the PTSA newsletter.
- F. General emails will go to the entire school for events/school needs.

VI. Jill Healey, PIE Representative

- A. Partners In Education, links local businesses and organizations with school. For example, Lobos and Krispy Kreme donated for Tears and Cheers. Also looking for small businesses to teach a class/volunteer, serve as mentors, help with campus beautification projects, donate tickets to events to be utilized by teachers or auctioned off at events.
- B. Jill also works with Spirit Store - sign up after meeting for shirts/items, you'll be invoiced, and items be dropped off to classes next Friday. Spirit Store will be linked in the newsletter.

VII. Molly Peaden and Devin Quereshi, Falcon Fund Co-Chairs

- A. Audubon Recreation/Turf Project - quick background on area kids play in, outside near the playground. Wanted to come up with a more purposeful play area. Worked with John Hall, APS family, to design a space for kids to play. Brief fundraising effort last spring, raised close to \$100k. During that time, got the attention of OCPS and they decided to pay for the turf. 25-30ft oak trees and pavers in certain areas will also be installed. Model photos on instagram. District has assigned us a liaison. OCPS has specific vendors they're getting quotes from for the turf. Estimated start date is 23-24 school year. Trevor is still involved in this project.
- B. Falcon Fund VS. PTSA - PTSA handles staff appreciation, sunshine state books, parties, and helping kids on campus. Falcon Fund was created by Trevor and the school to come up with initiatives where we can do out of the box capital improvements. PTSA has more rules on how we can use money. Can't just fund one classroom. Falcon Fund goes through Orange County Foundation, can be more flexible, can help one specific classroom if needed. Falcon Fund has also provided sunshade on playgrounds as OCPS doesn't provide it.
- C. Question from general PTSA - is \$100k enough to finish the project? No, fundraising shut down since OCPS is helping with the project. We are \$16-20k shy to put in pavers, shade trees, and other elements.
- D. Welcome Back Bash - adult only night Sept 14th 6-8pm @ The Porch. Tickets \$30 for 2 drinks and apps. Tickets will go on sale August 21st. Staff and teachers attend as well. Will add an option for parents to pay for teacher tickets.

VIII. Kristin Morgan adjourned the meeting around 9:45am.

Next general PTSA meeting TBD.