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### Attendees (28)

#### 1) PTA Welcome

- Seeking Nominations for 24-26 PTA board
  - Nomination Committee will share a slate of board members ten days before election
  - Committee will be working for the next six weeks to gather nominations
  - Email membership@swansfieldpta.org or text Lizz Hammon at 301-466-3796 if you are interested in running for board position.
- Vote to Change Board Member Title (VP Membership to VP of Community Relations and Membership)
  - Change title to better reflect role of that position
  - By Laws changes noted on Page 7
    - Vote:
      - Motion made by JC Nsereko
      - 2nd Emily Reiger
      - 14 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain

### 2) SES Principal Welcome

- Thank you to PTA for hospitality (fruit theme) and Woot Woot Wagon
- Shout out Reptile World Assembly today for all students in two groups (back at Swansfield after 20 years)
- Working on fixing some flags that are hung upside down (hoping it'll happen before International Night)
- Radon Testing: none of classroom spaces were high, 3 rooms noted were book closet and office spacesnot utilized by student and staff on a regular basis
- April 18th: grade 5 Title I night

- Transition to Middle School: staff and admin from three feeder middle schools
- Dinner and break out sessions based on school
- Current middle school students present
- HCEA Job Satisfaction Survey: 91.7% staff shared morale was good (6th top school in HCPSS)
- Budget Update (as of now): Due to Title I status: GT staffing returned 1.5, 3rd grade strings continue, no class size increase for all of elementary school
  - Continue to advocate to county council
- Staffing: One additional Special Education position and RECC positions
- Grade 5 end of year:
  - in person evening ceremony (this year RHHS, next WLHS- continue alternating)
  - Class shirts being designed
  - Teachers and parents working on planning a picnic on or off site
  - Moving forward: all 5th grade will have evening ceremony, shirt and picnic
  - Evening with stars (May 30th): 4th and 5th graders only performing, all students will have a piece of work on their desk, tables in pod to highlight some CEU and Seminar work, red carpet

### 3) Treasurer/Fundraising Update

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1X9YjOurYnfBGiBg1akU3iNS3WC\_Ugo\_I/view?usp=drive\_link

- Over \$5,000 earned from Read-A-Thon
  - Books will be distributed to all students who met their goal (after spring break), all participants will get a bookmark
- About \$900 earned on Original Works Fundraiser
  - Fundraiser ended on Saturday, orders delivered first week of April
  - Late orders due April 10th
- May: Taharka fundraiser
- Chipotle fundraiser after Spring Break

## 4) PTACHC Updates

- Continue to advocate for budget with County Council
- Monthly two reps attend the meetings in Homewood Cafeteria
- Jessica Station and Mindy Gorelik will attend April 8th meeting at 7:30pm

## 5) VP of Membership and School Relations Update

- Yearbook:
  - share pictures using this website: ¬ Yearbook Images
  - Order a yearbook for \$20, <a href="https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob">https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob</a>, swansfield code: 15120324
  - Donate additional funds to insure that all 5th graders get a Yearbook during ordering process
- Assemblies (March: Reptile World, April: Step Afrika)

- Teacher Appreciation Information Coming Out Soon (May 6th-10th)
  - Committee will be meeting after spring break
  - Casino theme
  - Staff will have something every day: between admin and PTA
- School Play: Frozen, starting after Spring Break (open spots)
  - Led by HCPSS teachers
  - Looking for 4th and 5th grade students
  - 1 scholarship left

# 6) Upcoming Events

- Family Culture Night: Friday, April 12th at 6pm
  - Volunteers needed! Sign up to help during the event, and/or share your family's culture with Swan families at the event by creating a display board (boards provided by the PTA)
  - Need volunteers for set up, clean-up and during event (art, prizes and welcome table)
  - Also use sign up link to share if flag is missing from cafeteria
  - Sign up: https://forms.gle/8V9pjYPgpiDuEnEY6
  - Currently 11 cultures signed up to display culture
  - Light catering will be served thanks to donations from community Village Centers
  - 2 performances and fashion show
- Fun Run: April 27th at 9am
  - One-mile Fun Run course, to raise funds for SES Field Day and P.E. equipment
  - Open to those of all abilities (walkers and runners welcome) and is open to students, families and the community
  - Registration is only \$15 until April 1 (includes a t-shirt and plastic finisher medal), or \$17 after April 1. Register here: bit.ly/SESfunrun

#### 7) Budget Advocacy

- Folder with information
- Information about budget process for HCPSS: https://www.hcpss.org/about-us/budgets/fy25/

## <u>List of Upcoming PTA events and meetings</u>

April 12th: Family Culture Night April 27th: Fun Run, 9am

May 6th-10th: Teacher Appreciation Week May 15th: PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm June: 5th grade Picnic (Time and Exact Date TBD)

June 7th: End of Year Picnic (Time TBD)