

# Level Creek PTA General Meeting

August 19, 2022 9:30 AM

#### 41 in attendance

## <u>Welcome</u>

## **Introduction of officers**

Co-President Montana Mitchell

Co-President Kim Canon

Vice President Rebecca Catterton

Vice President Lori Griffith

Vice President Bethany Russell

Vice President Laura Rosales

Treasurer Melanie Hunsaker

Secretary Shellie Edge

## Remarks from Mr. Skelton

There are currently 1,069 students enrolled at Level Creek Elementary and 14 new teachers.

#### Any questions?

Q: What is EL?

**A:** Expeditionary Learning is a new pilot throughout the county, and teachers can roll it out this year or next year. At Level Creek, K-3 are rolling it out this year. More to come on the program.

**Q:** The middle school has programs for parents regarding technology and the potential challenges kids face. Are there any similar programs available for elementary school parents? **A:** Currently, no. Mr. Skelton will think about this one and if there are any programs/guidance available to pass along to parents as a resource. Parents can also check out GCPS TV - it has a program called Digital Citizenship.



## Approval of the Minutes from May 13, 2022

Motion to approve by Tracy Dhinsa, second made by Melanie Hunsaker.

Highlights from last year: PTA awarded more than \$25K in teacher grants, including finger looms for art, musical instruments, Lego STEM materials, books, rugs, tables, etc. THe PTA is also working to make playground improvements. The PTA also hosted heritage night, bingo night and movie night.

# **Budget presented by Melanie Hunsaker (Treasurer)**

Motion to approve by Liz, second made by Lydia.

The budget includes a large carryover amount from last year. Typically, PTA only carries over \$20K, however a few playground improvement items from last year took longer to complete so those are reflected and will be paid out of this year's budget. This year's budget is a conservative estimate, assuming the PTA will make \$30K on the fall fundraiser. However, the budget will be adjusted if the fall fundraiser brings in more than that amount. Committee budgets are around the same for 2022-2023, however the multicultural committee and the family fun night committee budgets have been increased.

# **President Update**

The PTA was able to purchase copies of Your Name is a Song, a book by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow for all the teachers. In addition, all teachers received a \$100 grant to help them purchase supplies for their classrooms this year.

#### **Future PTA General Meeting Dates**

All are scheduled on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria: 10/21, 1/20, 3/10, 5/12

## **Membership Update**

This year, membership signup has been moved to MemberHub. Our goal is to have 300 members, and we are currently at 245 members. Membership packets will be sent home in September. Questions?

**Q:** Member expectations?

**A:** Nothing! We do encourage members to volunteer and participate if they can.

**Q:** Is everyone's data shared on MemberHub?

**A:** No. Montana and Kim double-checked and that function is turned off for LCES' PTA members.

## For 2022-2023, levels of membership are:

- \$10 members receive a spirit ring and spirit stick for each Level Creek student.
- \$25 members receive one limited-edition Level Creek swag item (sticker) and all the above.
- \$50 members receive a Level Creek spirit wear coupon (\$15 value) and all the above.
- \$100 members receive one (1) LCES 2022-2023 yearbook and all the above.

#### **VP updates:**

Volunteers still needed for the following committees: Arts in Ed, Fundraiser, Membership, Reflections, Talent show and Winter Carnival.

#### Vice President Rebecca Catterton

- Classroom Coordinators: First meeting is Friday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.
- Earning for Learning: Reminder to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and get your car washed at Aqua Blue Car Wash. We get a percentage earnings from both.
- Newsletter: first edition coming soon.
- Reflections: This is an art competition, and you do not need to be an expert. Theme
  this year is Show your Voice. More information to come and art collection will begin
  soon.
- Square 1 Art
- Talent Show: Still need committee volunteers.
- Fundraiser

### Vice President Lori Griffith

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- All Pro Dads
- Kindness
- Membership: Still need committee volunteers.
- Teacher Liaison
- Yearbook

## **Vice President Bethany Russell**

Arts in Ed: Still need committee volunteers.

- Faculty & Staff: This year they are doing a little gift for each teacher's birthday, but they
  still need help with the monthly bday cupcakes. They also do early release lunches as
  well as teacher appreciation week too. Look for a sign up genius coming out soon for
  monthly volunteers.
- Environmental: Looking to do a work day soon to pull weeds in sensory garden volunteers.
- School Supply Box: The school supply boxes raised around \$2,000 this year for PTA!
- Spirit Wear: Deadline for Spiritwear pre-orders is today. Volunteers may be needed once orders come in to be sorted and delivered to classrooms.
- Winter Carnival: Still need committee volunteers.

#### **Vice President Laura Rosales**

- Heritage Night
- Media Center: Still need committee volunteers.
- Multicultural
- Science Fair
- Special Events: Still need committee volunteers.
- Digital Liaison

# Other updates

- Party on the playground: Friday, September 9, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Meal plan questions: Questions about flagging your child's account? Send Myriam
  Ramirez-Workman an email (myriam.workman@gcpsk12.org) or call her and she will
  update it in the system. Regarding menus each day, there are still issues with food supply
  and driver shortages so meal options may change frequently.

## Know what is going on!

- Website: www.levelcreekpta.org
- Level Creek PTA Facebook Group <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/levelcreekpta/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/levelcreekpta/</a>
- Instagram https://www.instagram.com/levelcreekpta/

## **Meeting Adjourned**