

Silverbrook PTO General Membership Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:30pm  
Silverbrook Elementary School Cafeteria

**CALL TO ORDER**

**WELCOME**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

→ **Principal's Report** (*Dr. Simpkins*)

→ *Tier 1 instruction:*

1. *Benchmark literacy report; Literacy core team consists of 1 teacher per grade level which ensures the benchmark is being used correctly and conducts walkthroughs - including student engagement (all were positive results of the walkthroughs);*
2. *Math: Ready Set Math (1 teacher per grade level who is trained in this)*
3. *SOAR: 1/2 hr. throughout the day for each grade level (math group and math challenges); High Impact Tutors are trained in Lexia, UFLY, etc for those who need that level of intervention daily*

→ *Caring Culture Staff:*

4. *It is our 3rd year implementing RULER (evidence based program out of Yale, partnering with UVA) to phase in student's ability to utilize their emotions to self regulate*
5. *Charter: how to be a good citizen, character building and own responsibility*
6. *Valentines of Kindness - hearts on the walls for the staff to support each other*
7. *Kudos - ways to recognize teachers and thanking them*
8. *New Teacher Mentoring Program - new teachers are linked with a veteran teacher*

→ *Caring Culture Students:*

9. *SEL - social emotional lessons are embedded in classes; Mood meters and RULER integration*
10. *Morning meeting - responsive classroom - learn social skills and classroom community*
11. *Best Buddies - Supported by the PTO; program pairs the student mentors with mentees (students who have disabilities or those who need support with social skills)*
12. *Green Team - County wide program; Students experience eco-friendly practices like recycling; Teacher Mrs. Hodge*
13. *Ambassadors - purple star military new students - ensure the new student has a buddy and someone who is looking out for them at lunch, recess, etc.*
14. *Attendance - looking out for students who are not present; admin gets together to have discussions with those families to help them get the children in school*

→ *Cultural Awareness, responsiveness & equitable practices*

15. *Parent panel helping to share different perspectives and different cultures on how kids and families are feeling*

16. *Equity team - at each school; run by teachers and meets monthly to review equitable practices and inclusion; comes from the county; highlighting accomplishments of minority groups*

→ *Upcoming events: Morning meeting attendance this Friday is open to parents; Early Release this Monday the 10th; Spelling Bee this Thursday Feb 13, Bingo Friday Feb 21*

→ *Preschool playground is here and beautiful*

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**OFFICER REPORTS**

→ **President's Report** (*Elizabeth DeMaio*)

- ◆ Recess equipment storage shed & Stuff the shed should be done soon
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Fleeces - PTO paid a portion
- ◆ Technology: charging stations update - working with Mr. Chinn; fully through the design and 1/2way through the purchasing of this
- ◆ Teacher and Staff Appreciation week - May 5-9
- ◆ Volunteers for Teacher & Staff appreciation week NEEDED now; Need 1-2 volunteers to also set up teacher carts
- **Secretary's Report** (*Nitika Sood*)
  - ◆ September 2024 General Membership Meeting Minutes: Review and VOTE
  - ◆ Motion Approved, all ayes, no no's
- **Treasurer's Report** (*Anu Garg*)
  - ◆ SY 2024-2025 Budget Update
  - ◆ Anu reviewed each category and members present reviewed paper copies of the budget with her
- **Fundraising Report** (*Christy Orser*)
  - ◆ Fundraising Store will open soon for students and staff to purchase additional swag items
  - ◆ Spirit Wear -new tshirts only handful are left
  - ◆ Restaurant Nights- Hangry Burger in October made over \$300; March 26th is coming up
  - ◆ Waterbottle stickers going home next week as well with tax deductible forms
- **Programs Report** (*Kate Volpe*)
  - ◆ STEAM Fair - April 8th - need a few parent volunteers
  - ◆ Baroody spring programs are about to be selected so if you have feedback email her [programs@silverbrookpto.org](mailto:programs@silverbrookpto.org)
  - ◆ Buddy Program
- **Activities Report** (*Emilee Miles*)
  - ◆ International Night - How it went - Amazing turnout- maybe next year provide a small reimbursement to each table
  - ◆ Upcoming: Bingo Night - Feb 21st; Volunteers needed
- **Communications Report** (*Emily Long*)
- *Weekly Emails; Facebook Group; Lost and Found*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Book Fair** (*Samantha Robert / Laura Sabo*) *was very successful*
- **LCAC Coat Drive and Toy Drive** (*Renee Williams*) *120 coats were collected; 224 toys were collected*
- **Square One Art** (*Renee Williams*) *grades k, 2, 4, 6; ship March 3rd*

## NEW BUSINESS (*Elizabeth DeMaio*)

- SY 2024-2025 Budget Adjustments: VOTE; Board would like to propose an adjustment to the Building Support Line; propose moving \$12,000 out of building support: \$7,000 to tech (charging stations), \$4,500 to teacher and staff appreciations (ahead of the May week), \$500 to admin support; leaving \$5,000 to building support (ideas: library books, dollies, etc); all ayes
- End of year Carnival would be reduced entry or another offset like a Kona voucher

## MEETING ADJOURNED