

Forest Edge PTA Agenda
Wednesday November 16, 2016
7:00 PM

Call to Order – Karen Raffel called at 7:02

- 25 less members than last year and everyone needs to join.

Treasurer Updates –Shobha Subramanian

- Boosterthon numbers look bigger, but we still need to pay the Boosterthon share.
- Audit from last year was easy to work with.
- Reserves – we have money.
- Next month will be clearer.

MOTION – approve October meeting minutes

- Shobha wants to table budget, but it was approved last month.
- Treasury report is in files
- Motioned, 2nded, and approved

Committee Reports:

- **Skate Night** – Debbie Boykin
 - Saturday Dec 17th. After school is out for Winter break, but she wants at least 200 people there. Please come.
 - Debbie wants someone else to chair Skate Night for next year.
 - Anybody from community can come to the Skate Night. It's a fundraiser.
- **Boosterthon** – Karen Raffel for Tina Charvet
 - Boosterthon staff did a great job.
 - Everybody got a t-shirt. Some have worn it every day since this week.
 - Tina sends a thank you to all parents and volunteers.
 - Confirmed pledges \$14,481. \$400 non-confirmed. (Pledges that haven't been paid, yet.)
 - Pledges are still open. Monday, it will close.
 - Two counting days: Nov 21st and Dec 2nd.
 - Tina is looking for volunteers to help count. Sign up Genius. Boosterthon will feed volunteers.
- **Show What You Know** – Debbie Boykin
 - Debbie – new chairperson, Janille
 - Leona said if no parents don't want to run it next year, it will become a school run event.
 - Show What You Know is for children to present anything they want.
 - Will be in the first week of April.

- **5 K** – Kristen Chaddock
 - 8th year
 - t-shirt contests for the kids. Turn in by 12/9.
 - Showed shirt from last year.
 - Will put a display of the past t-shirts
 - Race is 4/29.

- **PTART** – Karen Raffel
 - By Specials groups, not classrooms, this year so parents are more evenly spread out.
 - Trouble getting volunteers this year.
 - Volunteers get a portfolio and training.
 - About ten minutes long.
 - Only 4 times a year.
 - Sign up genius to volunteer and tells you where to train.

- **Silver Diner check was from Dining for Dollars.**

Teacher/Admin Report – Leona Smith-Vance/Rochelle Proctor/Jillian Zuber

- Thanksgiving lunch tomorrow.
- Bring money for forgotten lunch fund.
- Hopes everyone had good conferences with the teachers.
- DRA in January. (developmental reading assessment.)
- New curriculum. Wants to do sessions on how they teach reading now.
- Needs books, books, books. (1000 per classroom.)
- When you purchase books from library vendors, they are already leveled. Donated books have to be evaluated.

Social Media/Internet Safety – Stephanie Kurspahic

- School technology specialist – helps teachers think about how to incorporate technology into the school.
- Digital citizenship – keep personal info private. Respect others.
- Children should trust gut instincts. If something makes them uncomfortable, tell an adult.
- Stand up to bullying.
- Balance time online with other activities.
- Digital Footprint – everything online stays online – even when deleted. So you leave a footprint that can be searched, copied, and broadcast.
- What can you do? Add a Filter at home. Get a kid friendly browser.
- YouTube has a filter.
- 6th graders are uploading videos from their phones.
- In tablets, disable location services.
- Screen names shouldn't be full names, etc.
- There are some positives to social media.
- Kids should be friends only with people they actually know. Parents should

- create their own account and be a friend and follower of their child.
- Balance – charge your kids devices outside their bedrooms at night.
- Put devices away at times.
- Teach tech as a tool.
- Cyberbullying follows the child home.
- Leona mentioned that the school can't do any consequences for things said after school hours on their own devices. But, if it shows up in schools, they can (for example, kids being teased at school for what happened online.)
- Kids can use phones at school for research and reading purposes.
- For Cyberbullying: sign off computer, don't respond, block bully, if a physical threat – get law enforcement involved.
- Treatment of friends: kids should ask for permission before posting other people's pictures.
- Removing posts and media. Remove posts that hurt people.
- Feeling left out. Think before posting and tagging.
- Respecting boundaries and rules.
- Report bullying.
- Respect their choices.
- Common Sense Media is a big help.

Meeting Adjournment 8:10pm

- Next PTA meeting: December 14 @ 7:00pm

<p><u>Important Upcoming Dates:</u></p>	<p>Nov 24 & 25- Thanksgiving Break</p>
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Nov 17 - Thanksgiving Lunch

Nov 23 - 2 Hour Early Release for Students