



SKCEE PTA Meeting Minutes
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Call to Order

- The Stephen Knight Center for Early Education PTA's September general meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Lauren Busch (President). The minutes were recorded by Tiffany Liu (Co-secretary).

Welcome - Lauren Busch

- Board introduction:
 - Emily Crew: Vice President (parent volunteers, Scamper co-chair, helps with events and fundraising)
 - Reached 62% of our scamper donation goal
 - Kate Sansing/Tiffany Liu: Co secretaries
 - Fiona: Social Media
 - Gillian Deck: Events
 - Tiffani Samborn: Hospitality

Principal Update - Shelley Boberschmidt

- Playground still under construction
- Field naturescape almost ready - waiting on grading.
- Picture day was today very cute

VP Update - Emily Crew

- CSC
 - o In need of more people to join - Shelley will add to her newsletter.
 - CSC is an advising group for Shelley. Budgets, what do we prioritize/ difficult decisions. CSC meetings usually before the PTA meetings.
- Volunteer Updates on Room Parents, Missing Voids
 - o Room parents are all filled

Treasurer Update - Lauren Busch filling in for Liz Plost

- Budget Review - We have \$100k in cash reserves
- T Shirt Sales - puffy t-shirt sales did really well. Already sold 70% of them. Perhaps do some more merch in future
- Scamper - goal is to raise \$35k this year. Proceeds will help with teacher funds/grants

Scamper Update - Emily Crew

- Scamper is the annual fundraising event that comprises a silent auction and a fun run where families can sponsor their runner.
- Started collecting donations at the end of summer.
- Class baskets will be gathered by room parents for themed baskets that will be auctioned off
- Anything that you want to donate
 - Things that do well: vacation rentals, sports tix, restaurants, experience things, summer camps
 - Email SKCEE PTA if you want a donation template
 - Fun run will be day before Halloween, kids can wear costumes
 - All kinder families invited to Cory auction as well

Hospitality Update - Tiffani Samborn

- Stock the Lounge- Week of September 14th
 - o It will be a monthly thing, you can donate directly to SKCEE PTA venmo account or donate food.
- Provide lunches to teachers during certain dates (like conferences..etc).
- Teacher appreciation week will be held at the end of year.

Dine Out Update - Lauren Busch filling in for Carly Keating

- Update on Little Bird Shop out - really successful, made \$500

- Upcoming Dine Out- Tias Taqueria on September 22nd, 10% goes back to SKCEE.
 - Restaurant owned by a former SKCEE parent/Cory parent

Events- Fall Picnic- Gillian Deck

- Thursday, September 17th, 3:30-5:00 at SKCEE blacktop
 - Bring your own setup
 - DJ Chuck, Henna art available
 - Pizza for sale at the event or in advance \$5 (you can also bring your own meal)
 - White Logo shirts for sale
- Volunteer update
 - Sign up genius QR code flyers will be put up around the school
 - Volunteer needs - Half hour intervals
 - Always need a lot of help with clean up
- Other events - Friendship festival, Spring Fling

Tie Dye Day- Lauren Busch

- Following week after Fall picnic 23rd - 25th. Cookie will send out a volunteer sheet if you want to come help during your students' class time.
- For kids that don't purchase a shirt, there are blank white shirts provided.
- Idea from a parent - donate a shirt (when you buy a shirt)

School Programing- Sara Whatmore

- Goals/missions this year is to bring in some programming. Parent opportunists. The FACE department , family & community engagement
 - Got feedback on what would service the community the best
 - Read and Rise - 2 hr session about how to best read to your kids. Dibles - state kindergarten reading test
 - Family advocacy - how to get involved
 - Imagine Math program - 2 hr intro to new math concepts, a lot more conceptual.
 - Calming Kind Family
 - Family Meals Program
 - Made a QR code for a survey, add to PTA newsletter
 - Could be before/after school, wants to make it work for you.

Teacher Grants - Lauren Busch

- Teacher grants are things teachers request to have in their classroom. They are discussed at the PTA meetings and, voted on (need to be an official PTA member)
 - Miss P: a new rug \$365. Lauren motions to approve, Fiona seconds. Fiona will take ownership.
 - Mr. Rosas: new performing arts teacher. Boomwhackers musical instruments 8 sets of 4. \$182 Lauren motions to approve, Fiona seconds.
 - Miss Pacheco: seats and optional cozy things for their library \$245. Approved
 - Miss Shannon \$370 new loveseat/chair. Lauren motions to approve. Fiona seconds. Liz will take ownership
 - Miss Quinn: new sand and water table \$287. Lauren motions to approve. Fiona seconds. Lauren will take ownership
 - Miss Jess Tremble special ed. Needs more items for kinder kids. Games/printer/paper \$382 Lauren motions to approve. Fiona seconds
 - Look into Scholastic dollars for the printer?
- As soon as furniture has a rip or breaks, it needs to be replaced due to licensing. Have to use approved vendors but through PTA can use any vendor so it is often cheaper.
 - Some parent is a welder so could potentially help fix broken items?
- Teacher grants typically under \$500 we approve. We currently have \$5000 in the budget for teacher grants. Not all the teachers ask for stuff. Never really denied a teacher grant. We may push back if the request has a cheaper alternative.

[Review Calendar](#) - Lauren Busch

Other?

- PTA membership is \$15.
 - It is not required to attend any or all PTA meetings if you join the PTA. You can come to meetings without joining the PTA.
 - Membership allows you to vote
 - Membership/dues are required by PTA bylaws.
 - There's a variety of things you can do to help - volunteer, money donations..etc.
 - Grants for people that might need financial assistance with membership dues - email SKCEE PTA
 - Money is used to go right back to the school
 - Add membership sign up to the newsletter
- Given 25k a year to support teacher funding
- Really trying to do a field trip for ECE-4 and Kinder
- Book fair in march, it's in person.
- Next meeting will be about Scamper.
 - Ideally all donations give by Oct 10th
 - Some donations came late (did a giveaway)
 - Vacation rentals 2 nights would be a great, someone has rentals near Dollywood.
 - Book fair in march, it's in person.

Usually monthly PTA meetings (try to do first Thursday of the month)

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