

## Merrill PTA Meeting Minutes

Mon. January 24, 2022

### Zoom Meeting

#### Attendance:

Jessica Goodsell	Jessica Taylor	Kristen Erickson	Claire S.
Christy Stroope	Ka'Meka Lowery	Melanie Rocha	Channon
Claudia Young	Kate Evans	Sarah Voss	
Jen Chedester	Kathryn Panek	Shawna Boeding	

#### Principal's Update – Mrs. Panek

- Thanks for the grace with tons of absences both students and staff and students have been flexible and helpful to guest teachers
- Grades have been postponed a couple of weeks giving all a chance to catch up. Parents can email teachers directly with any questions
- Alida Acosta 7th grade Science & ELL teacher took a district job. Kate Foshe also took a district job. Simone Freeman started as the Community School Coordinator,
- Academic focus: continuity and instruction to build learning stamina
- February 14th is parent-teacher conferences. The 2nd period teachers will contact families of students who have been identified through the tiered system of support. To continue support from conferences these students will have daily check-ins, weekly conferences and regular family check ins.
- All parents are welcome to schedule conferences with teachers at any time. All meetings are virtual.
- Please pay attention to the Flat Tax being discussed in legislation.
- Snack time was stopped as it became a long and distracting break and students were choosing unhealthy options. However, kids who cannot make it through the day due to hunger can quietly and quickly eat a snack in their class (ex. granola bar).
- “Rising” 6th Grade Night will take place sometime in May to welcome 5th graders.
- The 8th Grade Celebration is being planned

#### New Business:

- Winter Olympics Fun Week- is being planned as a way to boost morale. Looking for ideas and volunteers
- Wednesday Treats for Teacher week- is used as a middle of the week pick me up.” Fridge Fairy “fills the refrigerator with fun drinks for teachers. Not sure yet if this will be weekly. Shawna Boeding is leading this.
- Supplies- Bankers Trust donated masks and school is good on hand sanitizer.
- Kleenex, pencils and dry erase markers are needed.

## Housekeeping

Merrill PTA Dates for the 2021-2022 school year: Feb 21, Mar 28, Apr 18, May 16

### Merrill PTA Board 2022-22

- **President:** Sarah Witt
- **Treasurer:** Missy Anderson
- **Secretary:** Vivian Bryson

### Merrill PTA Committee Members 2021-22

**Communications:** Kristen Erickson/ Jessi Goodsell

**Membership & Community Relations:** Jessi Goodsell

**Fundraising:** TBD

**Apparel:** Megan Hollinger

**Merrill Matters:** TBD

**Helping Hands:** Tracy Beck/ Sarah Osterhaus Melton/  
Sarah Voss

**Teacher Appreciation:** Katie Carlson/ Shawna Boeding

**Book Fairs:** TBD

**Advocacy:**

**Box Tops:** TBD

All Merrill PTA meetings are open to families and community members interested in helping Merrill Middle School.

Contact Sarah Witt, PTA President, at [switt1509\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:switt1509(at)gmail(dot)com)

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