

Wilchester PTA Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
9:30 AM

Call to Order

Start: 9:36 a.m.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Ashley Satterwhite

2nd Approval: Melinda Hickey

President's Remarks, Sharon Muschalik

Thank you to Hospitality for snacks this morning. Thank you Fall Family Fun Night, Tracy Ashmore & Book Fair Carolyn McCall for all your awesome hard work!

Thank you notes from teacher staff - please read them

Register Volunteer Hours: please remember to go online and log volunteer hours online

Guest Speakers, SBISD Speaker's Bureau

Katherine Dawson, President

Linda Buchman, Community Relations Officer

George Kurisky, Chairman

CeCe Thompson, Executive Director

Coordinate programs between SBISD and the PTA (Crystal Awards, Reflections, Run for the Arts, Fund for Future Endowment). We fund field trips, grants, scholarships. We serve as a collaborator to help new PTA's form, work with struggling PTA's, communicator between local and national and district PTA's. We provide meetings and newsletters to the PTA to know what is happening in the district and state. We are a connector for the community and district. Through that desire to connect, we formed the Sprint Branch Education Foundation. SBEF is here to share and get feedback from the community so please ask questions. SBEF is a "premier" foundation in the district and state with largest mentoring program in the state because of the funding and support to SBISD.

Conduct a "Call for Grants" twice a year. Please apply. This is how we give back to the campuses. \$65K in grants are going to various campuses. Each campus can receive a grant up to \$5K, 1 per academic year per campus. School can apply in the fall and spring. An assessment committee determines award. The campus principle determines where funding is most needed. A parent, PTA or teachers can apply for the grant.

Duncan and Donuts is revamped to a Fashion Show with Dimensions. This year is Friday November 18th, 11:30 a.m. at the Westin. Cost is \$60 per seat. There are some seats available. All funding goes to fund the Crystal Awards.

Nominate a teacher for the Crystal Award! Wilchester has some phenomenal teachers and need to be represented. They are due December 1st. Award is Friday March 2nd to honor SBISD teachers.

Wilchester provides an incredible amount of support to Spring Shadows. The Wilchester Student Council and PTA is amazing!! Thank you for everything you have done! Go Patrice Jegi!

5 YEAR Plan Update: Currently in the 5th year of planning the next five years. Achieved some process goals so focusing on "visioning". SBEF brought in some national experts to help us think about kids in 2025. What do we need to be doing for them and how are making sure they have the skill set needed to be successful in 2025?

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For example, making sure our kids are connected globally and knowing what is propaganda and what is fact on the internet. Visit www.cms.springbranchisd.com/2012 to learn more.

Altharetta Yeargin Art Museum, Kathy Goss & Leeann Newton Co-Curators

The museum is currently located behind the Meadow Wood temporary campus. We are the only school district in the country that has their own art museum. We are NOT funded by the District. The museum is solely funded through grants and donations. Every campus in the district visits the art museum for a field trip. There are items from all over the world and the B.C. era. The 1st Saturday of the Month is an event that is 'come and go' and open to the community. There is a Lecture Series twice a year. Looking to expand and offer art classes.

Art Card Project - fund raising event in which you can buy a \$10 donation card to give as a gift this holiday season. The \$10 donation is then given to SBEF. The proceeds will be split between SBEF and the Altharetta Yeargin Museum. You can buy cards at the museum or look in the Wilchester newsletter for more information. Go to <http://shop.springbrandeducationfoundation.com/>

Campus Update, Rian Evans

Playground is on track to be completed by December 2011. Playground equipment is en route. Timeframe to install is anywhere between 3 to 4 weeks. Some issues with the sprinkler system so progress has been stalled. Marquee - has been some City of Houston paperwork problems that should have been resolved. The actual sign is not on campus. Projected timeframe for installation is December.

Board Reports

Budget, Tamma Howell

Fall Family Fun Night net was \$6400 (budget was \$5000). Fall Family Fun Night did awesome!

Ways & Means, Christine Gentil

Adjourn: 10:57 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

November 23	Yearbook Order Deadline
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Los Tios Night
December 10	Wilchester Jingle Bell Fun Run
December 16	Winter Parties & Early Dismissal