

Friends of Sauganash Elementary

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023 6:30 Sauganash Elementary Cafeteria

Agenda Items:

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Deepak Bapu
2. The following meeting minutes were unanimously approved: September 12, 2023 - Megan Chung
3. The following meeting minutes will be posted to our website (<https://www.friendsofsauganash.org/resources>), and will be approved at the next meeting: **November 14, 2023 6:30 pm** Sauganash Cafeteria. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please join us!
4. Annual Budget Report
 - *Walk-a-thon added to budget for 2024-2025 school year - fundraising component
 - *Budget amendment to start up penny wars
5. Fundraising is of the utmost importance! Please join us for events and help us make the school year a great success inside and outside of the classroom!
6. Continuous Fundraising: Box Tops for Education/Dining Out Nights
 - *Une Annee dining out night was another successful fundraiser. Stay tuned for more dining out nights and support Sauganash Elementary's DC trip fundraisers!
 - *Penny Wars update
7. **Annual Spring Benefit Gala UPDATE** - Chateau Ritz is booked for March 9, 2024! This year's theme is Red Carpet Ready! Envision yourself ready to accept your award and dress to impress as you walk the red carpet this spring! Volunteer if you haven't already on the Friends of Sauganash website (<https://www.friendsofsauganash.org/>)
8. 2023-2024 PTO Events: MORE EXCITING EVENTS COMING THIS SCHOOL YEAR
 - Dance -A Thon** - November 17, 2023 - Michelle Nolte
 - Bingo Night** - January 18, 2024 - Michelle Nolte
 - International Night** - February TBD
 - Dance with Daughters** - TBD
 - Dance with Sons** - TBD
 - Surge Pool Night** - TBD - Robert Szczesniak
 - Spring Benefit** - March 9, 2024 - Michelle Nolte
 - Spring Book Fair** - April 22, 2024 - April 24, 2024 - Amanda Mulcahey
 - Pasta Night** - April 24, 2024
 - Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 6, 2024 - May 10, 2023 - Deepak Bapu
 - Sip n' Stroll** - June 1, 2023 - Moira Workman
 - Field Day** - Proposed date of June 5, 2024

Annual Fund Drive - TBD - Michelle Nolte

9. PTO Other Activities

*Still not signed up to receive the PTO Newsletter? You can sign up on the PTO website (<https://www.friendsofsgauganash.org>) and volunteer for the remaining events this year. Need help keeping up with all the exciting events happening with Sauganash PTO? Follow Friends of Sauganash PTO on social media!

*RSVPing for events helps planning committees in their planning process and allows for accurate quantities of food and fun to be available. If you know you can make it to an event please RSVP so we can be sure everyone has a great time!

*Dance-A-Thon! Coming up this month! Come check out the new gym and support your dancer! Sponsor sheets coming soon.

10. New Business:

11. Open Forum:

*International Night is returning to Sauganash Elementary! We can't wait to celebrate all the countries, communities, and cultures that make Sauganash such a wonderful place!

*Teacher Picnic Tables - discussion tabled until Spring

*4th grade recycling t shirts to be funded by PTO and added to budget

*The Little Library will be chalked and weatherized! Thank you Robert Szczesniak!

12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm by Deepak Bapu