



Stratford Landing Elementary School PTA
8484 Riverside Rd. Alexandria, VA 22308

PTA Meeting: In Person

Date: Sep 17, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Board present:

Kristen Donahue, President

Caitlin Mandel, Treasurer

Katherine Gianino, Secretary

Total Attendance: 25

1. Welcome & President's Update

- Introduction of 2026-2027 PTA Board

Kristen welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced all the PTA board members present.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

- Motion for Approval of Minutes from 6/9/26 Meeting

The minutes from the 6/9/26 meeting were approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's Update

- Presentation and approval of budget
- Teacher start up money deadline
- Process for reimbursement and requesting funds
- Report of expenses versus budget

There was an unanimous approval of the budget

Caitlin highlighted specific portions of the budget including Clubs, Care and Share, and Rock and Run

Introduced the new process for reimbursement and requesting funds– the link is on the slpta.org website

Announced that the audit went well last year.

4. Mr Morris' Remarks and Introduction of Mr. Davis

Mr. Morris introduced Mr. Davis to speak first and then he followed him with a Q&A session

Mr. Morris shared his goal for this year is that 100% of SLES students can name a trusted adult in the building.

Questions:

1. *Kindergarten class size concern. Mr. Morris shared that when both classes reach 30 students, it is possible to add a 3rd class. If concerned, reach out to the School Board Member*
2. *Teacher absence concern. Mr. Morris shared that SLES has a robust list of subs*
3. *Is there a deadline for Kindergarten enrollment for there to be a change made? Mr. Morris said there is not.*
4. *Moving forward, should kindergarten families expect large class sizes. Mr. Morris said no.*

5. Mr. Davis' Remarks

Introduced himself and his educational background – 31 years in education, 20 of those in administration

Prefers to be contacted via phone rather than email

His goal is to visit each classroom everyday.

His caseload is Kindergarten and all the even grades (2,4, 6)

6. Upcoming Events at Stratford Landing ES

- Immediate Volunteer and Financial Needs for:
 - Movie Night - 4th Grade volunteers
 - Pep Rally - Chairs needed *We need volunteers to write a script and act it out*
 - Rock N Run
 - Fall Festival– *We are replacing Trunk or Treat with a festival which will have games, popcorn, cotton candy*
 - Winter Wonderland/Care & Share
- Event Planning & Coordination
- Rock N Run - Sponsors and Prizes
- Dine Out w/SLES - Restaurant suggestions
- SWAG - Design ideas/Bonfire

7. Clubs

- Overview and List of Clubs– *Please sign up for clubs ASAP*

8. Questions and Discussion

Jamie suggested pairing up with a friend to volunteer.

There was a question asked about how to sign up– we shared sign ups will be emailed out via room parents, posted on News You Choose, and on the PTA Facebook page.



Review Calendar of Events

Month	Events & Ideas
September 17	First Membership Meeting, Guest Speaker Mr. Davis
September 22	Dine Out w/ SLES Panera
September 25	Outdoor Movie Night with Food Trucks
October 5	Dine Out w/ SLES for 6th Grade Five Guys
October 16	Pep Rally
October 23	Rock N Run
October 29	Fall Festival
November 12	Dine Out w/ SLES El Fresco
December 16	Care & Share Event/Winter Wonderland
January	Second Membership Meeting, Guest Speaker Ms. Hestmark
February	Spelling Bee
March	Boba Bingo
April	Spring Fling
May	Young Artists Night
June	6th Grade Promotion/Activities

PTA Board 2026-2027

President	Kristen Donahue
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Treasurer	Caitlin Mandel
Secretary	Katherine Gianino
VP, Membership	Cassie Class
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VP, Fundraising	Rima Fusisi and Christina Berkowitz
Clubs	Kristen Donahue
VP, Staff Appreciation	Rachel Lilly and Stacey Pratt
6th Grade Chair	Tracy Shaw
Website and IT	Michael Black
Teacher Liaisons	Amy Schildge and Kim John
Military Liaison	Katie Armstrong