

PTA Meeting Minutes

General Meeting - 9 15 2022

Attendees: Kate Moore, Cindy Heidelberg, Kate Bennett, Alicia Every, Kim Noble, Shawna Murphy, Paula Clement, Jennifer Jackson, Paul Lambert, Trey Sanders, Erin Eaton, Hannah Tracy, Christy Markham, Kelly Casteel, Chirag Amin, Brittany Cohen, Amy Yun, Brenda M, Jenne and Aaron, Andrew Prizel (?), Brittany Cohen, Natalie Meeks, Katie Trent, Tanya Mauldin, Heidi Paulson, Jane, Ashley Utu, Aimee Jones, Adam and Kasey, Caitlin Simoneaux, Hilary Hawley, Maximilien, Erika Whinihan, Ellie Robinson, Bray Hayden, Kim Noble (Asst. Principal), Maggie Szymanowski, Adrienne, Dave Mauldin, Michele Loxmore, Shana Woodrome, Christine Jones

1. Introductions

2. Principal's Update

- a. VP update (Principal Ostrom was in a bike accident and is home recovering)
- b. Laptops will start getting distributed on Monday. User agreements should be coming home tomorrow
 - i. \$25 participation fee through SchoolPay
 - ii. K-2 gets ipads; 3-8 gets a Dell Laptop
- c. Athletics for middle school - will be starting towards the end of the month.
 - i. Students need a physical from their doctor to participate
- d. Covid updates

3. PTA Introduction – Alicia

- a. Advocate for all kids
- b. Help fill in gaps in funding
- c. Advocate for policies at school (e.g. have advocated for new reading curriculum; math curriculum)
- d. Can always use volunteers for activities
- e. We are a social justice organization with social justice orientation
- f. Joining is FREE. The PTA subsidizes that fee to the national PTA
- g. Get to come ask Mr. Ostrom questions

4. Q&As

- a. PTA meetings are scheduled

5. Open Positions

- a. Roles that need to be filled (includes estimated hours per month):
- b. Secretary (3-5)
 - i. Easiest job. Take meeting minutes, save them on google drive. Biggest requirement is availability at board and PTA meetings
- c. Co-Treasurer (3-5)
 - i. Trey is our awesome Treasurer. Needs someone who will roll up to Treasurer next year.
- d. VP (5-8, will roll up to president next year)
 - i. Erin Eaton!
- e. Social Media Specialist (3-5)
- f. Membership Committee Chair (3-5)
- g. Advocacy Committee Chair (3-5)

- h. Race & Equity Committee Chair, (3-5) and while we currently have a chair, they will gladly hand the reins over to and support a person of color who would like the role.
- i. BLT – Building Leadership Committee – we have 3 PTA positions
 - i. Liaison between school leadership and PTA
 - ii. Need some daytime availability
- j. You can also join a committee as a member: Advocacy, LGBTQ+, Membership, Race & Equity, and Special Education.
- k. Staff appreciation – there’s a budget for it
 - i. Paula Clement!
 - ii. Maggie Syzmanowski!
- l. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee - Hannah leading, Ellie stepping back and supporting.
 - i. Meets about 1x/month.
 - ii. Would love a leader who is a parent of color. Hannah is happy to step back and take a supportive role
 - iii. Black Lives Matter rally every year
- m. LGBTQIA+ committee
 - i. Margo Bergman is chairing. Need committee volunteers!
 - ii. K-5 group and middle school group
 - iii. Two events per year, usually
 1. Book club – fall
 2. Dance party/parade – spring
- n. Advocacy
 - i. So many opportunities to advocate
 - ii. Have worked on busses and bell times, have gone to Olympia on MLK day
- o. Nominating committee
 - i. Need a nominating committee for executive board roles. That big vote will be next month.
 - ii. Floor nomination for Co- VP Erin Eaton;
 - iii. Floor nomination for Co-VP Michelle Luxmore;
 - iv. Floor nomination for Tom Every for co-Treasurer;
 - v. Floor nomination for Katie Trent

6. Budget Report

What the PTA Funds	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ STEM Curriculum Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom Funds for Teachers ○ Teacher Professional Development ○ Project Based Learning Classroom Support ○ Career & Tech Ed Support ○ Field Trip Scholarships and Support (e.g., 4th/5th/8th grade trip support) ○ Robotics Club ○ Kiln Support ○ Salmon Tank ★ School/Teachers/Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Grounds (e.g., campus improvements, garden, playground equipment) ○ Library Support ○ Staff Appreciation ○ Safety Patrol/Initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Students/Family/Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assemblies ○ Field Days ○ Graduation ○ Family Engagement and Education ○ Events (e.g., B2SB, PBL Nights) ○ GGLOW Activities ○ Race/Equity Activity ○ COVID Family Support ★ Enrichment Classes/Coordinator/Scholarships ★ PTA Operations (e.g., Banking Fees, Financial Software, Insurance, Copying, Postage, Supplies)

a.

- b. Treasurer's update (PPT) will be posted on the PTA website
- c. Two new line items need approving:
 - i. Black Student Union Social Justice Grant: \$1700
 - 1. VOTED YES – unanimous
 - ii. Yearbook: \$746
 - 1. VOTED YES – unanimous

7. Fundraising

- a. Some easy ways to fundraise for STEM:
 - i. Shop and save
 - ii. Give time
 - iii. Amazon Smile
 - iv. Monthly dine-out at MOD Pizza - Westwood Village
 - v. Art Raffle in the spring
 - vi. Book fair – Paper Boat Booksellers
 - vii. Photography session fundraiser
 - viii. Move a thon

8. Room Liaisons

- a. Each class has a room parent to act as touchpoint between teacher and the rest of the families.
- b. Mostly email job.

9. Communications

- a. We have facebook, twitter, Instagram, website

10. Meeting minutes approved