

PTA Membership Meeting Notes

September 23, 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom

Attendance: 33 people

Membership approve the budget/audit: passed

Membership approve the meeting minutes: passed

Next Membership Meeting October 29 (in person)

Why support the PTA? What we do?

- Support the teachers (funds, appreciation week, parent reps)
- One and Done – playgrounds, outdoor classrooms
- Before/After school activities, larger events (Spring Spectacular, International Night), library volunteer work
- Fundraising: one and done, Rita's Ice, family dining nights (almost monthly), book fairs
 - Need parents support to run after school clubs that also provide revenue for the PTA
 - Large portion of money went to teachers fund (\$185 given to teachers before school year to prepare their classrooms)
 - Using funds for a cover for kiss n ride.
 - Not one exists in the entire county – we'll be the first!
 - They are going to have to design it and get lots of approvals. (might be awhile)

Upcoming events:

- Ledo Family Dining – Oct 5/6
- BikeWalk to school Oct 6
- Book fair (October 18-22)
- PTA Membership Meeting – Oct. 29
- Badd Pizza – Nov 2-3

We Need Your Help! -- How can you get more involved?

- PTA Committee Chairs
 - Information and specific descriptions coming soon!
- Reflections Chair – express yourself through arts
- Chess Club Moderator
- On Site Coordinator – enrichment matters
 - Train this year to take on next year
- Online directory chair
 - Roster of parents and kids to help connect with each other
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Contribute to one and done
- Join the PTA to use your voice and vote on matters

From School Leadership:

Assessments (Tia Hawkins)

- VGA – required this year. 25 questions each for math and reading. Results will come out after mid-October.

- CogAt – 2 and 3 grade to participate this year. First year it will be all online. Test to happen mid October
- Pearls – for 5th grade. Only two classes randomly selected to take it.
- Naglieri – Test in November and is for 1st graders

Fall Festival (Holly McGuigan)

- No big huge parties this year
- Teachers working on outside gatherings and make it fun for the kids
- Will work with room parents for support (mostly behind the scenes)

Thoughts from the PTA members and school leadership:

- Givebutter.com to collect money – gives Venmo option
- Thoughts about having kids do some gardening as part of their class time. Designate some spots for the classes to help keep clean/weeding (think adopt-a-highway style). PTA still manages the courtyard.
- Suggested a crossing guard on Dean and Westmoreland for kids on walk/bike day.
 - Holly to reach out and try to get one.
- Question re coffee mornings – Holly said she will have another one. She would like input on what topics we as parents want to discuss.