



**Kent Gardens PTA Membership Meeting**  
**September 22, 2022**  
**8:45 am – Kent Gardens Cafeteria**

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**Present:** Board members included Andrea Hager (President), Amanda Wittman (President-Elect), Jenny Gregory (Treasurer/Financial Secretary), Jackie Shepard (Treasurer/Financial Secretary), Bethany Nguyen (Secretary), Natalia Ferrari (VP Communications)

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Andrea Hager at 8:59 am
  
- II. Recent Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve June minutes by Amy Carlson
  - b. Seconded by Nadya Abhyankar
  - c. Motion passed
  
- III. Old Business
  - a. Updated staff lounge – thank you to the Zellers, Dennistons, and other families who helped revamp the lounge
  - b. Kinder & new family playdates over the summer were successful
  - c. Restaurant nights – Badd Pizza, Chipotle were successful. Looking forward to more to come
  - d. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to support classes in the art room
  - e. Garden bed cleanup and planting – thank you to Lily for organizing! Great turnout and participation
  - f. Return of food bus
  - g. Staff birthday recognition – new this year!
  
- IV. New Business
  - a. Join the PTA and Contribute to One & Done
  - b. Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Treasurer/Financial Secretary Jenny Gregory
    - i. Review of budget
    - ii. Audit has been completed: Presented by Treasurer/Financial Secretary Jackie Shepard
  - c. Upcoming Restaurant Night Oct. 5 and 6 at Ledo’s Pizza
  - d. Bike to School Day is Oct. 6, Sarah Salerno chairing
  - e. Square One Art projects are underway; order forms coming home soon
  - f. Enrichments are back this year!
    - i. Academies begin Oct. 25
    - ii. Chess Club begins end of the month
    - iii. Science Olympiad
    - iv. MC2 – 4-6 grade is virtual this year. Dr. J is offering free online demos if you are considering joining



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- v. GOTR
  - g. Fall Book Fair Oct. 14-21 – proceeds benefit the library
    - i. Return of Pastries with Parents
    - ii. Volunteers will be needed – sign up coming soon
  - h. French Week is Nov. 1-5 – contact Nadya Abhyankar to be part of planning (nadyaj@gmail.com)
  - i. International Night is Dec. 3 – contact Nadya Abhyankar to be part of planning
  - j. Cookie Exchange Dec. 12
  - k. January Bingo Night (NEW!) –
  - l. #TeacherLove – New initiative to support the teachers with a weekly coffee or pastries or other ways to make teachers feel the love
  
- V. Upcoming Meetings / Dates
  - a. Oct. 27 – PTA Meeting at 8:45 am with guest speaker Kristen Maloney
  - b. Nov. 3 – Special Guest Speaker Bonnie Zucker (time TBA)
  
- VI. Principal's Notes
  - a. New Parent Liaison – Mami Gebereegziabher
    - i. Creating new activities such as expanding Workout Wednesday into a Fitness Friday
  - b. Student Committees are alive and well!
    - i. Green committee—what can the kids do to get excited about helping the environment, how can we take steps to improve
    - ii. Student ambassadors
    - iii. Wellness committee
    - iv. Newspaper lead by Ms. Miller
    - v. Patrols are doing a great job
  - c. Best use of PTA funds
    - i. Continuing to pursue option of covered kiss-and-ride
    - ii. Do come to the Parent Coffee on Oct. 7 to meeting with special guests to discuss facilities
  - d. Field trips are back! Teachers leading planning
  - e. Testing is ongoing
  - f. Questions
    - i. French immersion logistics
    - ii. Overcrowding remains a concern
    - iii. Concern with weight of student backpacks
    - iv. Trailers – Reorganization, security, mold concerns



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- g. Upcoming: Parent Coffee Oct. 7 at 8:45 am with visitors from the Board to address overcrowding
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am