

COLUMBIA PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- MINTUES

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
10/24/2024	3:45-4:14PM	Columbia Elementary Library

IN ATTENDANCE	NOTES RECORDED BY:
In Person: Heather Craggs, Janelle Harmon, Tran Le, Jaime Lewis, Marcie Lyle, Lesley Martinell, Roya Mohammadian, Kasey Mougine, Kelly Somers, Laura Yengich Zoom: Patricia Bai, Phuong Bui, Anura Shah	Tran Le

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (JAIME)

- A. Standing rules
- B. **Read-A-Thon 2024 Update**
 - 1. \$27,401 raised(91% of our goal): We are well funded for grants for the year!
 - a. 36% of students registered online, 25.9% students with at least 1 donation
 - b. Fee ended up around 6% with donor credits
 - c. Total similar to amount raised last year.
 - 2. Schoolwide reading goal met
 - 3. Prizes will continue to be distributed over next couple of weeks.
 - 4. Corporate matches have not yet come in, will be included in goal once they do.
- C. **Read-A-Thon Feedback:** Some felt Read-A-Thon was taxing on teachers to log minutes for students, suggestion to consider other fundraising options for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT (JAIME FILLED IN FOR LAURA)

- A. **Budget Update:** Budget is in good standing for 2024-2025 events. Grants well funded for school year following Read-A-Thon fundraiser.
- B. Grants will open in November after fundraiser is complete.
- C. Reminder to use Teacher Wallets as many teachers have not used them yet.

PAST EVENTS (JAIME)

- A. **Pajama Jam:** Good turnout, suggestion to bring back costumes or offer Halloween type event. Historically, Columbia has avoided Halloween theme to be more inclusive. Still waiting on funds raised by Sugar and Spoon Cookie Dough truck. Event broke even with concession sales, although snack sales were much lower (maybe due to cookie truck option).
- B. **Spirit wear:** Online sales end 10/27. Clarification that spirit wear sales are not a fundraiser. PTA sells items at cost to make them more accessible to families. Suggestion made to offer more sizes, including XS for younger siblings.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 1st Trimester (JAIME)

- A. **Book Fair (11/4-11/8):** Many volunteers still needed. See Facebook or PTA website for sign-up. No before or after school sales this year.
- B. **STEAM Night (11/7):** Taking place during book fair week. Booths available from Mathnasium, Snohomish PUD, Orca Network and Snapology + Other activities to be run by volunteers. Concession sales (snacks/drinks only).
- C. **Dine-Out Night at Hook and Cleaver (11/14, 3PM to close):** 10% of All food and beverage sales benefit Columbia PTA. No need to bring or mention flyer.
- D. **Skate Night (Dec. 9, 6-8PM @ Lynnwood Bowl and Skate)**
 - 1. PTA to pay for all Columbia students, non-skating participants are free. Admission for siblings or parents that want to skate is \$12
 - 2. Motion made to allocate an additional \$1000 (on top of current \$1000 budget) to fund activity and make sure it is accessible to all families. Motion passed unanimously.
- E. **Popcorn Fridays:** Volunteer sign-up filled for the remainder of 2024. As a Read-A-Thon Prize, some students earned a "Free Pass" for extra popcorn. Passes will be handed out after 10/25 to be used towards future Popcorn Fridays.
- F. **Reflections Art Contest:** This year's theme is, 'Accepting Imperfection.' Entries due Dec. 2nd.

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- A. **Food for Thought Program:** Teachers can get snacks for Sunah Lee if needed vs. having students go to front office.
- B. **Art Docent Program:** Art program from Feb-May. Volunteer sign-ups will begin in December.
- C. **Teacher wishlists:** Available on PTA website if families looking for extra ways to support classrooms. Several active DonorsChoose projects for Columbia Right now.
- D. **Passive Ways to give:**
 - 1. Givebacks program (NEW): Option to join when signing up as a PTA member. Download app, upload credit card- automatically earn money for PTA while you shop.
 - 2. BoxTops for education
 - 3. Fred Meyer Rewards
 - 4. Corporate matching

NEXT MEETING

November -TBD