

COLUMBIA PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- MINTUES

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
9/19/2024	3:45-4:14PM	Columbia Elementary Library

IN ATTENDANCE	NOTES RECORDED BY:
In Person: Patricia Bai, Hazel Beiermann, Crystal Brick Heather Craggs, Bruce Denton, Kelly Englebrecht, Janelle Harmon, Kristen Harrison, Berline Joseph, Chrstine Klosterman, Jennifer Lang, Tran Le, Brian Lee, Sunah Lee, Jaime Lewis, Marcie Lyle, Lesley Marinell, Chris Morgan, Sara Rounds, Adam Seal Zoom: Amberly, Phuong Bui, Heather Craggs, Anura Shah	Tran Le

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (JAIME)

- A. Standing rules
- B. **2024-2025 Board Members:**
 - 1. Introduction of board members and committee chairs
 - 2. Motion made to approve Lesley Martinell as co-treasurer- Approved unanimously
 - 3. Still in need of fundraising chair
- C. Overview of 2024-2025 PTA events (see agenda slides)
 - 1. **Skate Night**- no response from Angel of the Winds Community Skate rink. May consider Lynnwood Bowl and Skate instead? (\$11/ student- will explore options for subsidizing or reducing cost).
 - 2. **Multicultural Night** – question raised if we should spend money on IMAGINE museum for crafts or try to prepare crafts ourselves and possibly use funds for something else (performer?)

TREASURER'S REPORT (JAIME FILLED IN FOR LAURA)

- 1. **Budget Update:** Budget is in good standing for 2024-2025 events.
- 2. Remember that all requests that require money and that are not already in the budget should be submitted early to PTA as they must be voted on at membership meetings
- 3. Reimbursement checks require 2 board member signatures before they can be given out.
- 4. Grants will open in November after fundraiser is complete.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 1st Trimester (JAIME)

- A. **Dine-out Night at MOD Pizza (9/24):** 25% of proceeds go to Columbia Elementary PTA
- B. **Read-a-Thon Fundraiser:**
 - 1. New prize category for teachers consistently logging in reading minutes and teacher prize for classroom raising most money.
 - 2. "Reach Goal" if school raises \$30K: Options presented included school mural, rock climbing wall for gym or Pacific Science center assembly/mobile labs. **Members in favor of PacScience Center Assembly**
 - a. Climbing wall proposal deferred to next year due to cost (\$5K-6K + installation cost). Cost outside of this year's budget, more research needed, including district approval
 - b. Suggestion to find a local muralist willing to "gift" talent for a mural?
- C. **Pajama Jam (10/17) 6:30-8PM:** Only paid PTA members can handle money. Volunteer needed to pick-up pizza.
- D. **Spiritwear (10/14-10/25):** New school logo this year! Will keep rainbow tie-dye option, over blue hoodie vs. red hoodie, suggest for dri-fit shirt as they shrink less, but also include non-dri-fit option (less expensive)
- E. **Fall Book Fair (11/4-11/7):** No sales during school this time due to difficulty getting volunteers. Will extend hours for afterschool sales.
- F. **STEAM Night (11/7):** Mathnasium and PUD will be back, along with new booths from Orca Network and SNAPology. Members in favor of selling concessions for additional fundraising opportunity.
- G. **Popcorn Fridays:** Volunteers needed for popping/ bagging (last Friday of each month)

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- A. **Food for Thought Program:** Food will be distributed to teachers by request this year instead of self-serve in the office. Please email snacks@mycolumbiaPTA for snack requests.
- B. **Art Docent Program:** Art program from Feb-May. Volunteer sign-ups will begin in December.
- C. **Teacher wishlists:** Available on PTA website
- 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

Thursday, October 19 @3:45PM Columbia Library