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## General Meeting Agenda

November 10, 2021, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In attendance: 22 total - 10 Board Members, 6 Parents, 6 faculty/staff

1. Call to Order by PTA President, Kristen Pybus at 6:34pm.
2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Sheila Tan) - Sheila motioned to approve the September General Meeting Minutes, it was seconded and approved with majority vote.
3. Principal's Update (Mr. Klippel)
  - a. Thank you Music Department for their recent 2nd grade performance that was posted on our website in October. They did a fantastic job!
  - b. 11/11/21 - there will be a virtual slideshow for our Veterans Day performance. Thank you to all Veterans for their service and everything they continue to do for our country.
  - c. We have received a significant amount of computer science equipment from the county. We will be having a computer science facilitator coming in through Loudoun County. Looking at ways to incorporate that technology into our lessons to make it as authentic as possible. Looking at getting everything set up after winter break.
  - d. If you are a parent of a 3rd through 5th grade student, they took the Virginia Growth Assessment this fall. The VGA scores are loaded into Phoenix. If you don't where they are located or need help reading the report, please contact Assistant Principal, Ms. Colosuono for help.
  - e. Picture retake date is Nov. 18th, make sure you bring your school picture packet back to school to retake.
  - f. The Scholastic book fair was a huge success and lots of new books were purchased for our school library.
  - g. Report cards went live on Monday 11-8 on Phoenix.
  - h. Thank you teachers for attending tonight's meeting!
4. Officer Reports
  - a. President's Update (Kristen Pybus)
    - i. By-laws -VAPTA required us to update/upload new bylaws by November 15.
      1. A couple of the changes:
        - a. Elected Officers
          - i. Removed the position of President-Elect and included on Vice President.
          - ii. Officers now include President, Treasurer, Secretary and the first Vice President with each having the term length of 1 year with two consecutive terms allowed.
          - iii. The title of our current Vice Presidents are now Chairs instead, but still have voting rights so it's just a title change.



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- iv. This was sent out to general membership and closed voting and approved on Nov. 9th and will be uploaded by Nov. 15.
- ii. Vice President Position is still open - please let us know if you are interested or know anyone who may be interested.
- b. Treasurer (Lana Pen)
  - i. Treasurer's Report
    1. Beginning Balance: \$27,105.74
    2. Ending Balance: \$30,750.85
  - ii. Budget
    1. Updated budget - we revised the budget because VAPTA changed the current format. It was emailed out on Oct. 28th to membership and was approved with votes.
    2. Submitted national and state dues on November 1. Also, submitted our taxes. The one last compliance item is to upload the bylaws.
    3. All treasurer records to be viewed, just ask Lana Pen, PTA Treasurer.
    4. Question from parent/OOTM coordinator about income for Odyssey of the Mind. Lana explained that Odyssey of the Mind, for example, had an estimated income of \$1,500 and an expense of \$2,500 because the PTA will cover \$1000 for OOTM. But what it turned out to be was we have enough funds that will actually cover all the children's participation and no one will have to pay. This year's OOTM will be completely funded by the PTA.
- c. Events (Rebecca Lanz)
  - i. Event Update
    1. Events calendar is not as up to date - will update soon.
    2. Fall Scavenger Hunt will be 11/5 through 11/22. Anyone who submits via Google Form will be entered to win a pie!
    3. PTA has 6 wreaths and will raffle these off 11/15-11/19 for faculty/staff to win!
    4. Virtual storybook live in Dec./January.
    5. Pastries with Parents will now be in Feb (not Fall).
    6. We will be doing a joint event for all families (no mother/son/father/daughter), perhaps a Glow Themed Dance event in April.
    7. Teacher Appreciation Week in May
    8. End of year event in June.
    9. Will be connecting with all event chairs and updating the calendar once everything is solidified.
- d. Fundraising (Manasa Peri - not present - Kristen presented)
  - i. Business Sponsors:
    1. Omar Orthodontics- Gold Sponsor \$1,000
    2. Smilez Pediatric Dental (Loudoun Dental Associates)- Bronze Sponsor \$250
  - ii. Spirit Nights
    1. Panera Bread Spirit Night funds raised: \$91.12
    2. Ford's Fish Shack Spirit Night: Nov 16
    3. Chuck- E Cheese in April 1st
  - iii. Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser



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1. Started November 1st and runs until November 19. It is a virtual fundraiser. Flyers were sent home with the kids and website links setup for the individual fundraising. We are already at 45% of our goal.
- iv. Holiday Gift Shop
  1. Co-chair, Shawn King has been kind enough to co chair and everything is going smoothly.
  2. Virtual shop: Nov 22- Dec 12. All items will be shipped home, there is no school option.
  3. In-Person student shopping: Nov 30-Dec 3.
- ii. Annual Fundraiser
  1. Outdoor Learning Lab - We are raising funds through this annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the help to purchase an outdoor area with seating, pergolas, and landscaping around with greenery. This will give students an opportunity to go outside more and have hands-on learning. A mockup of the area from Meadows farm is available to view.
- e. Volunteers (Mehreen Islam)
  - i. Volunteer Update
    1. 71 volunteers have signed up right now. Interested in volunteering or know someone who may be interested, please sign up.
    2. All chairs for events have been filled! We are looking for someone to chair the Appreciation Day Chair to help for appreciation days.
    3. Holiday Shop sign up will be sent out in the next week or so.
- f. Membership (Virona Mehta)
  - i. Membership Raffle Winners
    1. Raffle was posted online and the 2 winners happened to be teachers: Caroline Fletcher and Chelsea Costello. Baskets were placed in their mailboxes.
  - ii. Membership Numbers
    1. Total 217 members: 52 faculty/staff, 164 parent/guardians, and 1 grandparent
    2. If we hit 300 members, Mr. Klippel will get a pie to the face! Sign up by the end of semester on January 28th/end of January.
- g. Communications (Cathleen Lenderman)
  - i. A lot of events/days coming up. All events are posted on all social media (Facebook, Twitter, Website) as a reminder.
  - ii. Memberhub is used if you'd like to purchase anything we have up.
  - iii. If you have any questions, feel free to email Cathleen Lenderman, PTA Communications Chair at [goshenpostpta@gmail.com](mailto:goshenpostpta@gmail.com).
  - iv. The budget and minutes from the previous meetings are on the website.
  - v. 5th Grade Promotion has been scheduled for June 13, 2022 at 6:00pm at John Champe High School. More information will be coming soon to join the 5th Grade Committee.
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Odyssey of the Mind (Emily Morford)
    - i. Kick off was in October. There were 94 students registered, but was not able to place all of them on teams. Was to create 11 teams, 3 primary teams (K-2 grades; have 14 primary



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kids waitlisted) and all division 1 teams (3-5 grades) were placed. If we didn't get coaches/volunteers, we couldn't place all the kids on teams. An initial coaches meeting was held to get everyone started on how to do the coaching and getting everyone comfortable coaching. Kickoff team meetings are starting this week. If teachers receive questions about the teams, please reach out to Emily Morford if you have questions about who's on what team.

- ii. Tournament was supposed to be March 5th, but because of the pandemic, they will now be doing a showcase instead of a regular tournament/competition. They are thinking about holding the showcase in April, but everything is still fluid. It would be a virtual state qualifier.
- b. SEAC (Tiffani Jones)
  - i. At the 10/6 meeting, the focus was on meeting the Office of Special Education staff and understanding their roles and responsibilities. Also, the Parent resource services were reviewed which provides assistance to parents to help navigate their way through the educational process, provide workshops for families, and maintain a website where families can go for further information.
  - ii. At the 11/3 meeting, the roles of SEAC were reviewed along with VA regulations. The SEAC website updated and the SEAC award winners were announced.
- c. MSAAC (Ms. Wong)
  - i. MSAAC meeting was held on 10/10 that focused on Resilience Among Parents and Students. Presenter Kristin Tully who is a Program Manager with Virginia Cope, Virginia's Mental Health response to COVID-19, which was started and founded in May 2020, and was dedicated to supporting Virginia residents during the pandemic.
  - ii. Dr. Mary Alvarod who is the resilience program builder here in the DMV. She discussed building resilience in children and teens. She also reviewed cultural considerations and context specifically towards mental health. She also talked about how in many cultures it was shameful to ask for help, and also shared a video on resilience.<sup>4</sup>
  - iii. There were several LCPS representatives who reviewed SEL implementation and practices in Loudoun County.
  - iv. Next MSAAC meeting will be on 11/17 and will be hosted by a student panel. All meetings can be viewed on LCPS homepage where the school board meetings are viewed.

## 6. Questions

- a. One parent had a question about their spirit wear shirt and didn't receive their shirts. Kristen asked that she give us her name and children's names and we'll look into her order.
- b. One parent had questions about her Scholastic book order that was not received - Mr. Klippel will have Ms. Unger connect with her. She also had questions about Cub Scouts. Goshen Post does not have a direct affiliation at Goshen Post, but there is one in the community that you can reach out to and become a member through there.

## Adjournment

Kristen Pybus, PTA President, adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.



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## Authentication of the Minutes

Respectfully submitted to the President and the PTA Board for review and approval on December 7, 2021  
by Sheila Tan, PTA Secretary.

**NEXT PTA GENERAL MEETING:  
January 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm**