



**PTA Membership Meeting Minutes  
September 20, 2019  
Location: Woodburn Library**

**Laura Wright, PTA president, adjourned the meeting at 7:02**

**PTA Message**

- Laura introduced the PTA board and provided an overview of:
- Engagement in school
  - Involvement at home
  - Involvement at school
  - Involvement in community
- Parent Engagement & PTA
  - PTA is the key link in connecting families and school
  - Students whose families are involved do better in school
- Laura introduced the PTA mission statement: The Woodburn PTA seeks to work together with the school and out community of children and their families to ensure an optimal educational experience within a nurturing social environment
- PTA raises money to fund Field Trips
- Partners with the Kennedy Center: Arts
  - PTA pays for CETA membership
  - 21 teachers attended CETA training last year
  - FSO activities
- PTA also hosts family fun events and enrichment programs

**Budget**

- Val Schrade, PTA treasurer, presented the audits for 2017-2018 and 2016-2017 and the proposed budget for 2018 and 2019
  - Before the vote, PTA member, Ryan Borkenhagen, asked if changes can be made to the budget throughout the year. Laura and Val responded that the PTA board can approve expenditures up to \$300, but anything above that requires a vote and approval of the PTA membership.
  - The budget vote was unanimous among the PTA membership

**Principal's Message**

- Ms. Richman provided an overview of what it means to be a Title 1 School
  - 46 schools in the county that have Title I status
  - All students will receive free lunch at school

- Some parents had questions about this because of confusion regarding who is eligible and how students can receive free lunch.
- Ms. Richman noted that low-income families should still apply for free lunch so that the school can track eligibility
- Additional Title I money pays for materials and technology, additional resource teachers, and family engagement and professional learning

Erin Osit, who sits on the Title 1 Board provided an update and Ms. Gavin asked for someone to volunteer as a back-up for Erin. Alexandra McKenrick volunteered.

**VA PTA Proposed Legislation**

Laura Wright provided an overview of the VA PTA legislation that the Woodburn PTA membership will vote on at the next meeting (October 18).

- POSITION STATEMENT #1:
  - Virginia PTA seeks legislation that would ensure use of best practice ratios of qualified mental health professionals in all schools.
- POSITION STATEMENT #2:
  - Virginia PTA supports legislation that implements and funds school safety measures and the effective use of Threat Assessment Teams to improve the learning environments of our public schools.
- POSITION STATEMENT #3:
  - Virginia PTA supports legislation and policies that incorporate career and technical education (CTE) into K-12 classrooms, paying special attention to real-life career options and opportunities for training.
- POSITION STATEMENT #4:
  - Virginia PTA supports legislation and policies that seek to recruit and retain effective educators, especially in high-poverty areas, remote locations and hard to fill positions.

**Next Meeting**

- Next PTA Membership meeting is 7 to 8 on October 18.
- Topic will focus on What to Expect with a \_\_ Grader...
  - Meet more Woodburn staff!
  - Learn about academic, social, and emotional expectations by grade level
  - Ask questions about child development and academic growth

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**

Minutes:

Approved as presented: \_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary (Signature)

