



Woodburn PTA Membership Meeting

Location: Woodburn ES Cafeteria and Online via Zoom

Date: November 18, 2021

Katie Sessa, PTA vice president, convened the meeting at 7:02pm both virtually and in person.

PTA Business

- **PTA Fall Recap**

- Katie Sessa recapped PTA events and activities, including community building activities, enrichment activities, and school, teacher and staff support
- Reminder about school family directory now up in Schoology
- School staff have until January 15 to submit reimbursement requests for teacher classroom fund
- Reminder: On PTA website, there is a staff “favorite things” list that families may choose to reference for any gifts of appreciation, holidays
- Successful spirit wear campaign
- Great turnout for election bake sale
- New fundraisers, including student original art works and family photos
- Thank you to all our volunteers!

- **Upcoming volunteer opportunities and needs**

- Still have some volunteer needs - sign up available on PTA website

- **September Membership Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes approved by unanimous vote, all in favor

- **Budget Update**

- Rebecca Leach, PTA treasure, provided an overview of the top expenses in the budget and the expenses and funds as of October 31

- **Spotlight on Passive Fundraising**

- Katie Sessa shared several passive fundraising options that families can opt into, including Amazon Smile, box tops, Shutterfly, Harris Teeter, Coca Cola

Principal's Update

- Ms Richman, Principal of Woodburn, shared a few updates and more information will be coming from the school soon
- Thank you to the PTA to help connect the community and help the staff feel appreciated!
- Katie shared information about COVID Screening Testing and Vaccination. Families must opt-in to have their child added to the weekly testing pool. There are upcoming opportunities

from FCPS to get children vaccinated. Information coming out soon if families want to share their child's vaccination status with the school system.

- Holiday Assistance - More information coming soon to families who volunteered to provide holiday assistance to families in need.
- ESSER/SIIP Plan - Details are available on the Woodburn school website. Most of the ESSER funds are going to students, including enrichment opportunities, Social-Emotional Learning, and professional learning for teachers.

Woodburn Counseling Presentation

- Woodburn school counselors, Ms. Gannon and Ms. Coury, shared about the positive and negative effects of the ongoing pandemic on our students and how parents can deploy strategies to help them cope.
- In small groups, families shared strategies together about coping skills, social skills, and self-control
- Ms. Gannon mentioned an upcoming "Walk in my Shoes" event to help build empathy around differences and abilities on Friday, Dec 10 (10:15-11:30, 1:30-3) Parent volunteers needed to help set up and run centers. Let Ms. Gannon or Ms. Coury know if you'd like to participate. The center activities are scripted and training and supplies will be provided to volunteers. Topics are: understanding ADHD, dyslexia, food allergies, English language learners, movement disorders

Announcements

- Upcoming Events
- Ways to get involved

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Next PTA meeting: February 17, 2022

___ Minutes approved as presented: _____

___ Minutes approved as corrected : _____

Leslie Borkenhagen, PTA Secretary (signature)

Mary Cunningham, PTA President (signature)