

Walnut Avenue School

PTA Meeting

- 7:02PM Call to order by Andrea. Agenda provided with Facebook LIVE feed
- Miss McNally:
 - Welcome. Introduction.
 - Two New Staff Members
 - Doors Open Policy for anything needed, but must abide by new security measures.
 - Video Monitor for Photo ID. Must state name, purpose and show ID in order to enter the building (at the main entrance).
 - New Allergy Policy: Non-Food Celebrations in effect with 4 food-based celebrations approved. Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Winter and End of the Year (all grades count as one celebration)
 - New Superintendent: Dr. Rubin
 - Upcoming Back to School Night for PreK and K-2
- FACEBOOK LIVE: Thank you for all attending. New feature to be used at PTA Meetings
- PTA Introductions
- Standing Committee
 - A. Treasurer: budget will be approved on Back to School
 - B. Event Chairs: If required to put money out to sort funding please contact Chrissa directly or fill out request for payment form to be reimbursed (main office) or also located on the website under forms. May scan, email or place in PTA mailbox.
 - C. PTA Website: Updated and more user friendly. Please contact Shannon Tallon for questions, concerns or suggestions.
 - D. Membership: Great response! No deadline. Can become a member anytime. Please excuse slow process with check deposits and/or memberships

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responses as are entered manually. Fundraiser checks do not get deposited until AFTER the even closes. You must be a PTA Member in order to participate in PTA functions.

- New Business

- Family Picnic 9/15 @ 5-7 WAS Fields, please bring an easy dessert to share
- Book Fair (2/YR) 1st 9/26 @ 6PM
- Mum Sale October 12th. Order forms will go out 9/29 and are due back 10/6. We are trying to implement volunteers for an evening pick-up
- Walk to School Day October 4th. Volunteers Needed.
- School Photos October 3rd, forms will go out 9/28
- Trunk or Treat: October 27th. Chair: Melissa Switzer and Stephanie Miller. All candy to be donated by WAS Families, no food or craft this year in gym.
- Faul Haul: Chair Kristin & Ben Cohen. Saturday Morning October 7th 9-12pm. Please come help put the gardens to bed.
- Garden Club. NEW with Chair: Sydney. Once a month club. 1 hour. Have children be a play a part in taking care of the garden. Learn about planting and caring for the garden. Learn all about plants.

- Fundraising

- KidStuff Books: September 18th forms will go out. Shared event with LAS. Books are \$25/each
- Spirit Wear: November (date TBD). Online ordering with flyer to go home.
- Pink Ribbon: Chair: Kim Murphy. Pink Ribbon Garden and Plaque in remembrance. Event to pay tribute and honor the memory.
- Gertrude Hawk: Info to come by Thanksgiving. One of our largest fundraisers.
- Pretzels: NEW. Last Friday of every month. \$1/each. Philadelphia Pretzel Factory. 1-2 volunteers needed for each Friday. Chair: Ali McNulty.
- Holiday Boutique: December 8th. 20-30 items/each needed for donations or monetary donations welcome, too in order to purchase items for resale.

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Kids shop for loved ones. MANY volunteers needed. Chair: Kathy Ferruggia and Joyce Termini. Bin will be available in main office for drop-off.

- Old Business

1. Last Year: where the money has been distributed from fundraising.
 - Two Filtered Water Bottle Stations
 - Gaga Pit
 - Tug of War Ropes
 - Sphere Robotics Kit for 2nd Grade
 - Tent for PTA Functions
 - Mrs. Scep: 2nd grade published books and received caricatures, Sphere Robotics: teaches basic coding and obstacles—children love it, happy to have received.
2. Summer: PTA goals: Open doors to all, welcoming of everyone. Improve communication through social media changes implementing a new Facebook page and IG account to keep parents updated. New email blasts and REMIND app being used. Newly updated website via Shannon Tallon. Spoke about budget (to be presented at Back to School night), installed the Gaga Pit with thanks to Amy Andre's husband Cameron. Cleaned the kitchen!
3. Thank You!
4. Class/Grade Mom Lottery: First time doing lottery, was a success. Parent tea 9/14 to discuss duties of volunteers

- Questions

- What is Gaga Pit? Game, much like Dodgeball. 12 sided enclosure pit. PE Teacher to teach the children how to play.
- Should we be concerned with the lead announcement in schools with the new water fountains?
 - Miss McNally: No, all is okay. One fountain was found to be of concern and has since been blocked off. Goal is to replace all fountains, but levels are normal and no effect on the new fountains.

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She has mentioned concerns to the district to speed the process to have more for functionality.

- Is the PTA aware of the 750 Walnut Meeting the same day as Back to School Night? Yes. Miss McNally will address this with the town. We suggest that parents concerned call the town to request a date change for the meeting.
- Final Thoughts
- Trunk or Treat will not be affected from the school food restrictions
 - Yearbook: Chair kindly requests parents to please take photos at functions and post them to the Replay App. Chief photographer volunteers needed for events. You can sign up via the PTA website.
 - Walk to School Day: Before Care children will get to participate. They will be lead outside across the field to then walk back into the building.
 - Variety Show is April 26th
- 8:05PM Adjourn: Next Meeting is November 14th (Tuesday). Thank you.