

# Submitted for Approval

Attendees: (see sign in sheet)

total participants 27

Call to order at 6:32 pm by Alison Kalmanson

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## Principal Report: Mr. McGee

- This is Mr. McGee's 4<sup>th</sup> year at Grant with 14 years in high school
- 2195 students this year. Highest ever. We gained more than planned. Space is tight because of this increased population. When PPS modernized the building they eliminated some classrooms. Lots of open spaces now were once classrooms. The Hollyrood site is essential.
- Hired a second VP, Luis Jara. Hoping to have a third VP soon. We are interviewing right now.
- Back to school night on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00. Two 5:30 sessions for TAG in the library with Paige Battle and Morgan Hallabrin with a short Q&A. Senior night with counselors. 5:30 for seniors. 6:00 families come in. Will open doors to the gym at 5:50.
- Homecoming game on 29<sup>th</sup> at Marshall. Looking forward to the day we have our own stadium here. We will be getting new turf and track for next Fall. Not equitable for kids to leave for games. Lights and bleachers are needed for true home games here on campus. Our kids are at a disadvantage. Our kids deserve to play at home. I will keep pushing. This is the time for that to happen. We will keep fighting and we will keep pushing. Don't stop those emails!
- New Policies this year. One...lanyard policy...District is requiring MS and HS students to wear their ID on a lanyard. It has been a bit of a challenge to get kids to do that...not just here. Limited supply of lanyards, kids forget them...Working on it trying to figure it out. Parents can help them remember to bring them and convince them to actually wear them.
- Cell phone policy. In response to the Attorney[Surgeon] General's study on social media and children's unfiltered access to it we added an enhanced cell phone policy this year. Email was sent to parents with details. When you know better you do better. Teachers are absolutely

enforcing it. Kids are responding well. Teachers are in support...they see the need and McGee is the bad guy...not them. Kids say they don't like it but it's good to have a uniform policy. Teachers have done a great job. Kids are hanging up phones. Much smoother than expected.

- Another issue is social media. One of the new policies is that students are not allowed to post under the name of Grant HS. Leadership for example...Mr Perez has to hit send. Kids should not be pushing send. Last eyes on a post should be a teacher. If the wrong thing is sent out there is an adult responsible. Unfiltered access to our students is not acceptable. This is about keeping kids safe. You can create the material, but the advisor has the last word and hits send. It is a liability issue. There has been pushback.

- o Q: Does every club have an advisor? Yes. Has to be the teacher that posts. Students should not have the password. Students can create the content then share with the teacher and then the teacher can approve and submit. It means these will be less content but it will be more intentional.

- o Q: kids are going to make unofficial sites. McGee: We will talk to clubs about that. We won't correct it overnight but we have to start unwinding what we have put out there. Kids here right now have grown up with this and so it will be harder.

- o Q: Kid source of pride as a social media manager...think learning some skills...worry about some of that getting lost. McGee...it can be done...but more intentional. He sees the negative side...parents can see this positive side.

- o Q: Laptop policies in the classroom? Some have texting capacity. McGee...trying to figure that out...ear buds is another. Some areas still need to be addressed.

- Site council will work on English and what that will look like moving forward. If any parents would like to join SC we need three or four parents and they can email McGee. SC will meet in October and November will have robust meetings because by December we will need to know class offerings for the following year.

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## BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Quorum confirmed
- Announcements:

- o Mark your calendars for future meeting dates: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Tuesday, May 14, 2024
- o Info about supply spreadsheet
- Secretary Report
  - o No minutes to approve. Minutes posted online.
- Treasurer report
  - o Bank checking balance for the PTA: \$22,160.45 enough to cover what we plan this year
  - o Choir and Band have transitioned to a separate nonprofit
- Membership Report
  - o Total membership: 112
  - o QR code on table for sign ups
  - o Sign up for Fred Meyer rewards...every quarter we make about 1K.
  - o We do not fundraise...Freddy's and Membership is how we make money.
  - o No requirements for you once you join. It goes a long way.
- New Business
  - o Approve 23/24 standing rules for PTA - printed copy available for review
    - § [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OXGqfT4\\_z3iWfIx6FZSflxMqMBLoN9H3XGLr1cR3aQM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OXGqfT4_z3iWfIx6FZSflxMqMBLoN9H3XGLr1cR3aQM/edit?usp=sharing)
    - The 23/24 standing rules for PTA were presented for approval. The standing rules fill in what the bylaws require. Motion made, seconded and passed.
  - o Classroom grant applications
    - 3K for classroom grants. Where there are not department funds available we have a grant process with a form to submit. The most one teacher can receive is \$500.
    - We have three applications so far.
      - Jennifer Loeb...ASL World Languages. Would like to have a guest presenter. Also has a Donor Choose.. Up to \$300 for speakers put out as an option.
      - Matt Daniels. Journalism and Grant Magazine \$500 for Camera/lens combo...looking to purchase for student use
      - Chef Philip Hale...purchase consumables for the classroom. 1500-2K each month allows 210 students to prepare two meals a week.
      - Motion to approve 300/500/500 for these three grants. Motion seconded. Motion passed.
  - o Legislative Update (Otto Schell) Legislators are meeting at the end of September. They will be tidying up things passed in the last session. They made progress in school funding but still work to go. Lots of talk about air quality and and are in implementation mode. National PTA discussion was around nutrition and summer nutrition.
  - o PAT presentation...Holly Johnson and Virginia Keil

- Things we are asking for make our school and classrooms better. Friday Sept 22-24 community art build.
- If anyone wants to connect with one of these representatives they are open to discussion. Wear blue on Tuesdays

○ QR code for link to spreadsheet listing school supply donations needed. Takes work off front desk ordering.

“Grant 101” with Leadership students

- Piper...senior in leadership
- Norah...sophomore in leadership
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- Why don't kids use lockers? Sophomore: XC and Mock Trial...need to be able to change...have after school clothes. Senior: never touched one!
- Tips or Tricks for managing the lunch period.
  - You must eat fast! Sit on a jacket so you don't get grass stains. Claim a place indoors and outdoors.
- What are the best uses of flex?
  - I love Flex...it is very helpful...slow at the beginning but it ends up being a short amount of time and almost feels like you could use more. Flex can be used to retake tests helpful in general to make up missed days
- Tips for clubs?
  - Mock trial! Extremely important to join some clubs. Good to get to know school. Clubs are fun and bring people together Club fair will be first week of October 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>
- Best way to communicate with teachers
  - PPS email or flex
  - How do you feel about cell phone policy? (not recorded for student privacy)
- What do you wish you knew when you were a freshman?
  - Take more opportunities with lunch time clubs

General Meeting adjourned at 7:58

September 12, 2023 Attendance

Megan Ben	Hanna Kearsley
AISON KAMMISAN	Holly Johnson
OTTO KOSKI	LIL. MCGEE
MELISSA SULLIVAN	NELSON PEREZ
BRUCE LEWIS	MORAN
Justine Suttora	PEREZ
Miguel Kucera	
Virginia Keil	
Megan Becken	
Rachel Otisby	
KAREN KILN	
HASKELL BECKHAM	
Elena Macfhee	
Phoebe Stein	
AMBERLYNE KAMMISAN	
Beth Finschling	
Yasmeen Hamid	
Cara Shrock	
Holly Isles	
Nathalia Stanley	



### PPS cuts teacher positions & adds administrators

Over the past 4 years, the District has cut the number of licensed staff by more than 130 FTEs, while at the same time, it added 110 Non-Represented and Administration FTEs.



### PPS has money... for admin & services

The district increased their budget by \$12.5 million to pay for increased Administrative and non-represented positions and pay raises. PPS also increased spending on purchased services, including outside consultants.



### Portland is the second least affordable city for new teachers

In 3 school years, prices have gone up an eye-popping 18.4%. PPS educators received a 10% cost-of-living adjustment, which weighed against inflation is an 8% loss in earnings.

**Now is the Time to INVEST in Portland Schools!**  
Sign the petition to tell PPS management you are joining the fight for safe, sustainable, equitable schools for all PPS students.



## PAT IS BARGAINING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

ENSURING GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ALL

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

- 4th grader to 12th grader
- Community Leadership Program including:
  - Leadership
  - Public speaking
  - Debate
  - Model UN
  - Mock trial
  - Mock trial
  - Mock trial

**EXAMINING THE SCENE OF SCHOOLS**

- Take time to look at the scene
- Appropriate level of
- Public speaking and
- Debate
- Mock trial
- Mock trial
- Mock trial

**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

- Have your students be
- Empowered
- Empowered
- Empowered
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- Empowered

**EXPANDING THE BUDGET**

- Request to fund
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**REPRESENTING STUDENTS**

- Representing students
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# COMMUNITY ART BUILD FOR PUBLICED



**PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS:**  
**345 NE 8TH AVE, PORTLAND**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND: 5:00PM-9:00PM**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD: 10:00AM-9:00PM**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH: 10:00AM-5:00PM**

**EVERYONE WELCOME. NO ART EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

