

**ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting**

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Meeting called to order by ACCESS President Phoebe Shen at 7:30 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** 19 people joined the meeting, 17 of whom are PTA members for the 2020-2021 year. Six voting members constitute a quorum for a General Membership Meeting.

Minutes of 03/17/21 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UFnOmEjg-vd4tTWznKeDbZ6Bb4wGO4yLY5jJFmryFdl/edit?usp=sharing>

**APPROVED AS WRITTEN**

### **Financial Report**

Adobe grant came through.

Employer matching contributions. Note that employers can match contributions.

Teachers are spending their classroom budget.

Current Balance: \$49,485.49

**Motion:** Increase Teacher Appreciation budget by \$200

Purpose to provide snacks and treats

12 in favor, 0 not in favor, **motion passes**

**Motion:** Add \$1000 line item for OutSchool support to budget

To cover expenses for various OutSchool

14 in favor, 0 not in favor, **motion passes**

**Motion:** Amend the "Ms. Evans" line item to be named "1/2 Classroom".

To make it clear who can access the funds for

14 in favor, 0 not in favor, **motion passes**

### **Principal Update**

Middle School Hybrid: Starts next week.

Middle School teacher's walk through today. Week 1 will include an orientation for all 6th graders and new 7 & 8th graders.

Ginger discussed how students will enter and exit the building in the morning, and where to meet for their 1st period class.

Kids will have outdoor time for 15 minutes per day.

Teachers have been invited to take their students outside for class.

Students may need their Chromebook, depending on the teacher. The office has about a dozen extra Chromebooks for students to borrow.

A Week, B Weeks; PE and Art.

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Advisory will not meet.

Families can return COVID test form via email or take it to school.

Applications: 125 Applications as of yesterday, in contrast to 160 last year.

Discussion about adding blended classes to grades beyond 1/2, to be able to admit as many kids as we can - in particular 2nd and 3rd grade.

There are 11 students applying now who will need to test in the future

FTE levels

A parent offered a discussion to supplement the Foundation with a sum (\$25K for example), to cover the shortfall of staffing.

We have lost Confucius Institute, and part of the FTE salary for 3 positions from The Foundation.

We will know more once Ginger has student numbers info.

Also, if we did this we would need to have a clear view of the specific need.

Young Audiences art fund balance? Susie will have that info.

**Announcements**

Open PTA Executive Positions 2021-22: VP (1) & Co-Sec (1)

Yearbook: headshots and 8th grade. Goal is to print by 2nd or 3rd weekend in May.

Talent Show is happening at the end of May

**Upcoming Events**

Site Council meeting, April 19, 3:30 PM

Teacher appreciation: May 3-May 7

MS Virtual Info Session, May 3, 4 PM

Elem Virtual Info Session, May 6, 4 PM

No School, Memorial Day, May 31

8th Grade Promotion, Normandale Park, June 11

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM