

ACCESS Academy PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm
Virtual Meeting

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Meeting called to order by ACCESS President Phoebe shen at 7:31 pm.

ATTENDANCE: 29 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 5/13/20 General ACCESS Academy PTA Meeting **approved as written.**

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Treasurer's Report by treasurer Jennifer Rabby

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Fundraising: Primarily Memberships, Give Campaign, Helping Hands, Apple Sale.

Expenses: primarily administrative costs, Literacy, and classroom expenses.

Bank Account balance as of 10/13/20: \$42,708.21

2020-2021 Budget

Reprioritizing this year. We've scaled back fundraising, and reduced spending. We have \$42,000 in "savings" funds carried over from past years.

We will cover any requested sponsored PTA dues with SCRIP.

We are adding two line-items to the fundraiser category: T-shirt sales, and a recycling bottle drop campaign.

Sally Maltman moves to approve the budget with two additional line-items to include t-shirt and bottle drop. **Kathy Martin** seconds the motion. 17 in favor, 0 opposed. **Budget Has Passed.**

Principal Update

Ginger has nothing new to report about the new building.

The admin staff has not yet had the bandwidth to create a distance learning feedback form.

Michelle Strickler is the new school climate specialist. One of her jobs is helping MS kids create a Spirit Week. Also a Harvest Festival slide show is being planned.

The Principal Chat was held Monday 10/12. Discussion was around student engagement and aligning tools and methods for standardizing and simplifying 'doing school.'

Standardizing: Teachers plan to take turns 1x per week bringing an idea to the others to help this happen (zoom meeting codes, canvas, calendars etc).

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Student Engagement: Staff + admin decided to set a schoolwide student engagement goal. Will monitor the different ways kids participate (chat, camera, verbal, turning in work, other digital tools).

Discussed use of Canvas calendar with multiple parents, urging standardization of that calendar.

Ginger invited suggestions for MS Conferences set-up.

Announcements

Outschool has some new clubs (link?)

Seeking OBOB leader

Class Social Hosts

Apple/Pear Sale: orders due on 10/25

Upcoming Events

Spirit Week 10/26-30

Meeting adjourned at 8:56.