

PTA Meeting Notes – September 4, 2025

Attendance

- All PTA members were present
- Approximately 15 parents attended

Treasurer's Report

- Starting budget for school year: \$39,195 (healthy amount, good shape)
- Expected fundraising total: \$47,670

PTA Membership

- Membership is down compared to last year
- Must rejoin each year
- Membership does not require volunteering
- Option to donate without joining
- Open to ideas for increasing membership

Fundraisers

- Top fundraiser: Read-a-thon
- Second: Mayday Festival
- Bingo Night: made over \$1,000 last year, but not meant to be for profit → ticket costs will be lowered

Budget Goals & Priorities

- Goal: no major shifts in expenses compared to last year
- Instructional support – includes \$150 per teacher & \$500 per team
- Teacher appreciation – goodies, lounge supplies
- Shift in approach: rely more on wish lists instead of PTA funds for items like Trunk or Treat candy and event supplies

Budget Requests & Adjustments

- SMORE Account (\$99/year): issue with newsletter searchability; solution – add bullet points above link in each email
- Cultural Arts Committee (+\$1,750): to cover performances/events; general consensus – include all activities, not just cultural
- Multicultural Night Committee (+\$200): matches last year's actual spending
- Treasurer's Solution: increase surplus usage from \$3,500 → \$5,350 to cover requests
- Vote: Budget proposal revisions passed unanimously

Other Voting Items

- Debit Card Policy – keep as is (unanimous)
- Square & Givebacks (formerly MemberHub) – continue using for online orders, payments, and donations (unanimous)

PTAC (PTA Committee)

- Meets monthly, 7–9 PM, in person
- Connect with other PTA members across schools, share information
- Topics: budget cuts, layoffs, broader school issues
- Representative asked if anyone is interested in joining

Committee Event Reports & Announcements

- Back-to-School Picnic: Friday, Sept 5, 6–8 PM
- Back-to-School Nights: K–2: Tuesday, Sept 9, 6–7:30 PM; 3–5: Thursday, Sept 11, 6–7:30 PM
- Restaurant Night: Wednesday, Sept 24, Bruster's Ice Cream