



General Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Google Meet

1) Superintendent Update (Dr. Tammaru)

- Strategic Plan: The 2024-2025 school year marks the first year of the District 30 Strategic Plan. So far, both students and parents have shared positive feedback, particularly regarding the plan's focus on social and emotional support.
- Staffing:
 - District 30 hired three new Social Workers, one for each school. Jen Winter is the new Social Worker at Maple. This is a huge value-add and Maple is extremely grateful. The social workers will attend the Conversations with the Community event with Dr. Tammaru on February 12th to talk about our Social Work program.
 - The School Board approved adding a new Student Services teacher at Maple, who will become the fourth Learning Behavior instructor at Maple. The recruiting process will start soon.
- Safety Audit: District 30 has been working with Northbrook Village, Police and Fire Department on school safety audit and best practices. Improvement measures will be implemented in the coming year.
- District emergency closure policy: parents can reference district website <https://maple.district30.org/about/emergency-procedures>

2) 2024-2025 PTO Budget Update - (Danielle Pollack on behalf of Sonia Rizki)

- For FY 24-25, PTO has maintained a positive cash balance and on budget for the year.
- The PTO took a loss on the Book Fair this year in order to give all of the profit in Anderson's book credit to the LMC. The LMC will receive \$1,427 in Anderson's book credit so they can buy new non-fiction books.

3) Committee Updates for Spring 2025

Stacy Dubin, Co-VP Committee Liaison

- 8th Grade Graduation – planning is underway
- Blizzard Days– Parents can continue to order through the link on Maple Marquee. There are two Blizzard Days left. 3/6 and 5/1.
- Dine Out Dates– Next Dine Out day is at Viccino's on February 26 and hopefully Forza Cucina in April. Date TBD.

- Hospitality – Teachers loved the special treats PTO provided for American Education Week in November and National Cookie Day in December. The Committee is working on more treats for Valentine’s Day and Teacher Appreciation Week
- Lew Blond Run - New, more accurate timing results, easier packet pickup. Will have a Dine out event at Grill House and a silent auction event. Anybody who is interested in donating items for the Silent Auction are welcome to contact the committee chairs.
- School Supplies – Co-Chairs are working with Nancy Lifschitz in the front office to finalize the supply list for 2025-2026. School Toolbox needs the list by spring break.
- Special Lunch – For students who ordered a special lunch but are absent on the Special Lunch day, the parents are encouraged to call and let school know if they’ll pick up the lunch. Otherwise, the lunch will be donated to the teachers.
- Volley-Bash – Friday, February 7th. Registration to play has closed. Registration to watch as a fan will close on January 31st. Parents and siblings are welcome to watch, but must register. A little over 150 students have registered as either a player or fan.

Indu Agarwal, Co-VP Committee Liaison

- Book Fair
 - The book fair sold 334 books, generating a total of \$3,569 in sales.
 - PTO donated the \$1,427 profit to LMC to purchase more non-fiction books
- 8th Grade Career Day - All parent volunteers are filled
- Spirit Wear & Magnets
 - PTO ordered 100 magnets with the new branding and sold 64 through the PTO registration. PTO continues to sell the rest of the magnets via standalone order form on the website and in the Maple Marquee.

4) Additional PTO Update (Danieille Pollack, Co-President)

- PTO offered a mini-grant program this year for Maple staff. Four teachers submitted requests and all were approved.
- PTO will sponsor a new costume for the Maple mascot, Manny the Mustang
- Nomination Committee seats are filled. The nomination form will be ready around February 7th. Will go out in the Friday newsletters for all 3 schools as well as sent by email blast to Maple community and 5th grade families at Willowbrook and Wescott. All nominations are anonymous. You are welcome to nominate yourself but then it won’t be anonymous of course. Final vote will take place at the April 7th PTO General Meeting.

5) Maple Update (Principal Sam Kurtz and Assistant Principal Angela Jaeger)

- Both principals expressed their gratitude for the PTO’s hospitality efforts. Teachers truly appreciated these thoughtful gestures.
- Thanked PTO for sponsoring two Track and Fields display boards for the gym. Ms. Rathge is working with Greg Itahara on the designs.
- The Holiday Toy collection and coat drive were both successful.
- 8th Grade high school class schedule meeting is on January 31st
- Erin’s Law presentation - 2/7
- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for 2/26-27. Sign up email will come out in the coming weeks.

Please join us for our next PTO General Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025!

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