



May 21, 2026 Called to order by Maya von Geldern @ 6:11 pm

ATTENDEES

Michael Angulo, Rebekah Levitt, Chris Cooper, Bruce Brown, Ryan Aslett, Deedee Finch-Brown, Tina Bruce, Alex Gibney, Maya von Geldern, Anna Mafchir, Janet Strong, Sonia Cutter, Patrick Leonard, Emily Lakner, Destiny Spruil, Marcia Spruil, Margot Presley, Jessica Prochniak, Ren Simmons, Lizzie Wright, Michelle Dawson, Michelle Johnson, Robin Goday, Monica Mattson, Courtney Crowe, Stephanie Bentley, Frances Jackson, Tiffany Sorrell, Dan Toulson, Paul Wright, Sean Fogarty, Kelly Reid, Ben Keffer, Josh Moss, Jessica Moss, Delisse Ortiz, Devon Jackson, Edith Johnson, (various other attendees online)

Call to Order

- Maya called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm
- Maya explained to participants on the Zoom the flow of the meeting

Old Business

- Presentation by Rebekah Libre on emergency preparedness
 - Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) - Vernon and Woodlawn neighborhoods
 - Thursday, May 28th event with the City of Portland
 - At Center for Joy (Sabin housing on 14th Street)
- Earth Day event was a success!
- Kennedy School night and speed puzzling event - raised \$6,000

Approval of prior minutes

- Maya asked folks to review meeting minutes
- There were no updates or comments on the meeting minutes

Treasurers' Report

- Ren said they have been reaching out to teachers about dollars that are still available
 - Has received a good amount of responses from teachers

Announcements

- Upcoming events
 - Owl Fest - Need volunteers for the day!



- People making donations baskets and art
- Festival – Baxter Sports; Grant Cheer Team; food truck; FBS booth; Vernon United, fresh flowers, whiffle ball, jam band, main stage, silent disco
- Ren spoke about how Families of Black Students will be doing a booth that will be getting donations and it might be fair to have those funds go specifically to that group, instead of the larger PTA
 - Middle School Dance
 - Field Day
- Fundraising
 - 71 people signed up in the sustaining donor competition
 - Ms. Mashia's class won!

New Business

- Ren presented the draft budget; a budget committee helped create the proposed budget; budget was discussed at the past general PTA meeting
- Goal to have a finalized, approved budget by the end of this meeting
- Updates and amendments can be made during next year
- There were changes made to the budget because PTA has not been bringing in as much funds
 - Supporting Garden program
 - Support for SEI - Sun School program
 - Classroom commitments - for field trips
 - Large categories have remained mostly untouched
- Arts and Culture Grant program
 - Proposed to wrap together project related budget items.
 - Could be used by Arts Committee or other parents/groups
- Maya asked if Ren wanted to go thru each line item; Ren said there is a lot to cover and perhaps people could just voice concerns
- Maya brought up the line items listed; motioned to have Fun for the Owls as a line item and that it covers the shirts (\$6 per shirt)
- Michael asked if we could look first to sponsor the event, and then have PTA pay if we couldn't have find a sponsor
- Janet asked why there was a changed the line item
- Tiffany mentioned that Fun for the Owls t-shirts are an issue of equity
- Sean asked if we could get out all the motions on the table



- Janet asked about the surplus – Ren said it was \$35,000
 - Teacher, SUN school, taxes, etc – we need about \$15K
- Sports fund – basketball and volleyball; if folks could not get sponsorship
 - Stephanie explained the \$1K is a pilot based on what Faubian PTA does
- A participant asked if the motion made by Maya was administrative
- Margot asked where the change in the line item came from
- Ren explained that there was a desire for space to be innovative in the event
- Ms. Lindsey said the kids love the shirts;
- Motions on Fun for the Owl
 - Sean motions: “Eliminate t-shirts line item, move the \$4000 expense to line above (and keep the line called Fall fundraiser)”
 - 27 in person; 2 online IN FAVOR
 - Maya motion: “Rename Fall fundraiser line item to Fun for the owls and keep income 25,000 and change expense to 4,200”
 - 7 in person; 3 online IN FAVOR
 - Sean’s motion succeeds
- Motion by Bruce
 - “Add \$4000 to fall fundraiser income for t-shirts”
 - Succeeds by clear majority
- Ms. Ana spoke about the arts programs; motioned to restore funding
- Ms. Ana said she was not talked to about the changes
- Conversation related to proposed changes
- Delisse talked about how we are all parents working for our community
- Ms. Ana motioned, motion amended.
 - Amended Motion: Have two line items \$4,000 for Arts Committee (no application), one line for Culture Grant Program \$1,000 (with application)
 - Motion approved by clear majority
- Motion for new board – new board approved, with the addition of Tiffany Sorrell as Co-DEI (at the meeting), Michelle Dawson as Co-Treasurer (prior to meeting); Blair Glennon as Co-Advocacy Chair (prior to meeting)
 - Motion approved by clear majority
 - 2026-2027 Board will be:
 - Presidents: Stephanie Bentley, Michael Angulo
 - Vice President Ryan Aslet
 - Secretaries: Alex Gibney, Sean Fogarty
 - Treasurers: Jessica Prochniak, Michelle Dawson



- Communications Chair: Monica Mattson
- Advocacy Chairs: Edie Johnson, Blair Glennon
- DEI Liaison: Tiffany Sorrell, Beth Fitzgerald
- Volunteer Coordinator: Kelly Reid
- Fundraising Chair: Evan Pon
- Middle Years Coordinator: Michelle Johnson
- Primary Years Coordinator: Bruce Brown
- Motion to roll funds for Family of Black Students and Garden Committee raised at Owl Fest
 - “All funds raised in April or May by an affinity group or committee can roll forward to the respective groups for the next year”
 - Approved by clear majority

Affinity Group Reports

- Edith gave an update on Families for Black Students
 - Tiffany spoke about the work and history of FBS

Administration Report

- Ben spoke about a potential staff attending PTA meetings to improve communication
- Right Sizing conversation for PPS
 - Ask for families to get involved
 - Decisions will be being made soon by the District
 - Ben said that “quiet means agreement”
- Alex asked about musical instruments
- Seismic upgrades happening at Vernon over the summer

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Adjournment

- Maya adjourned the meeting

Meeting adjourned by Maya @ 8:21 PM

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situation. We are a beautiful diverse school community. Join us - we are stronger when everyone's voice is heard.