



PRE General PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday Sept 10, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Media Center PRE

Virtual Option: <https://meet.google.com/vdx-wmmv-rka>

Attendees: 17 in-person, 20 online

- **Welcome: Aish**
 - Intro of Board Members
 - **CONTACT US: preptaofficer@gmail.com**
 - President: **VACANT**
 - Treasurer: Aaron Snitzer
 - Secretary: Stephanie Ellison
 - VP of Hospitality: Beth Schuett
 - VP of Fundraising: Maegan McKenney
 - VP of Volunteers: Joan Bramstedt
 - VP of Programs: Anna Kambour and Shannen Potter
 - VP of Education: Aish Ramani
 - VP of Communication: Elizabeth Lynnes
 - Member-at-Large: Katherine Ruffolo
 - Intro of Principal, Teachers
- **Secretary Report: Stephanie Ellison**
 - Present and Approve Minutes from 2024-25 school year held on June 2nd
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mllvo0p9f1g306w56gZ8lBEleCu10jOzdxIN2b1P1P8/edit?usp=drive_link
 - Highlights: raise dues from \$8-10 , presented board
 - Approved unanimously
- **Treasurer Report: Aaron Snitzer**
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YDJgC53wAdooU_0lchnr76lozAVn6wo7/view?usp=drive_link
 - Budget is used as a guideline for year with amendments made if fundraising exceeds targets.
 - Vote to approve budget- approved.
- Events:
 - PBook Fair in Nov
- How to help PRE - any funds donate help fund activities/events at our school!

- Register to volunteer
- Join PTA- anyone from community can join PTA. membership does not obligate you to volunteer, it helps fund activities and pay for our general PTA membership
- Participate in Spirit Nights
- Shopping partnerships with Harris Teeter and Publix - portion of sales comes to school when accounts are linked
- Supply Goldfish for snacks
- Teacher snacks for lounge
- Promote fundraiser
- Follow on social
- **Principal's Report:** Jill Harrison
 - Good start to school year
 - Enough goldfish for everyone to have a box
 - Pizza party on 9/25
 - Restructuring curriculum night to be more accessible and engaging by making it a family affair. Will be combined curriculum night/Panda Pizza Party featuring grade-level info tables and opportunities to sign up for tables The PTA has an exclusive partnership with Jets Pizza
- **Teacher's Report:** Medwar & Mandzack - echoed that year is off to good start. Thanked PTA for support with efforts like Stock the Lounge and the Sunshine Cart which lifts staff morale
- **Advocacy Report:** Jenna Davis
- **Board Reports:**
 - **Aish:**
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - 9/12 - PANDAmonium Kick-Off
 - 9/12 - 9/26 - PANDAmonium Fundraiser
 - 9/25 - Curriculum Connections and Pizza Party
 - 9/26 - PANDAmonium Party
 - 9/30 - Burrito Shak Spirit Night
 - 10/14- Jets Pizza Spirit Night
 - 11/7 - Veterans Day Celebration
 - 11/11 - Shake Shak
 - 11/17 - 21 Book Fair
 - 11/18 - Book Fair Family Night
 - TBD - Staff Winter Luncheon
 - **Programs:** Anna Kambour and Shannen Potter]
 - Kindergarten welcome events went well
 - Veterans Day - 11/7
 - Candy for the troops
 - **Fundraising:** Maegan McKenney
 - Spirit Night Updates
 - PANDAmonium!!

- **this is our primary fundraiser of the year with all funds benefiting the school**
 - Kickoff on Friday with band, cheerleaders and fun activities for students and families. Still need volunteers
 - There will be continuous communication to families via Taling Points and social media encouraging participation and outreach to friends family and local business for donations or corporate matches
 - Goal is \$40k. In order to do that - need approximately \$80/student
 - If we meet our goal, there will be a celebratory event on 9/26 and we'll need volunteers
- Volunteers: Kick Off, Pandemonium Party
- **PANDAmonium Party (9/26)**
 - 4 & 5 (10:15 - 11:15)
 - 2 & 3 (1:20 - 2:20)
 - K & 1 (2:30-3:30)
- **Communications: Elizabeth Lynnes**
 - Newsletter - read the Panda Pulse - this and social media are the primary sources of information for families
 - Social Media - Follow us on Instagram and Facebook. Need help with social media, especially from those with relevant skills or teenagers needing volunteer hours
 - Carpool safety reminders to protect the children and prevent accidents- especially afternoon. Go right
 - Consideration of hiring off-duty Cary police for cross guard duties if budget allows
- **Education: Aish Aravind**
 - Panda book store - children can earn panda bucks for good behavior and completely homework that can be used to shop in the Panda book store. 4th & 5th graders will run it starting Oct 8th. Donations of gently used books are needed for K-5
 - Cultural Arts: Tailored to sync with grade curriculums. Author coming in to teach 2nd graders about butterfly lifecycle. 4th will have residency program about poetry. School wide concerts: sound of music
 - Additional events will depend on fundraising
 - Celebration Books
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- **Hospitality: Beth Schuett**
 - Sunshine Cart - looking at dates. Last year did coffee bar theme. Usually on a friday
 - Stock the Lounge - please donate via Amazon wishlists

- Winter Lunch - 12/18/2025

Volunteers Report: Joan Bramsteadt

- Room Parents - assignments are being finalized and emails sent. Room parents play a key role in supporting classroom and school-wide events
- Volunteer Etiquette
- WCPSS Volunteer