



Sligo Middle School PTSA
1401 Dennis Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902
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Sligo PTSA Meeting - September 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Attendees (42 participants): Kristy Wright, Kate O'Sullivan, Raquel Guerricagoitia, Allison Nadelhaft, Angeline O'Shea, Brett Imamura, Carrie Hutchison, Cathy, Charlene Brown-McKenzie, Christ Pitro, Deborah Beck, Elizabeth Anglarill, Elizabeth Hughes, Forsgren, Gayle Hope, Gual Asnakech, Gulnar Nagashybayeva, Harper Cox, Heather Collick, Janice Rolle, Jeff F, Jennifer Anderson, Jenny Lang, Kara Tymon, L. Miller, Lesley Ward, Lisa Jackson, Lisa White, Lisa Manning, Luis Amaro, Mary Lozano, Natalie James, Nicholle Sosa, Rebecca Osthus, Rodrigo Gouveia, Safiya, Sherry, Patrick Bilock, Zana, Sonny, Allison Aughinbough, Joel St. Clair, Nicholle Sosa, Andrea Quinonez, Aubrey, Tosha Shirriel

- June 2021 minutes approved June:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vcU438JJ7DM4qMIbN8fV4lv9iJeYtROc/view?usp=sharing>
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- Raquel Guerricagoitia shared information about Spanish interpretation
- Board members introduced themselves
 - Kristy Wright-President
 - Kate O'Sullivan-VP of Fundraising
 - Gayle Hope-VP Outreach and Communication
 - Deborah Beck-MCCPTA Delegate
 - Angeline O'Shea-VP of Membership
 - Stacey Iobst-Secretary
 - Jennifer Anderson-Webmaster
- Link provided for membership: <https://sligoptsa.com/become-a-member/>
- Rodrigo Gouveia voted in as new Treasurer
 - Kate put motion forward
 - Gayle seconded motion
 - All voted in favor
- Break out rooms
 - Introductions
 - What nice thing did a Sligo Teacher/Staff member do for you/your child?
- Fitness fun day
 - Will be held in the fall-early 11/5? To be confirmed
 - Stations
 - DJ with dancing
 - Running
 - Basketball
 - Soccer
 - T-shirt design content; sponsors on the back of the t-shirt
 - This is our only fundraiser for the year
 - Families are the primary source of income for the event
 - Funds can be donated through PayPal, Venmo, checks

*The Sligo Middle School PTSA is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible to the amount permissible by law.

- Sponsorship \$250-\$2,000 (?) is gold level
- We need volunteers to find business sponsors and run the event
 - Lesley Ward: Lannward@gmail.com
 - Jackie: gjackie7777@gmail.com
 - Zana: zana.prutina@gmail.com
- What do our fundraising funds support?
 - Mini-grants
 - Gift cards for families in need
 - Coat donations
- PTSA presents and votes on the budget in October
- Mr. Bilock's report
 - Mr. Imamura was the 8th grade Team Leader and is now acting AP for all of 8th grade and 1/2 of 7th
 - Monthly Principal's coffee and conversation
 - 9/10, 10:30-11:30
 - 10/8, from 11:30-12:30 Will change time to 11:30-12:30
 - MAP-R this week, MAP-M next week, reading/math testing will also start soon as a catch-up from last year
- Mr. Amaro report
 - Latino Parent Meeting: 9/22-from 6:30-8:00pm
 - Mr. Amaro would like a member of the PTSA board to attend their next meeting
 - 9/23 DCC choice deadline
 - Students in Downcounty consortium can choose from these high schools: Kennedy, Blair, Wheaton, Einstein, and Northwood
 - <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/downcounty/>
 - Each school will have an open house throughout the month of October
 - Application process will be the same, criteria may change
 - 8th ground counselor's page is up and running
- Q&A
 - How will notifications occur with regard to students who have COVID symptoms?
 - MCPS has one of the strictest policies on quarantining in MD.
 - Students who are symptomatic will be sent to the school nurse. Cough, headache, fever are considered symptoms. Rapid testing will then be conducted. The student will go home if the test is positive. Close contacts will also be notified. If close contacts (anyone who was 3 feet or less in the classroom) are unvaccinated they will also be required to quarantine.
 - Close contacts should be notified as soon as possible, but the students don't need to go home immediately because COVID has a 3-5 day incubation period.
 - If COVID-negative and symptomatic, the student will be sent home.
 - Quarantine is 10 days from when students test positive. If the student is still symptomatic after 10 days they must be retested and have a negative COVID test before returning to school.
 - Virtual support will be available for students who are under quarantine. Teachers not teaching in person during a particular period will provide content-relevant Zoom support to students who are under quarantine. Students can access assignments on the Canvas page.
 - Parental consent will be required for rapid testing at Sligo. This will be obtained by phone in most cases. If the parent does not consent to the rapid COVID test, the student will be sent home. The student must then be tested at another location. If the student is not tested at another location, they are required to quarantine for 10 days before returning to school.
 - Opt-in random COVID testing is for 6th grade and unvaccinated students. Testing began with 6th graders last week. They had about 80 students who opted in, most of whom were 6th graders.
 - Hand sanitizer
 - They have a large enough supply in the health room

- Some teachers may be asking for more for their classroom
- Clorox wipes are not provided but a cleaning solution with paper towels is provided
- Any supply donations are appreciated and will be accepted at the main office
- Tik Tok threat to school building
 - Reported to Sligo → MCPD → Office of School Support and Instruction (internal investigation)
 - Tik Tok account was taken down
 - Threat was determined to not be warranted
 - This an opportunity to educate our students about safety and responsible behavior on social media
- Please send students to school with reusable water bottles
- Meeting evaluation: <https://forms.gle/Pnj9kDqJn6V7JjhR6>

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm