



General Meeting

May 22, 2025/ Called to order by Katie Kenton @ 548pm

ATTENDEES

Katie Kenton, Ben Keefer, Lizzie Wright, Dan Toulson, Maya von Geldern, Ren Simmons, Marcus Colbert, Emily Lackner, Oscar Murden, Marcus Colbert, Michael Angulo, Evan, Kelly Reed, Maria Lalli, Destiny, Katie, Jen Naas, Heidi DiJulio, Hannah Love, Delisse Ortiz,

PTA Business:

- Reviewed April Minutes: [4.24.25 - General meeting minutes](#)

Playground Committee Presentation

- Would like to partner with PTA wherein PTA is a sponsor because playground committee is not a 501(c)(3) organization;
- Current focus is a covered area over basketball court; 60x90 feet; similar to what is in place at Laurelhurst;
- During fundraiser, asked community members to vote on different proposals, such as new playground equipment, turf on the field, and other ideas; covered basketball court attained highest support (by far);
- Committee has submitted a project development request through the district (must get permission from district to move forward);
- Presented timeline: if all steps are successful, construction would occur in summer 2027;
- Committee is not seeking money from PTA;
- Committee is requesting that PTA act as a fiscal sponsor - entity that signs for grants, accept donations, and hold money; requesting committee and PTA sign on to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) memorializing that agreement;
- Current MOU proposal includes provision that if project is not successful, money raised would revert to PTA general fund;

FY 25/26 Budget Presentation and Vote

- Major changes from current budget to next year's budget:
 - Added a sustaining donation line for people who want to set up a regular monthly donation;
 - Increased money/student for each classroom from \$30/student to \$45/student for k-2 and from \$25/student to \$40/student for 3-8
 - Removed some items (STEAM night funds, sensory room) because those funds were not being spent and because funds/student for each classroom went up; each classroom has more control over the money PTA allocates;
 - Decreased some discretionary funding because next year or two might be leaner fundraising years;
 - Increased Sun School from \$10k to \$12k
 - Did include a playground fund line item, but it is just a placeholder until MOU is approved and how PTA helps committee is figured out;
- Pres tabbed secretary as facilitator to participate in conversation; suggested changing section B line items to generic line items to allow next year's board freedom to host the fundraising events it wants to host;
- Katie Kenton moved to approve budget with that change; Jen Naas seconded:
 - Voting members present approved budget with amendment to section B discussed above;

School Year 2025/26 PTA Board Nominees and Vote

- Positions voting on in this meeting:
 - President: Marcus Colbert
 - Vice President of Communications: Maya Pueo von Geldern
 - Secretary: Michael Angulo
 - Sr. Treasurer: Ren Simmons
 - Jr. Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator: Lizzie Wright
 - Fundraising Chair: Emily Lakner
- There are additional positions that are vacant that could be filled, but are not required: PYP liaison and MYP liaison; there are also affinity group liaisons that sit on the board, but they are not voted upon by PTA; they are appointed by the affinity groups;
- Board voted upon and approved by voting members present;

Admin Updates:

- Field Day: June 5; Sojourn is volunteering again;
- There will be a clap out for Mr. Massie; probably occur during 8th Grade promotion and clap out;
- June 10: 8th Grade promotion and clap out;
- Through bond, Vernon expects cameras;
 - As a side, Mr. Keefer has been at school for 15 years and has not seen much property damage, but this year windows have been broken 30 times; cameras will help with that; Mr. Keefer believes the events have been vandalism, not aggression;
- Vernon can expect renovations in future bonds, but it will be a while;
- Continuing to advocate for more staffing;
- June 3: Middle School info night;
- District has come to school to do climate walks; Mr. Keefer is advocating for culturally responsive mentors, like they have at Ockley Green and other schools;
- Mr. Keefer said school will have an assistant principal that will be present next year;

Final Updates:

- PAT hosting listening events; one at Vernon on May 29, starting at 5; other events are at June 2 and June 10, but in other parts of Portland
- Volunteer for owl fest!!
 - Wristbands are available to attend on a sliding scale from \$0-\$10, available at vernonpta.org

Meeting adjourned by Katie Kenton @ 736pm

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Email vernonpta@gmail.com with questions, concerns, feedback, or great ideas. Vernon's PTA (Parent/Provider-Teacher- Association) welcomes all people of every color, language, ethnicity, origin, ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, marital status, and life situation. We are a beautiful diverse school community. Join us - we are stronger when everyone's voice is heard.