



YHALE PTO 2021-2022 General Meeting Minutes

22 September 2021 / 7:00PM / Google Meet (GVC)

Attendees

YHALE PTO parents & staff

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction

- PTO Vice President - Si Lee

PTO Membership

Si Lee

- Sign up to become a member [here](#).
- **\$10 Membership Dues** goes towards initiatives throughout the year such as:
 - ✓ Teacher Appreciation Week
 - ✓ Children's Day
 - ✓ Grandparents' Day
- Ways to pay: Venmo and CashApp (phone or computer), Zelle, and checks
 - ✓ Venmo: @yhalepto_1
 - ✓ Cashapp: \$PTOYhale
 - ✓ Check to: YHALE PTO
 - ✓ Zelle: donate@yhalepto.org
 - ✓ Dropbox will be available at school

Fundraising Update

- Kevin Tremble
 - o Amazon Smile account pending authorization. We will get it setup soon.
- Si Lee
 - o Annual Donation Fund
 - GOAL : \$60,000.00
 - Purpose: Playground / Intl Library
 - Matching Donations up to \$20K
 - By October 15th 2021 (to make the purchases and arrange construction/installation). All Yhale family and friends are welcome to donate.
 - Need time to order, construction
 - Recognition board: \$2500 diamond, \$1500 platinum,\$1000 gold,\$500 silver,\$250 bronze
 - Playground will be in honor of Chase Fernandez

Treasurer Update



Peter. We recently migrated from PNC to Wells Fargo bank for better service and Zelle is activated now.

Events

- **Scholastic Book Fair (09/20-09/24) - Michelle**

[Teacher Book Wish Lists](#) - Gift Card Option for teachers works well if they have requested an "educator resource".

- Remaining Schedule – Thurs & Fri 2pm ~ 4pm Open to all parents & students after school outside in event tent
- Online Purchases Available 9/15 ~ 9/28
- ALL PURCHASES BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL

- **Moon Festival and Korean Thanksgiving (09/25) - Michelle**

- Volunteer; 4 parents signed up for Thursday (09/23, 4 pm) and 20 parents signed up for Friday (09/25, 8am-4pm).
- Sign up on [Sign Up Genius for Moon Festival Volunteering](#)
- To all volunteers
 - Prior to arrival, please complete the mandated Critical Reporter's Training [Mandated Training](#)
 - Please bring your driver's license to pass the CheckMate System at school.

Upcoming Events in October

- Mobile Library - September 23rd, October 7th, and 21st. You can come and get the library cards for kids.
- Fall Break - October 8-11th
- Picture Day - October 19th
 - With uniforms
- Trunk or Treat (Oct. 29th, After School). Need volunteers to come with trunk. Need donations for treats.

Ongoing ways to Volunteer

- [Lunch Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [Recess Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [Carpool Dropoff/Pickup Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [Teacher Favorites for Gift Ideas available in Dropbox.](#)
- Teacher Supply Wish Lists - Should come from your Room Parent
- [Mandated Training can be found on our YHALE website.](#) Volunteers must complete the free online training portion: Mandated Reporters: Critical Links in Protecting Children in Georgia. Print your certificate and turn it in to Ms. Clermont et mclermont@yhale.org. If you have completed the training within the last five years, you do not need to do the training again.



Questions and Answers From the Chat:

Q: Is the space in the back of the school that's fenced in large enough and ready for the playground that you're envisioning or will there need to be significant landscaping that needs to be done?

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:20 PM

That area will be the playground. I do not think there will be anymore landscaping put in. I know they are talking about the flooring (not sure exactly which they picked), but they mentioned rubber flooring.

Dan Li 7:19 PM

Q: Have we met our goal yet for the book fair?

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:21 PM

Dan Li - Great question. I don't know if we have hit it yet. We will check and get back to you!

A: Sinae Park 7:29 PM

Dan Li - I can only check the book fair goal at the register which is at school and I can update the goal status on our bookfair website. I will do that at school tomorrow morning for all to see the status. Thank you!

Q: Dan Li 7:25 PM

for carpool, I think we should stop about 5-10 mins before class so that the teachers can get ready for the day, just an idea

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:27 PM: We currently stop at 8:25.

Q: Cindy Rogers 7:28 PM

What is the deal with carpool? At 8:25, should parents park and directly walk their child into school (even if they've been in the carpool line since 8:20am)?

A: Susan George 7:30 PM: Carpool starts at 8:00

Q: Dan Li 7:31 PM

We might need to stop the carpool line sooner, then we can finish up the line, the remainder then walk their kids to the door? What is the deal with carpool? At 8:25, should parents park and directly walk their child into school (even if they've been in the carpool line since 8:20am)?

A: Dr. Yu: Yes, you can even park between 8:20-8:25 and walk with your kids

Cindy Rogers 7:35 PM

Thank you Dr. Yu

Trisha P. 7:37 PM

Unfortunately, some of us have a long commute with kids at home. I appreciate having the option to park and walk my daughter in.

Susan George 7:37 PM



It would help if students are ready to hop out as soon as the car stops. Some students are still buckled in or are still eating their breakfast.

Dan Ketmayura 7:38 PM

perhaps we can fundraise for a police officer to assist with directing traffic that would do wonders

Jennifer Yin 7:39 PM

Personally, I've never had any problems with morning carpool, but I always try to arrive between 8:05-8:10.

Dan Li 7:41 PM

Yes, there's never a line when I get there by 8:15. I was caught off guard earlier this week. Sorry for causing any troubles!

Jennifer Yin 7:41 PM

I'd rather use financial resources for things that will impact student enrichment & learning, not a traffic officer which I imagine might become quite costly.

Dan Li 7:42 PM

The traffic is not the issue. Everyone seem very organized. It's the last minute scramble.

Cindy Rogers 7:42 PM

Would it be helpful for people managing the carpool lines to wear "crossing guard" vests to show some level of authority?

David Sanders 7:43 PM

At other schools, the dropoff line and parking areas are completely separate, which tends to de-conflict. But we dropoff by 7:30 usually, so doesn't affect us!

Dan Li 7:44 PM

at our prek last year, drop off stops at 8:20 sharp, the students have to be there before 9am!

Susan George 7:44 PM

Thank you for being positive!

Dan Li 7:44 PM

I think we are trying to be too accommodating?

Q: Cindy Rogers 7:46 PM

Is the book fair taking cash?

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:46 PM

yes, book fair takes cash

Q: Jennifer Yin 7:27 PM

What time do we report to volunteer for afternoon carpool pick up, and what time is it usually done?

Dan Ketmayura 7:28 PM



Q: Do we need to put anything in the note or memo for the donation? Our name, child's name? Si Lee: you can put anything you like

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:28 PM

There is a sign up sheet with times. for carpool:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054baeac2ea5fd0-carpool>

A: Christina Ketmayura 7:29 PM

And donations will be tax deductible. You should receive a donation letter from PTO.

Q: For picture day, is it the same company we used last year?

A: Si Lee: No, it's a different company.

Q: Question about mask requirement when kids have stuffed nose under the weather. Kids cried due to hard time to breath with a mask and stuffed nose

A: Christina Ketmayura, Kevin, Si Lee. Mask policy was reviewed again this month and YHALE decided to keep the mask policy. Mask policy will be reviewed again monthly according to CDC's guideline. We have to consider everyone's safety.

S Choi 7:46 PM

Yes! Thank you PTO officers! You guys are all THE BEST!

Dan Ketmayura 7:47 PM

orange flash light wands and whistles have been useful when we managed movement of people for events at work

Je Yeong Yu 7:47 PM

It's true. PTO volunteers have been so great! Thank you so much!

Cindy Rogers 7:48 PM

Yes, thank you so much PTO and volunteers. You all are doing an AMAZING job. I know things will improve as we all grow in this new school experience :-)

Ji Ma 7:52 PM

We have reviewed the mask policy on the previous board meeting.

Which is two weeks ago.

Cindy Rogers 7:53 PM

It's about the well-being of the whole. Let's not forget that.

David Sanders 7:54 PM

We understand personal preferences, but we prefer the current mask policy. It was in place all last year as well and it allowed continuity throughout the school year. Our kids cannot be vaccinated, which is different than an adult group.

Dan Ketmayura 7:54 PM

I wonder if the board could consider face shields in lieu of masks as we did last year as well

Trisha P. 7:54 PM

I believe you have the option to have kids wear face shields as well?

Jennifer Yin 7:55 PM



Until kids this age are eligible to be vaccinated, i strongly believe the mask mandate needs to stay in place. Also we are entering cold/flu season so masks should help reduce the spread of that as well. And yes please do consider those children (including mine) who have underlying health risks.

Ji Ma7:55 PM

As we follow the CDC guidelines, shield is not recommended

Dan Li7:55 PM

there are some mask insert "shells" that can help with breathing

Ji Ma7:55 PM

Unfortunately, shield can not help with the spread of the virus.

So sorry, it is a hard time .

Dan Li7:56 PM

just search for "mask shell insert", it helps! I have one myself

Ji Ma7:58 PM

One of two colleagues got COVID even though they were vaccinated. One of them were really sick and she was in hospital for two weeks

Nancy Carpenter8:01 PM

As a teacher, I love seeing all of the parent volunteers in the school! Thank you all for all you are doing!

Tentative Future Meeting Dates through December

10/7 - YHALE Board Meeting 6:30pm

10/21 - PTO General Meeting 7pm

11/16 - PTO General Meeting 7pm

12/15 - PTO General Meeting 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 pm