

MCS PTA
SEPTEMBER General Meeting Agenda
9/16/25 6 pm
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Attendees: Peggy BT, Katie MH, Heather G, Bree K, Danielle M, Tracie H, Mallory K, Val L, Danielle G, Marie C, Lee P, Heather M, Jaime T,

Meeting called to order at 6:03

- Approval of [Minutes](#)
 - Motion approved unanimously
- President's Report
 - Mission Statement -
<https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Mission-Values>
 - Why did you join PTA?
 - common responses: connections with families and classroom, supporting teachers, building community, getting more involved with school
 - Open officer/chair positions
 - VP
 - Recruitment chair
 - Possibly including planning monthly meetups?
 - Donations chair
 - Additional teacher liaisons (This is for teachers to communicate requests/concerns between their teams and the PTA)
 - Maria PreK and K
 - 1 & 2 Heather Morrison
 - Lee Perkins for 3&4
 - Parent liaisons (can be a point of contact for specific teachers if they have questions about PTA)
 - Heather G - preK/K
 - Katie MH - ½
 - Bree - 3/4
 - Event co-chairs
 - After School Club/One-Off Liaison
 - CLYNK coordinator?? (see below for more info)
 - Old Business
 - PTA Membership [Survey Reminder](#)
 - MCS [volunteer form](#) reminder
 - Reminder to join our private fb group
 - We've been added to the Maine State PTA upgraded CheddarUp account
 - Paid Zoom account? Price would be: \$160 per year but possible 50% off for non-profits? Or \$10/month if we qualify as education?? **\$6.66/month yearly (~\$80)**
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - We will also be able to do polls in the chat in meetings!

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- Update on basketball hoops!
 - On Sunday, PTS officers poured cement for in-ground basketball hoop, needs to cure for a few more days
 - Tracie working with maintenance to see if they can help with the rest of the hoop install process
- October 14th - Maine state PTA having open session for networking with other PTA members in our region
- Shain's of Maine social event - people were busy with sports in fall weekends and some were deterred by large group / busy-ness
- Goal of bringing in more educational stuff for students/families:
 - Author visit - librarian Valerie Sullivan is very interested, going to do more research on [Gina Perry](#) to see if she would be a good fit, says that \$1000 for a full day school visit is actually very reasonable. She may be able to contribute to the cost via funds from last year's book fair but would love it if the PTA could help with paying for it.
 - Tracie still in favor of an author visit but wants Valerie's expertise on which authors would be a good fit
 - Email from the [science wizard](#) for science, math, or music assembly. \$1575 for one weekday daytime assembly. I reached out to ask if they have any upcoming tour dates near Maine so we wouldn't have to pay a travel fee. They have either the morning of Oct 30th (our halloween event...) or first week of June. Any interest from principals or teachers?
 - Concerns of age range and attention span
- Do we have Box Tops flyer/ info to send out in the school newsletter?
 - Mallory will send September flyer and general info to Tracie and PTA email
- How to make better use of CLYNK account? Recent staff interest in getting bags for classrooms, cafeteria, etc. Good passive income source
 - Mallory has account info that we can use to log in
 - We need to fill out ACH form with voided check to get quarterly payouts - Peggy will work on this
 - Mallory also provided info on who to contact to order more bags
 - Looks like it is \$24.90 to order 100 bags and they can take it out of our current balance (68.26)
 - Motion passes - Heather will order bags
 - "Supporters with personal CLYNK accounts can also donate their balance to your cause when signed-in to their account"

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- Do we need a staff point-person to distribute bags to various points within the school and coordinate with custodial staff?
 - How would we get the filled bags from the school to Hannaford? **Maria Cote volunteered to do this**
 - Do we need to communicate what items are eligible to students and staff? "Mixed redeemable - plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage containers you've paid a deposit on, all in one bag" - **staff are familiar with Clynk, this is probably not necessary**
- Is there anyone willing to take on the role of Clynk coordinator/chair??
 - Email from Kate Points: "I have a suggestion for getting the Clynk bags to Hannaford: What about a "monthly sign up"? You would sign up to be in charge of that month, maybe go once a week or every other week. This feels like a relatively easy task for a member who wants to be involved or is willing to volunteer some time in a very easy way." Kate is willing to sign up for a couple months but not be an official coordinator. **Tracie confirmed parent volunteer could skip pick-up line if they are doing this!! For now, Maria will do it but will let us know if she needs help.**
- Principals Update
 - Theme of month is respect - principals will wear pencil costumes to Loved Ones lunch, hopefully nice weather
 - Attendance awareness month - poster contest to promote importance of coming to school (unless you're sick)
- Treasurer Report
 - Reminder to pay dues - thank you to the 14 paid members so far! **Up to 20 by the end of the meeting!**
 - Annual PTA budget - **TBD, account issues still**
 - Bank account access - **hopefully soon! Plan to get this sorted on Friday**
 - Account Balances: **Total: 10,648.53**
 - Checking: **1,852.49**
 - Savings: **8,429.52**
 - Venmo: **154.00**
 - CheddarUp: **82.86**
 - Box tops: **61.40**
 - Clynk: **68.26**
 - Motion to remove Mallory K from the bank account, unanimously approved.

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- Events Committee
 - Halloween Trick or Treat - Heather is event lead, will email to reach out to other members who expressed interest in helping run event
 - Event info - Thurs, Oct 30 5:30-7:00
 - To try to limit waiting in line, splitting into 3 time slots:
 - 5:30 - Prek/K, 6:00 - 1/2, 6:30 - 3/4
 - Parents with kids in multiple grades can come whenever
 - Table signups - when to send out the signup genius list? Send out October 1st since event is later in the month, can add more tables more easily so start with 10ish and then can increase if needed
 - Candy donations - Last year we filled candy monster twice and still needed to dip into reserve bags. Make sure we ration candy especially with different grade levels at different times. Bree reminded Heather to look at last year's event worklog for notes.
 - Advertising - send flyers to Tracie on Oct 1st (ish) - will likely be rolled out to students at assembly on Friday, Oct 3rd. Heather has a flyer for the event itself and one for candy donations
 - Next monthly mixer??
 - Location: McDougals? Maybe mid oct?
 - McDougals said we could get a 10% group discount on apples in addition to the 10 c off for bringing our own bags
 - Do we have enough PTA bags? Yes, we have a lot of bags (500 ish) but they have an old logo, not current one.
 - Doable to put our new logo on top of old logo, Peggy will work on this
 - Do we have any sort of estimate of people? McDougal's requested it. Their group minimum is only 6.
 - Should we try to have people "RSVP" in advance or just use the fb event page?
 - No real estimate, just tell them we had ~10 people last time and are hoping for more this time
 - Time: Maybe try a weekday this time? Orchard is open til 5 m-w and til 6 th-fri. Possibly Thurs/Fri Oct 16/17 from 4-6.
 - Proposed that we do Thurs Oct 16 with Fri Oct 17 as rain date (or even following week if needed)
 - Could also do 3rd or 24th but may be too soon/close to halloween.
 - Could also do a wed (oct 8th or 22nd) from 3-5 with early release
 - Avoid wednesdays for teachers!

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- Maybe keep this one family friendly and try for more adult oriented for the next one? MillTowne Tavern?
 - Some confusion on if kid friendly or adult only - make sure to make this clear for future events!
- Any input on how to get more people to show up?
- Teacher Requests
 - K teachers - do you need any financial help with the apple picking field trip this Friday, 9/19? Any students who can't afford the \$5?
 - All set for this field trip (Heather and Katie MH are volunteering)
 - K would like to ask if they could bring in Chewonki to bring live animals into classroom to line up directly with K for Me curriculum
 - Total \$676 - this includes \$520 for 3 presentations plus travel fee from Wiscasset of \$156 (\$1 per mile round trip)
 - In past we set amount of \$400 per grade, K did not request PTA funds from last year, and they would not be requesting other field trip funds this year
 - Maria would need to request date availability soon, last year they were too late to get a spot
 - Motion to approve up to \$700 for Kindergarten presentation in lieu of a field trip, passed unanimously
- Upcoming Dates
 - Loved Ones Lunch (MCS event) on Friday 9/26/25 during your child's grade's lunch time - RSVP on the link from MCS
 - Tracie will resend link to RSVP so we can add to meeting notes
 - Backpack Program Lip Sync moved from 9/27/25 to 1/3/26
 - Someone perform with Peggy!
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm
 - Next Meeting - OCT 7, 2025 6 pm - Zoom only again? Any input on this?
 - (from now on, first Tues of month)

Notes	Votes
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