

BYLAWS
OF
Sheehan School PTA _____ PTA

Westwood _____ , Massachusetts

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c. ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association is Sheehan School PTA of Westwood, Massachusetts. It is a local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA organized under the authority of the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association Inc. (Massachusetts PTA), a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA). For convenience, the association shall be referred to in these bylaws as Sheehan PTA.

d. #ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of Sheehan School PTA, in common with those of National PTA and Massachusetts PTA are:

- a. To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, places of worship, and throughout the community.
- b. To raise the standards of home life.
- c. To advocate for laws that further the education, physical and mental health, welfare, and safety of children and youth.
- d. To promote the collaboration and engagement of families and educators in the education of children and youth.
- e. To engage the public in united efforts to secure the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well being of all children and youth; and
- f. To advocate for fiscal responsibility regarding public tax dollars in public education funding.

Section 2. The purposes of National PTA, Massachusetts PTA and Sheehan School PTA are promoted through an advocacy and educational program directed toward parents, teachers, and the general public; developed through conferences, committees, projects, and programs; and governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article III.

Section 3. The association is organized exclusively for the charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter "Internal Revenue Code").

e. #ARTICLE III: PRINCIPLES

The following are principles of Sheehan School PTA, in common with those of National PTA and Massachusetts PTA:

- a. The association shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- b. The association shall work with the schools and community to provide quality

education for all children and youth and shall seek to participate in the decision-making process establishing school policy, recognizing that the legal responsibility to make decisions has been delegated by the people to boards of education, state education authorities, and local education authorities.

- c. The association shall work to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and shall seek to promote collaboration between parents, schools, and the community at large.
- d. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private individuals except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.
- e. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (ii) by an association, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- f. Upon the dissolution of the association, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the association, the remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit funds, foundations, organizations, or associations that have established their tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- g. The association or members in their official capacities shall not, directly, or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; or devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise .
- h. A local **PTA**/PTSA/SEPTA unit may cooperate with other associations and agencies concerned with child welfare, but **PTA**/PTSA/SEPTA representatives shall make no commitments that bind the group they represent.

#ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND MASSACHUSETTS PTA

Section 1. This local **PTA** shall be organized and chartered under the authority of Massachusetts PTA in the area in which this local **PTA** functions, in conformity with such rules and regulations, not in conflict with the National PTA Bylaws, as Massachusetts PTA may in its bylaws prescribe. The Massachusetts PTA shall issue to this local **PTA** an appropriate charter evidencing the due association and good standing of this local **PTA**.

A local PTA in good standing is one that:

- a. Adheres to the purposes and principles of the PTA.
- b. Remits the national portion of the dues through the state PTA to reach the national office by dates designated by National PTA.
- c. Remits the state portion of the dues to the state PTA by the dates designated by Massachusetts PTA **November 1st and monthly thereafter.**
- d. Remits a membership list to the State PTA with dues each month. You may send

your list to the State PTA by email in an Excel spreadsheet format. With first and last name, phone number and email. The Massachusetts PTA does not share its membership lists.

- e. Has a minimum of 25 members. It is expected that membership drives be held on a yearly basis for increasing members; (Exceptions to this will be reviewed on an individual basis.)
- f. Has current officer list with **names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses** on file with Massachusetts PTA.
- g. Has current bylaws (bylaws approved by the state PTA within the last four (4) years are considered current).
- h. Has Employer Identification number (EIN) **on file with** Massachusetts PTA.
- i. File a 990 with the IRS (see IRS income-based requirements to determine which form you qualify for) and form PC with Massachusetts Attorney General

Section 2. The articles of association of the local **PTA** include (a) the bylaws of such association and (b) the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation of such association (in cases in which the association is a corporation) or the articles of association by whatever name (in cases in which the association exists as an unincorporated association).

Section 3. This local **PTA** shall adopt such bylaws for the government of the association as may be approved by Massachusetts PTA. Such bylaws shall not conflict with National PTA Bylaws or the bylaws of Massachusetts PTA.

Section 4. This local **PTA** shall include in its bylaws those articles and sections identified by the number (#) symbol as found in the Massachusetts PTA suggested local unit bylaws.

Section 5. Bylaws of this local **PTA** shall include an article on amendments.

Section 6. Bylaws of this local **PTA** shall include a provision establishing a quorum.

Section 7. The bylaws of this local **PTA** shall prohibit voting by proxy.

Section 8. A **PTA** member shall not serve as a voting member of this local unit's board while serving as a paid employee of or under contract to this local PTA.

Section 9. The charter of this local **PTA** shall be subject to withdrawal and the status of such association as a local **PTA** shall be subject to termination, in the manner and under the circumstances provided in the bylaws of Massachusetts PTA.

Section 10. This local **PTA** is obligated, upon withdrawal of its charter by Massachusetts PTA:

- f. To yield up and surrender all its books and records and all its assets and property to Massachusetts PTA or to another 501 (C) (3) association approved by Massachusetts PTA.
- g. To cease and desist from the further use of any name that implies or connotes association with National PTA or Massachusetts PTA or status as a constituent association of National PTA.
- c. To carry out promptly, under the supervision and direction of Massachusetts PTA, all proceedings necessary or desirable for the purpose of dissolving Sheehan School PTA.

Section 11. A local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** may dissolve and wind up its affairs in the following manner:

- a. The executive committee (or other body that, under its bylaws, manages the affairs of the local **PTA** shall adopt a resolution recommending the local **PTA** dissolve and directing that a question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a special meeting of members having voting rights. Written or printed notice stating purpose of such meeting is to consider the advisability of dissolving the local **PTA** shall be given to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting.
- b. Written notice of the adoption of such resolution, accompanied by a copy of the notice of the special meeting of members, shall be given to the president of Massachusetts PTA at least twenty (20) days before the date fixed for such special meeting of the members.
- c. Arrange for a Massachusetts PTA representative to speak to the executive committee or association prior to taking action.
- d. Only those persons who were members in good standing of the local **PTA** on the date of the adoption of the resolution and who continue to be members in good standing on the date of the special meeting shall be entitled to vote on the question of dissolution.
- e. Approval of dissolution of the local **PTA** shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote at the special meeting, a quorum being present. However, before the final vote can be taken, the members must decide how to dispose of the property and assets of the unit in accordance with Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Article III f).
- f. Notify Massachusetts PTA in writing with the results of the vote. If the local **PTA** unit votes to disband, they must return their Charter to the Massachusetts PTA Office. The Massachusetts PTA will notify the IRS that this unit is no longer a tax-exempt association of Massachusetts PTA and will also notify National PTA that the unit has dissolved.

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i. **ARTICLE V: MEMBERS AND DUES**

Section 1. Every individual who is a member of a local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** chartered by Massachusetts PTA is, by virtue of that fact, a member of National PTA and of Massachusetts PTA, and is entitled to all the benefits of such membership.

Section 2. Membership in this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the Mission and Purposes of National PTA.

Section 3. This local **PTA/PTA/SEPTA** shall conduct an annual enrollment of members prior to November 1 but may admit persons to membership at any time in accordance with Article 10 Section 5.

Section 4. Each member of a local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** shall pay such annual dues as may be determined by the association. The amount of dues shall include:

The portion payable to Massachusetts PTA as recommended by the Massachusetts PTA Board of Directors and approved by a majority of the voting body at the Massachusetts PTA Annual Meeting and The portion payable to National PTA as recommended by the National PTA Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting body at the National PTA Annual Convention.

Section 5. The state and national portion of the dues paid by each member to a local unit shall be set aside and remitted to Massachusetts PTA on or before November 1. **Additional dues from**

members joining after November 1 should then be submitted monthly and not kept as part of the local unit's treasury.

Section 6. An official membership card shall be issued when the member's name is entered into the unit's membership system and the dues payment is submitted. Membership cards may be issued either digitally or in hard copy. A membership card is not interchangeable between local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA units or schools and does not confer membership on more than one individual.

Section 7. Massachusetts PTA membership year is July 1 to June 30. Renewing members have until September 30 to submit their membership renewal, allowing a grace period from July 1 to September 30. During this grace period, members are entitled to their full membership rights, including voting rights on approval of the **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** budget and programs or meetings.

Section 8. Membership may be paid for by a scholarship or sponsorship. Funds must be identified and set aside in a "membership scholarship fund" within the budget. Teachers may be included to receive a membership scholarship with their permission.

Section 9. A **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit will not be considered a unit in good standing and therefore not eligible to participate in the Reflections Program if their dues have not been sent to the State Office by December 31st, bylaws are not current, and officers are not updated. Parents of reflections winners must be a member of the local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit or Cranberry PTA.

Section 10. A **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit will not be considered a unit in good standing and therefore not eligible for awards (national or state) if the dues are not on the Massachusetts PTA books by December 31st and bylaws are not current and officers are not updated.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of Sheehan School PTA shall be 1-3 presidents, 0-1 vice president(s) (only if only 1 president or co-presidents) 1- 2 secretaries, and 1-2 treasurers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by ballot in the month of May or as necessary throughout the year if a position is vacant.

Section 3. The vote shall be conducted by ballot. When there is but one candidate for an office, the ballot for that office may be dispensed with and election held by voice vote. A majority vote shall be required for the election.

Section 4. The following provisions shall govern the qualifications and eligibility of individuals to be officers of Sheehan School PTA.

- # a. Each officer shall be a member of Sheehan School PTA.
- b. No officer may be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, except in that situation where a qualified officer has agreed to extend their term in the absence of a qualified successor and as approved by the members of Sheehan School PTA.
- c. A person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.

Section 5. Officers shall assume their official duties following the close of the current school year and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

Section 6. A vacancy occurring in the office of president shall be filled for the remainder of the un-expired term by the co-president (or vice president if no co-president). The executive committee shall fill a vacancy in any office other than the president.

Section 7. There shall be a nominating committee composed of three (3) (uneven number, no less than three) members who shall be elected by this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** at a regular general membership meeting at least six months prior to the election of officers, as outlined in Article VI, Section 2.

- a. The committee shall elect its own chair.
- b. The nominating committee shall nominate at least one eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular general membership meeting in March (month), at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. A thirty-day notice of the meeting, including the slate of officers to be presented, must be given to the membership.
- c. Only those individuals who are current members of this local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA and who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.

Section 8. When an officer fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without adequate excuse or when an officer is not fulfilling the responsibilities of the office as prescribed in the bylaws, or engages in conduct which the executive committee determines to be injurious to the association or its purposes, the executive committee may by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, take such action as it determines appropriate, which may include: (1) asking for the resignation of the officer; (2) making a formal recommendation that the officer be removed from office following a hearing conducted in accordance with Due Process.*

***Footnote:** "Due Process" Procedures: Following the two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote recommending that the officer be removed from office: (1) The officer must be given fifteen (15) days' written notice of the hearing to remove the officer from office; (2) The written notice shall contain the reasons for the proposed removal, and shall be mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last address of the officer shown on the association's records; (3) At the hearing, the officer must be given an opportunity to address the executive committee, either orally or in writing; (4) Not less than five (5) days following the hearing, the executive committee shall convene and vote whether the officer will be removed from office; (5) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the executive committee shall be sufficient to remove the officer from office; (6) The removal vote shall be recorded in the executive committee minutes and shall specify the number of voting in favor of and against such removal."

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The president shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of Sheehan School PTA
- b. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- c. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** in order that the purposes may be promoted.
- d. Familiarize yourself with all PTA programs and resources.
- e. Sign all contracts.
- f. May appoint a parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the general membership of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.

g. Forward to the Massachusetts PTA by **June 30th** or if fall elections by **October 31st** the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of the officers that will serve for the following school year (**even if the officers do not change**). Massachusetts PTA does not share this information with 3rd parties.

- h. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the executive committee.

Section 2. The vice-president(s) shall:

- a. Act as aide(s) to the president.
- b. In their designated order (list order) perform the duties of the president in the president's absence or inability to serve.
- c. Familiarize yourself with all PTA programs and resources.
- d. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president, or the executive committee.

Section 3. The secretary shall:

- a. Record the minutes of all meetings of Sheehan School PTA.
- b. Be prepared to read the records of any previous meetings.
- c. File and retain all records.
- # d. Have a current copy of the bylaws (bylaws approved by the state within the last four (4) years are considered current).
- # e. Maintain a membership list, with names and addresses of members.
- f. Familiarize yourself with all PTA programs and resources.
- g. Perform such duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority, or directed by the president or executive committee.

Section 4. The treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of all the funds of Sheehan School PTA.
- # b. Maintain a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.
- # c. Make disbursements as authorized by the president or executive committee or this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** in accordance with the budget adopted by this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.
- d. Have checks signed by two people: the treasurer and one other person.
- # e. Notify the Massachusetts PTA Office of its unit's Employer Identification Number (EIN). If no number is presently available, the local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit must apply for one.
- # f. Shall keep all records of national and state portions of the membership dues separate from the records of the general fund of Sheehan PTA.
- # g. Present a written financial statement at every meeting of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** and at other times when requested by the executive committee or any member.

- # h. Forward the state and national portion of the membership dues to the Massachusetts PTA Office on or before November 1 along with names, Phone numbers and emails of members. **Massachusetts PTA does not give out its membership lists.** Additional membership dues should be submitted monthly thereafter.
- # i. Present an annual treasurer's report to this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** at the annual meeting.
 - # j. Have the accounts reviewed when a person who has signature authority leaves the board. This is to be done by an audit committee selected by the executive committee at least two weeks before the meeting at which the officers assume their duties.
- # k. File a 990 with the IRS (see IRS income-based requirements to determine which form you are required to file).
- # l. File form PC with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, submitting required forms in accordance with the instructions specified on the form.
- # m. File an annual report to the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office, if Incorporated.
 - n. Secure and maintain insurance for the local unit.
- # o. Submit annually to Massachusetts PTA by the 15th day of the 5th month the end of the local unit fiscal year a completed internal financial review form provided by Massachusetts PTA or a report from an independent auditor stating that an audit has been performed for the local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit.
 - p. Familiarize yourself with all PTA programs and resource (training and tools are available from your state PTA and National PTA).
 - q. Perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws, prescribed by the parliamentary authority or directed by the president or the executive committee.
- # Section 5. Accounts and records of Sheehan School PTA shall at all reasonable times, be open to inspection by an authorized representative of Massachusetts PTA or, where directed by the committee on state and local relationships.
- # Section 6. No two members of the same family may be on the signature card for this **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** unit's bank account.
- Section 7. All officers shall deliver to their successors all official materials no later than 30 days following the election of their successor, by the close of the school year, or upon resignation.

j. ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All units shall be governed by an Executive Committee.

An Executive Committee consists of

Elected Officers

Other (please specify) _____

A unit may, alternately, be governed by an Executive Board.

An Executive Board consists of

Elected Officers

Chairpersons of standing committees (as identified in bylaws)

Other (please specify) _____

NOTE: An Executive Committee or Executive Board is the group that meets between regular general membership meetings to transact business

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the elected officers of Sheehan School PTA.

Section 2. Special meetings of the executive committee may be called by the president or upon written request of four (4) members with seven (7) days' notice to each member of the executive committee. Notice may be given by means of regular mail, electronic mail, telephone, website postings, printed media, or any combination thereof.

Section 3. A majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. Duties of the executive committee shall be to:

a. Transact necessary business in the intervals between general **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** meetings and such other business as may be referred to it by this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.

b. Appoint standing and special committee chairs and members as may deem necessary to promote the purposes of PTA and carry on the work of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.

c. Approve the work of the committees.

d. Make a report at the general meetings of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.

e. Select an auditor or audit committee to be approved by the general membership of the local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** to audit the treasurer's accounts.

f. Prepare and submit to this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** for adoption a budget for the year.

g. Approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.

The executive committee shall take no action in conflict with any action taken by the general membership of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**.

k. ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Only members of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** shall be eligible to serve in any elective or appointive positions.

Section 2. The term of each standing committee chair shall be 1 year(s) or until the selection of a successor.

Section 3. The chair of each committee shall present a plan of work to the executive committee for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the executive committee.

Section 4. When a chairman fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings without an

adequate excuse or when a chairman is not fulfilling the responsibilities of the office as prescribed in the bylaws, or engages in conduct which the executive committee determines to be injurious to the association or its purposes, the executive committee may by a two-thirds vote (2/3) affirmative vote, take such action as it determines appropriate, which may include: (1) asking for the resignation of the chairman; (2) making a formal recommendation that the chairman be removed from office.

Section 5. Upon the expiration of the term of office or in the case of the resignation or termination, each chairman shall turn over to the president, without delay, all records, books, and other material pertaining to the chairmanship, and shall return to the treasurer, without delay, all funds belonging to the association.

Section 6. The chairmen and members of special committees shall serve until their assignments have been completed.

I. ARTICLE X: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. At least 4 regular meetings of the association shall be held during the school year. Dates of the meetings shall be determined by the executive committee and announced at the first regular PTA/PTSA/SEPTA meeting of the school year 5 days' notice shall be given to the general membership of any change of date. Notice may be given by means of regular mail, electronic mail, telephone, website postings, printed media, or any combination thereof.

Section 2. Special meetings of Sheehan School PTA may be called by the president or by a majority of the executive committee or by written request of with 3 days' notice having been given. Notice may be given by means of regular mail, electronic mail, telephone, website postings, printed media, or any combination thereof.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall be in MAY (month) and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and conducting any other business that may arise.

Section 4. 15 (number) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of Sheehan School PTA.
(Quorum should be at least double the number of officers and should be an odd number)

Section 5. The privilege of making motions, debating, and voting at local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** meetings shall be limited to members of the association who are present and whose dues are paid and who are in good standing.

m. ARTICLE XI: COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP if applicable (Not applicable to Sheehan School PTA)

[This article applies only to those local PTAs/PTSAs/SEPTAs holding membership in a council PTA. The following section **must** correspond to council PTA bylaws and are provided as a guideline to local PTAs/PTSAs/SEPTAs.]

- Section 1.
- a. This local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA shall be represented in meetings of _____ Council PTA by the president or appointed alternate, and by (number) delegates

or their alternates. All representatives to the council must be members of this local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA.
 - b. Delegates and their alternates shall be chosen by election in _____ (month).
 - c. Delegates to _____ Council PTA shall serve for a term of ____year(s).

Section 2. This local PTA/PTSA/SEPTA shall pay annual dues of _____ to the Council PTA as provided in the Council PTA bylaws

ARTICLE XII: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of Sheehan PTA shall begin July 1st and end the following June 30th.

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o. **#ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern Sheehan PTA and in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with these bylaws, National PTA Bylaws, Massachusetts PTA bylaws, or the articles of incorporation.

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q. **ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at any regular general membership meeting of Sheehan PTA by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, a quorum being present, and notice of the proposed amendments has been provided to the membership thirty days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A committee may be appointed by a majority vote at a general meeting of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**, or by a 2/3 vote of the executive committee of this local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA**, to submit a revised set of bylaws as a substitute for the existing bylaws.

Section 3. Submission of amendments or revised bylaws for approval by Massachusetts PTA shall be in accordance with the bylaws or regulations of Massachusetts PTA.

Section 4. The adoption of an amendment to any provision of Massachusetts PTA suggested local PTA unit bylaws identified by a number (#) symbol shall serve automatically and without the requirement of further action by Sheehan School PTA to amend their corresponding bylaws. This local **PTA/PTSA/SEPTA** shall promptly incorporate such amendments in its bylaws.

r. BYLAWS SUBMISSION FORM FOR LOCAL UNITS
Amendments or Revisions to Bylaws

Unit Name: _____

Unit Number (8-digits): 00025154

Bylaw Committee Contact Person: Julie Slotnick

Address: 98 Highview Street

City, State, Zip: Westwood, MA 02090

Daytime Phone: Day Phone: 617-599-9602 Evening Phone: : 617-599-9602

Email Address: Julie.slotnick@gmail.com

Was official notice given (per bylaws) of intent to amend bylaws? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, date of notice: _____

If no, reason: _____

Was a quorum present at the time of voting? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Meeting Date: Melissa McDonagh

President's Name (please print): _____

Email Address: melissa.mcdonagh@gmail.com

Street, City, State, Zip: 280 Burgess Ave, Westwood, MA 02090

Telephone: 773-715-3542

Secretary's Signature: (may type in name if submitting by email) Julie Slotnick

Date Submitted: 6/6/2022

For approval please submit:

- Bylaw's submission form
- **Completed bylaws to be submitted on the most current suggested local unit bylaws template in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx extension).**
- Submission should be made by email to bylaws@masspta.org.

Allow at least 2-3 weeks for response from the State Bylaws Chair. An approval letter will be sent to the Bylaws Contact Person.

If you wish to keep track of your bylaws changes here is the space to do so.

Summary of Changes Made to Sheehan School PTA Bylaws

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- a. Remits the state portion of the dues to the state PTA by the dates designated by Massachusetts PTA

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#ARTICLE IV: RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND MASSACHUSETTS PTA

- c. Remits the state portion of the dues to the state PTA by the dates designated by Massachusetts PTA November 1st and monthly thereafter;

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ARTICLE IV RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND MASSACHUSETTS PTA

- h. Has Employer Identification number (EIN) on file with Massachusetts PTA.

Now Reads

ARTICLE IV RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL PTA AND MASSACHUSETTS PTA

- h. Has Employer Identification number (EIN) on file with Massachusetts PTA.

- i. File with the IRS a 990-N, 990EZ or 990 and form PC with Massachusetts Attorney General

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s. #ARTICLE V: MEMBERS and DUES

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- d. May appoint a parliamentarian, subject to the approval of the general membership of this local PTA;
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