



LCTA PTA General Membership Meeting

- **Date:** 11/7/2025
- **Time:** 10:00 – 11:05 AM
- **Location:** Lyles Crouch Traditional Academy Multi-Purpose Room

Meeting Minutes

Board/Committee	Topic	Time	Presenter	Notes
President	● President's Report	30 min	Paige Guthrie	PTA President, Paige Guthrie, welcomed everyone and expressed her appreciation for their attendance, noting that this was the first general in-person PTA meeting held since approximately 2020. Paige began by recapping recent PTA activities, starting with the Fall Festival. She shared that the event was a tremendous success, largely due to the enthusiastic participation of students and the strong turnout of volunteers. However, she emphasized that the process of securing the necessary permits was unexpectedly complicated. Despite not being intended as a fundraiser, the event still generated about \$800 in revenue. She then reviewed the busy month of October. Activities included the conclusion of the "Just Because" fundraiser, the closing of spirit wear orders, and the completion of the Reflections program. Judging for the Reflections entries is underway and expected to conclude next week. A recognition ceremony for participating students is scheduled for November 21. Paige then reviewed upcoming events, noting that Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day will take place on November 14. Students may be out of uniform and are encouraged to wear purple. Finally, Paige encouraged members to participate in "PTA Capitol Day" on January 23 in Richmond. This event provides an opportunity for PTA members to meet directly with legislators and advocate for issues affecting students, especially in light of anticipated budget cuts. Paige plans to attend and hopes to bring a

				group with her to show strong support. Action Items: N/A
Fundraising	PTA “Just Because” Fundraiser	10 min	Elle Sawyer	The meeting moved into a detailed discussion of fundraising results. Paige reported that the “Just Because” fundraiser brought in \$23,000. The PTA transitioned to this simplified fundraiser format as an alternative to last year’s larger and more labor-intensive auction event. Several attendees shared feedback. Suggestions were made to simplify the system through digital tracking options, clearer instructions, or smaller donation tiers to encourage wider participation. The consensus was that the effort remained successful and accessible for families. Action Items: N/A
Treasurer	- Treasurer's Monthly Budget Report - Revised Budget	15 min	Mike Detomo	The PTA discussed budget adjustments, including removing the parent social from the budget, reducing the budget for teacher appreciation, and adjusting classroom support to \$50 per classroom for two parties per year. They also reviewed changes to the 5th grade promotion budget, which was reduced to \$800, and confirmed that field trips would be funded for one trip per student. The revised budget was voted upon and unanimously approved by the PTA Members present at the meeting. Action Items: N/A
General Discussion	Teacher Appreciation	10 min	All	The discussion then shifted to teacher appreciation efforts and the PTA's December social event. The group explored how to balance a holiday gathering with meaningful teacher appreciation. Action Items: Casey/Sapna - work on a proposed budget to balance the teacher holiday social and teacher appreciation week

Upcoming Events

Date	Start Time	Event
November		Native American, American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month
November 3 - 7		National School Psychology Week
Friday, November 14		Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day
Thursday, November 20		School Picture Retake Day
Friday, November 21	8:30 -9:00 AM	Reflections Assembly (postponed)
November 26 - 28		Fall Break/Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, December 2	7:00 - 8:00 PM	PTA Executive Board Meeting
Friday, December 5	7:45 - 8:15 AM	Uniform Locker
Friday, December 5	8:30 - 9:00 AM	Reflections Ceremony
Tuesday, December 9	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Parent Holiday Social/O'Connell's
Thursday, December 11		Dinner Service at Alexandria Community Shelter
Thursday, December 18	9:00 - 10:00 AM	Winter Concert Kindergarten & 1st Grade
Thursday, December 18	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Winter Concert Grades 2nd & 3rd Grade
December 22 - January 2		Winter Break/Christmas NO SCHOOL