

Meeting Agenda

Acting Principal/Welcome – Stacy Hall, President

Staff Report

Notes:

- *This meeting is being held in person and via conference, and any inappropriate behavior or content will be removed, and the meeting will be terminated if necessary*

- *We follow Robert's Rules of Order*

Attendance: Names taken in person and for online attendees

Approval of Meeting Minutes (from May 27, 2021)

- *Minutes from previous meeting will be reviewed on the screen, as we can't provide hard copy in person*

- *Must be approved by quorum vote*

Principal's Report – Heather Hitz/Janice Suitte/Sharon Hickey

- *Enrollment #s*

- *Announcements/Upcoming items*

- *Any thank you(s)*

President's Report – Stacy Hall

- *Welcome and Thank You*

- *Upcoming PTA Events*

- o *Outdoor Movie Night – Friday, Oct 15 starting at sundown. Working on take out option for dinner*

- o *Book Fair – runs Friday, Oct 15-22 – details to come for family nights and other purchase options! (Sarah Kelsey to present info)*

- *New Business/Ideas*

- o *Paint Night – Virtual or in person?*

- o *Family or Adult only Trivia Night – Virtual or in person?*

- *Next Meeting – Friday October 8th both in person and via conference*

Treasurer's Report (Allison Horton)

- *Budget presentation for 2022-2022 year*

- *Review of audit and approval by attendees*

- *Suggestions, strategies or changes*

Vice President of Fundraising's Report (Kristina Cecere)

- *Armchair fundraiser – easy, peasy and details will be coming mid-October. No selling, hitting up friends/family for anything.*

Committee Reports

- *Family Night Out*
 - o *Co-Chairs Rubaat Ali, Meredith Lee and Menka Linthicum*
 - o *Next event is Moe's Southwest Grill on Wed Sept 29th. Food will be picked up from PES from 5:30-6 pm in the Kiss and Ride loop. Order at <https://tinyurl.com/PESMoes>*
- *Spirit Wear*
 - o *Store is open all year!*
 - o *Visit www.providence.ptboard.com or the spirit wear website directly at www.providenceschoolspiritwear.com FREE shipping always on orders over \$50*
- *Membership (Stu Mackenzie)*
- *Box Tops*
 - o *It's a slow go! We've raised \$6.40 so far this school year toward our goal of \$1,000. Please consider downloading the Box Tops app to help us reach our goal!*
- *Current Fundraiser (Kristina Cecere) – new "armchair" fundraiser this year*
- *Community Outreach (Kimberly Lloyd?)*
- *Amazon Smile*
 - o *We've received \$2,423.46 as of September, including \$176.39 from the period June-Aug. Total numbers are since the plan began but you can see how quickly it adds up!*
 - o *PLEASE consider using Amazon Smile as you start to do your shopping!*
 - o *Can set up on the app or from the website, but if shopping online you MUST order from smile.amazon.com for PES PTA to receive credit*

How can you help?

- *Get involved! We'll have lots of opportunities available next year!*
- *Think something should be done better? This is your opportunity to make that change!*
- *Community Outreach help needed!*
- *Visit our open roles at <https://providence.ptboard.com/school/cm?mid=2381>*

Upcoming events/New business:

- *Anything we missed?*

[Secretary's Meeting Minutes of Items Discussed:](#)

[Principal Hicks Intro:](#)

[Great Start to year, 983 students](#)

[Virtual Back to School was a success w/80% family participation](#)

[Schooly/Zoom is the new technology application, teachers and staff are still training and hope to get started using the new technology regularly](#)

Teacher Week back-Harlem globetrotters filmed a video for the students to welcome them back here at Providence

New program-Spanish literacy initiative, if Spanish speaking families have interest in accessing Spanish focused literacy/books- please contact the main office.

Testing (Some new/some old)

IReady-Language Arts & Math in September-Kinder-6th graders tested

VA Growth Assessments-½ the length of IReady-Language Arts and Math based, teachers are currently training on the new test. Families can opt out. Test will be end of September/October

SEL Component Social/Emotional Learning Assessment. 18 Questions helping school assess the emotional learning and mental impact facing students. Data collected leads to possible funding and possible added staff. Testing for Kinder-6th grade

Staff/Teachers focus for these first 3 weeks has been on building relationships with students, in order to have a strong welcome back to the building.

PTA Notes-

Guidance on PTA events: Please use time slots for events to limit the size of groups for PTA events at this time. Using a combination of Virtual/in person options when available is also requested. PTA recently hosted a welcome back breakfast--great success! Anita's breakfast and Popcicle parties were greatly appreciated and helped build PES community.

Thank you to all the new chairs/board members/Spanish liaison

Sept 29th-Moe's Chantilly Food fundraiser, pick up family meals in kiss and Ride, \$5 donation to PTA for every meal sold

Oct 8th-Zoom PTA meeting

Oct 15- Outdoor Movie Night Out W/ food order, fliers will be sent home, Movie title TBA

Oct 15-In-Person Bookfair will be going

Coin challenge will help to fund books for community. Very popular fundraiser, \$1500 raised last year.

Possible Other events being planned

Paint Night-possible holiday theme

Family Trivia Night

Adult Trivia Night

Mid October Armchair fundraiser-easy on families

All PTA members please consider updating your contact information to the directory, school will provide parents and emails eventually, but it is easier to coordinate connections if parents update information to the directory

New Budget and report coming soon

Spirit Wear store is open, but a new update will be coming mid October, all items will be directly shipped to the families house, \$50 free shipping

Box Tops-download the app and scan, Walmoart and other stores may offer double points

Amazon Smile-Please connect your Amazon account to the Amazon Smile-PES PTA, \$2000+ donations for PTA with Amazon giving .05% on all purchases

PTA Memberships-Merch on its way

- 23 Bronze
- 5 Teacher
- 8 Silver
- 7 Gold
- 15 Platinum

Dr. Kristen Johnson gave a great presentation on Covid Safety.

Mask

Get Outside

Stay HomeSick/Get tested

*If you are having trouble getting a COVID test from your DR. Contact the Fairfax City Health Department

Principal answered Questions on Covid protocols, and how the school is dealing with the cases so far.

*Students who have more than 15 minutes of 3ft or closer contact with any Covid positive students/staff- families will be notified ASAP, but the whole school community will be notified on Fridays of any school exposure.

*New Plexi Glass has been added in cafeteria to limit groups exposure

*Health Department is backlogged, but time is getting better, students who are exposed must wait for health department to determine when they can return to school

*Additional live streaming may be a future possibility for quarantined kids-without back and forth interaction, but able to watch their classroom

- *Please understand confidentiality blocks information on sharing what classrooms have been exposed, you will be called if your child was in close contact
 - *Tracing continues to be difficult at Recess
 - *To limit exposure-switching classrooms, and moving for specials has been limited
 - *Staff exposure-health department move slower (due to vaccinations). The reporting and contact tracing focuses on kids first.
 - *Administration/Health Department decided Shut down classes/school--NOT TEACHERS!
 - *Parents can help by notifying the main office if you have positive/negative test results when returning to school after a sickness you keep your child home for.
 - *If you are/know anyone interested in work--Providence needs class monitors to help with outdoor lunches and monitoring classes when teachers need to be virtual/absent.
 - *Band and Strings may possibly move outdoors
 - *Snacks are being offered outdoors at recess.
- Principal may look into PTA volunteers to help monitor lunch outdoors.

Title I Information/Update

- *44% Reduced lunches @ Providence, allows school to qualify for Title I status. But the resource benefits the whole community.
- *Title I=more resource teachers, support staff, additional training/programs that non Title I schools don't have
- *Parent Liaison is Piedad Dwyer <https://providences.fcps.edu/staff/piedad-dwyer>
- *Parents can help most by
 - Read w/ your child everyday
 - Practice Math skills
 - Monitor classwork and meet w/ teachers for conferences
 - Create a place/time in the home for homework to be completed