

## OGA PTA General Meeting

March 4, 2021 Virtually held via Zoom

This is the third PTA members' meeting of the school year, held virtually, called to order by President, Jacquelyn Nystrom, at 5:30 pm. Other Board members present are: Sara Alexander, Sarah Courtney, and Melissa Vaughn. Members and attendees present are Nadia Ballard, Melonie Schwartz, Danielle Cosme, Cory Painter, Amber Lineberry, Adam Pridemore, Christina Cuomo, Christina Prosser, Jami Valentine Miller, Melonie Schwartz, Shannon Dukes.

**Call to Order by President**, Jacquelyn Nystrom, at 5:35pm, who thanked all in attendance and gave particular appreciation for teachers attending. A quorum was present.

**Minutes of Last Meeting** were visually displayed and briefly highlighted by Sarah Courtney, PTA Recording Secretary. No changes were suggested. Minutes approved as written.

**Principal's Report**- There was no report this month.

**Treasurer's Report**- There was no report this month.

**Board Activity Report**- Jacquelyn Nystrom, PTA President, announced there has been some updating of our **website**, with much more to come. Nadia Ballard was introduced as she has volunteered to update the website.

**Discussion**- PTA is focused on Communications. A **poll** was taken during the meeting asking preferred platform for announcements and general communication. Remind was suggested to replace ClassDojo. Memberhub is a PTA platform already set up and used for membership payments, but has email and text capability. Suggestion that Primary source be the website, and other modes are ancillary.

### **Committees' Reports-**

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation**- Sara Alexander, Committee Chair, announced that limited people are allowed on campus, so only a few volunteers are needed to organize an event each day of the week in May. Please email Sara at [OGAPTA@gmail.com](mailto:OGAPTA@gmail.com)

**Community-building**- Committee Chair (Vacant)

**Fifth Grade Celebration**- Jacqueline Nystrom, President, announces that Bridget McCully, Committee Chair is connecting with and seeking volunteers through the OGA 5th grade Facebook page.

### **New Business**

The OGA PTA Board: voted in Nadia

1. Election of Nadia Ballard as a new board member, title Communications Tech
2. Expenditures needing approval, Melissa Vaughan - deferred until April
3. Book Dedications update- Ms. Lineberry
4. Updated carpool link on our website for next year's planning and new parents to the school, pending Chris Pratt approval
5. Survey of timing preference for this meeting
6. Discussion of election of officers for 2021-2022 school year

**Announcements & Upcoming Events** President called upon or announced:

Ms. Lineberry book donation. \$15 per book dedication with a pretty label and quote. Students get one-on-one time with Ms Lineberry to pick out the book. Conscious kid website will donate a box of books to teachers. Accepts book gently used donations

PTA is open to changing the start time of future meetings. 5, 5:30, or 6pm were options and members were encouraged to put their feedback in the chat or email [OGAPTA@gmail.com](mailto:OGAPTA@gmail.com).

Megan Sears will be in charge of Boxtops.

**Unfinished Business was not addressed due to time constraints.**

1. **Internet safety** was a concern brought up at the last meeting. This concern is most appropriate to be discussed by the School Advisory Committee (SAC) or directly with Principal Despenza.  
PTA resource: <https://www.pta.org/home/events/safer-internet-day>

**Spirit Merchandise** is available for purchase, but PTA needs a Coordinator and one or two additional volunteers to manage the sales and distribution. To volunteer, please email [OGAPTA@gmail.com](mailto:OGAPTA@gmail.com).

Next meeting **April 8th at 5:30 pm** virtually. Link forthcoming.

Meeting disconnected at 6:07pm.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Sarah Courtney.