

# Pioneer PTA General Meeting: Agenda

## Meeting Logistics

<b>Date and Time</b>	Wednesday March 22, 2023 @ 6:30 pm	<b>Location</b>	Pioneer Elementary Library and <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3584387884?pwd=Q0U2TGppRnMwZ3Z1U0ZqVEJyamNJZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3584387884?pwd=Q0U2TGppRnMwZ3Z1U0ZqVEJyamNJZz09</a>
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Attendees     *X = Attended the meeting*

X	President – Swapna Panigrahi	X	VP Communication – Lisa Herrington	X	Principal – Rachana Sidhu
X	Exec VP - Gretchen Tornabene	X	VP Enrichment – Kellie Black-Holcroft		Teacher Rep – Len Fingerman
X	Treasurer – Bridget Preiss		VP Membership – Lisa Gray	X	Teacher Rep – Amy Hunter
X	Secretary – Corie Calfee	X	VP Fundraising – Justine Irvin	X	Auditor - Dao Choi

Additional attendees:

Michelle Rozman  
Rachel Villalon  
Lauren Adams  
Liz Ruess  
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER (Swapna Panigrahi)

- President—present a motion to suspend the rules to have a virtual meeting, 2/3 vote needed. Bridget Preiss moved; Amy Hunter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Secretary: roll call to make sure all microphones are working, video not necessary.

VOTING ITEM(S):

- Motion to approve minutes from 2/22/23 General Meeting. Bridget Preiss moved; Gretchen Tornabene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve checks #7555 - 7561 for a total of \$3,681.23. Gretchen Tornabene moved; Corie Calfee seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve Cash Advance for Spring Book Fair of \$378
  - We usually only approve \$100 of cash advance, but based on the volume of sales, it looks like we needed additional cash upfront
  - Justine Irvin moved; Bridget Preiss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Pridewear Updates. They were sold with paper forms in February. Ink Monkey may be able to set up a virtual store for pridewear for limited time periods.
- Scholastic Dollars Spending - discussion of submitted requests. Additional books will be coming this spring.
- Membership Drive (Lisa G.). There were about 20 new members added through the drive. Finnoch and Pesmark won pizza parties due to the highest participation percentages. .
- 3/20 - 3/24 Teacher Conference Week. PTA hopes that it is going smoothly.
- 3/20 - 3/24 Spring Book Fair Updates. The Book Fair has already generated about \$7,700 in sales. There has, however, been a higher than typical amount of theft, especially of the smaller items.
- 2023-24 PTA Board Elections moved to May due to lack of confirmed interest
  - President: Vacant
  - Vice President: Vacant
  - Treasurer: Bridget Preiss
  - Secretary: Vacant
  - VP Communication: Vacant
  - VP Membership: Vacant
  - VP Enrichment: Vacant
  - VP Fundraising: Vacant
  - We will be reaching out to our super volunteers over the next few weeks and sending out a message to the whole community in April
  - We MUST have our slate of candidates by the May Board meeting and finalize the vote at our May General on 5/24
  - Rachel Villalon is interested in serving as VP of Membership.
- Thoughts: A PTA Advocacy Wish List - Our School and Beyond!
  - Board has discussed items navigating the tech/internet landscape and encouraging community service projects for students. There will be a safe tech talk.
  - We would love to hear your suggestions!
- Upcoming Events:
  - 3/27 - 3/31 Spring Break!
  - 4/25 Dog Dash
  - May - CAASP Testing
  - 5/1 - 5/5 Teacher Appreciation Week
  - 5/17 Spring Fling
  - PTA General Meeting 5/24

PRINCIPAL UPDATE (Principal Sidhu).

- Many thanks to the PTA.
- The book fair looks amazing. Stephanie has done an incredible job and we appreciate the fundraising. The teachers are also appreciative.
- Conference week is going smoothly.
- The faculty and staff appreciate the food this week.
- There is a new screen up in the office that will play a slideshow from each grade and many events to introduce folks to what Pioneer is.

- There was a discussion of whether and how to open the loop. There are many safety concerns. An idea was raised of having a committee of volunteers organize and staff the loop to keep people safe.

#### TEACHER UPDATES (Mr. Fingerman, Mrs. Hunter)

- Mr. Fingerman thanked the PTA for the food this week.
- Ms. Hunter asked that children not arrive at school early.
- Ms. Hunter asked that intermediate kids please return balls to the ball baskets.
- Sixth graders are coming up on their big debates and they are very excited about it.
- Students are looking forward to open house.
- There have been a number of field trips and they have gone well.
- The 5th and 6th graders are especially liking the older kid selections, especially non-fiction and cookbooks.
- There was a robust discussion of before-school drop off culture and the possibility of before-school care through extra-curricular activities or otherwise.

#### OFFICER UPDATES

- President
  - Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered at Montgomery's auction! It was such a fun night and it was great to see so many Prairie Dogs out and about!
  - There will be an all Davis PTA/PTO meeting coming up.
  - The School Board recently approved a new shade structure for the Pioneer playground.
- Exec VP.
  - Ongoing work with Eli and Al to purchase new letters for the marquee.
  - She is meeting with Ms. Powell tomorrow to discuss PBIS shirts for everyone for next year.
- Treasurer.
  - There is working happening for the PTA to reimburse the school for various budgeted positions.
  - The bank balance today is \$101,772.31.
- Secretary
- VP Communication.
  - Dog Dash is being planned. There is a committee including Liz on sponsorships.
  - Communication about sign-ups is going out soon.
- VP Enrichment.
- VP Membership
- VP Fundraising.
  - Goal is to have the Dog Dash 99 Pledges before spring break so it will be ready to go live.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50