



Waverly Elementary School PTA

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General Membership Meeting

October 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Virtual via Google Meet

ATTENDANCE (29)

Cherilyn Brown, Principal
Cheryl Santoni, Assistant Principal
Amber Taylor, Leadership Intern

Jennifer Bagdasarian, President
Tiffany Tangen, Vice President of Membership
Amy Crouch, Vice President of Fundraising
Heather DePriest, Treasurer
Benjamin Bach, Co-Treasurer, PTACHC Representative
Ashley Jolissaint Hopper, Corresponding Secretary
Vanessa Hong, Recording Secretary

Alayne Huntmeier
Alysia Ruta
Atousa Fouladichami
Cathy He
Chakara Davis
Christina Miller
Denny D'Arbela
Edmund Asante
Jacqueline Casserly
Jill Ruppe
Kelly Van Horn
Mercy Debele
Sanorita Dey
Shari Haddaway
Svitlana Bach
Tim Cullison
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MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM: Call to order by Dr. Bagdasarian (President)

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

- **Mrs. Brown (Principal):**

- Thank you to PTA for the Trunk or Treat event this past Saturday
- School closed for students October 18 & October 31
- Flu & COVID vaccine clinic October 25, please sign up by October 9
<https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/5786902129> . Will check if parent volunteers are needed as in the past.
- **Mrs. Santoni (AP):** Reminder to adhere to last year's updated traffic pattern at drop-off and pick-up to reduce traffic accidents, especially entering Wetherburn Rd from the NW entrance because those entering from the SE entrance off Old Frederick Rd are slowing traffic.
- **Ms. Taylor (Admin. Intern):** Individual Picture Days are Oct 15 & 16. Flyers will be coming home Friday. Preorder online: <https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001157018>
- **Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liaison):**
 - Trunk or Treat: Positive feedback from teachers and students who attended.
 - Parent-teacher conferences: Dr. Bagdasarian reported that PTA will provide dinner for teachers 11/25/24 at 5 PM. PTA will get information about allergies from teachers before placing order.
 - Happy Principal Month, Mrs. Brown!

REPORTS FROM WES PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Benjamin Bach (PTACHC Rep.):**
 - <https://www.ptachc.org/> Thursday, 10/10/24, |7 PM - 8 PM: comprehensive virtual session on PT(S)A Advocacy 101, designed to empower PT(S)A members with the knowledge and tools to effectively advocate for our students and schools.
 - <https://www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/OCTOBER-2024-PTACHC-LEGISLATIVE.pdf> Legislative Update in re new policy for cel phone use in schools. One suggestion is that parents take more responsibility. District is open to other suggestions.
 - Legislative meeting was attended by government representatives including MD State Senators Katie Frye Hester and Clarence Lam. They presented priorities for next session, including approval of mental health funding in Maryland (\$5-6 million to Howard County). Expenditure gaps discussed as a result of the increase in cost of construction; schools have not been built to support previous housing growth.
- **Dr. Bagdasarian (President):**
 - Approval of September 2024 PTA meeting minutes.
 - Trunk or Treat:
 - Thank you parents, teachers, and staff, for attending and making the event a success.
 - Turkey Trot:
 - at Mount Hebron High School on 11/2/24
 - Teacher Conferences:
 - Nov. 25. PTA will be hosting dinner for teachers. Please reach out to volunteer for helping to organize.
 - International Day
 - December 13. Please reach out to PTA to help plan parts of it, ideas for performers, limited options for students to perform as well so reach out about that if interested,
 - Book Fair
 - Nov/Dec. Information will be finalized and will be disseminated.
 - PTA positions still open. Please reach out to find out more. wavespta@gmail.com
 - Teacher purchasing:
 - Reach out to Mrs. Deckman and she will communicate with the PTA..

Treasurer will write a check to Mrs. Deckman to reimburse.

- **Heather DePriest (Treasurer):**

- As of August 30: \$32,732 in checking, \$20,185 in savings,
- At this time of year, working on the paperwork for what is due to the local and state level PTA groups by 12/1/24.
- Need to meet with accountant with PTA members, including Dr. Bagdasarian, Tiffany Tangen & Ben Bach.

- **Tiffany Tangen (VP of Membership)**

- 144 members. Will do a membership drive in November. Anyone, including teachers, who joins during November, will be put into raffle for free t-shirt. May join on website, <https://wavespta.com/>. Membership is annual, so remember to rejoin every year. Thank you to those who have joined and support the PTA.
- Dr. Bagdasarian: Will tally up the membership in each grade to determine who won a popsicle party.

- **Amy Crouch (VP of Fundraising)**

- Tomorrow is Squisito restaurant night. Can go from open to close, mention Waverly at check out, and they will contribute a percentage back to the school. The more that we spend, the higher percentage that they will contribute back to the PTA.
- Thank you everyone in the community for attending previous nights!
- Yogi Castle restaurant night raised \$128. Woodstock Inn restaurant night raised \$225 for PTA.
- Thank you Jacqueline Casserly for organizing online spiritwear. There are still a few days left to order before 10/13/24. <https://allproteamsports.chipply.com/waverlyelem/>
- Turkey Trot:
 - Nov 2. This year at Mount Hebron HS, 9-10:30 AM. More information to come. This is a big fundraiser for the PTA this year, so the students will be able to get sponsors and there will be different tiered incentives.
- Dr. Bagdasarian: Order for tie-dyed blue shirt order for teachers will arrive soon..

- **Mrs. Jill Ruppe**

- Teacher question about cultural arts: Is there PTA money for cultural arts programming?
 - Dr. Bagdasarian: Yes, if the value is <\$500, Mrs. Deckman does not have to get Board of Ed approval. If \$500+, will have to get approval.
- Backpack buddies: In the past, did a monthly collection for the Headstart program, rotating through different grade levels in the school. This year, will change the modl, combining collection times with PTA events, like Turkey Trot, and any family or child could bring their donation that day.
- Girls on the Run: Was in touch with a staff member recently who was in touch with GotR coordinator. They will look at doing a spring team again. Plan to advertise the November 5k race in Columbia, MD for people to get to see the culmination to increase interest. <https://www.gotrcentralmd.org/5k-howard>

- **Mrs. Kelly Van Horn: Project Green Schools**

- <https://projectgreenschools.org/crayolacolorcycle/>
- Mr. Wehr (Art Teacher) said the Crayola Color Cycle program <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx> collects used markers, but does not recycle
- Mrs. Haddaway: suggests looking into <https://www.terracycle.com/>

- **Mrs. Haddaway:** looking for more indoor recess games

- **Dr. Bagdasarian:** Inquiry into whether there is a paper shortage and if we need to do a paper drive during teacher conferences.
 - Mrs. Brown: no paper shortage reported at admin meeting today.

- Dr. Hong & Tim Cullison: Waverly Cookbook
 - We are bringing back the Waverly Cookbook as a fundraising event from when Mr. Cullison was a student at Waverly. Will plan to tie it in with International Day, gather family, teacher, and staff recipes, and include a cover contest for the students. To be released around the holidays.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefD3BCJTMucROz73HVmhNGUZEEnMD3Ep3K3G6JAR1V1ycn5Sw/viewform?usp=sf_link

7:09 PM: Meeting closed.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM (virtual)