



Waverly Elementary School PTA

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General Membership Meeting

January 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Virtual via Google Meet

ATTENDANCE (20)

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

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

Kyle Curasi
Denny D'Arbela
Atousa Fouladichami
Shari Haddaway
Yi Han
Cathy He
Alayne Huntimer
Kelly Van Horn
Bhuvana Vijay

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MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM: Call to order by Dr. Bagdasarian (President). Happy New Year!

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

- **Mrs. Brown (Principal):**
 - Math teacher conferences February 5-6
 - 100th Day of School Celebration coming up
 - Thank you to the PTA for organizing the Valentine's celebration.
- **Mrs. Santoni (AP):**
 - Next week will be very cold. Remind students to wear warm clothes!
- **Ms. Taylor (Admin. Intern):**
 - This Friday, 1/17/25, is Purple Friday again. Support the Ravens in the Playoffs or

wear your favorite football colors!

- **Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liaison)**
 - Thank you to the PTA for the Valentine's Day celebration support.

REPORTS FROM WES PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Ben Bach (PTACHC Representative):**
 - Update on PTACHC voting—Positions on Proposed Legislation:
 - HoCo 2-25: PTACHC supports a BOE Compensation Commission as long as there is no additional cost to it. PTACHC opposes a change to term limits.
 - HoCo 3-25: PTACHC supports Public Campaign Financing for BOE candidates. He abstained.
 - HoCo 11-25: PTACHC supports a max severance for HoCo superintendent position (no more than 4 weeks per year of service)
 - HoCo 15-25: PTACHC took no position on this piece of proposed legislation for the BOE to study how to best detect weapons in schools
 - HoCo 10-25: PTACHC took no position on this piece of proposed legislation to make certain school holidays mandatory.
 - MD State House Bill 38: PTACHC opposes - this bill takes control away from the county to manage APFO committees.
 - BOE Public Hearings on Budget 2026 on 1/30 and 2/10.
- **Yi Han (SECAC & Special Education Representative):**
 - January 2025 meeting rescheduled for this evening after the snow days.
 - Director of therapy programs from Rec and Park therapeutic program shared information on programming
 - Updated information on portal request for accommodations
 - Spring break and camp program information available
- **Dr. Bagdasarian**
 - December 2024 PTA meeting minutes approved.
 - Thank you to the volunteers for the book fair, international day, and holiday teacher treats.
 - PTA will sponsor Valentine's activity and cookies for all students pre-k through 5th grade. PTA is working with team leads on selecting activity. Winter dance date TBD.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9, 2025
 - 5th Grade Activities:
 - June 4, 2025: Simulated Congressional Hearings <https://sch.hcpss.org/>
 - 5th Grade T-shirts: This week, teachers should be sending out information on orders due 2/7/2025. 5th grade teachers will host drawing competition for cover, select 10 finalists for students to vote on front of T-shirt (back will have student names). PTA will provide annual gifts of T-shirts and yard signs.
 - 5th Grade Parent volunteers: seeking parent volunteers to help with planning 5th grade pool party & 5th grade moving up ceremony.
 - Fundraising:
 - 1/15/2025: Crazy Mason Jar fundraiser 4-7 PM organized by 5th grade planning committee. All are welcome!
- **Heather DePriest (Treasurer):**
 - No new bank statements due to holidays.
- **Alayne Huntimer: Backpack Buddies**
 - Next time for Backpack Buddies collection will be at conferences and other upcoming events. Participation dropped the last few years. Open to other charities that people would like to sponsor.

- **Kelly Van Horn: Green School**
 - No new updates. Will keep collecting and plan to donate in the spring.
- **Dr. Bagdasarian: Yearbook**
 - There will be a yearbook cover competition. Students can submit artwork front and back, pre-k up to 5th grade, select finalists, and then small group of admins and teachers vote

6:56 PM: Meeting closed.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM (virtual)