



# Waverly Elementary School PTA

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## General Membership Meeting

May 13, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Virtual via Google Meet

### ATTENDANCE (23)

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

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

Allie Brannan  
Alysia Ruta  
Amanda Frey  
Atousa Fouladichami  
Bhuvana Vijay  
Cathy He  
Edmund Asante  
Robert Hopper  
Kelly Van Horn  
Natalie Richardson  
Sue Niu  
Svitlana Bach  
Yi Han  
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### MEETING AGENDA

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

#### **REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

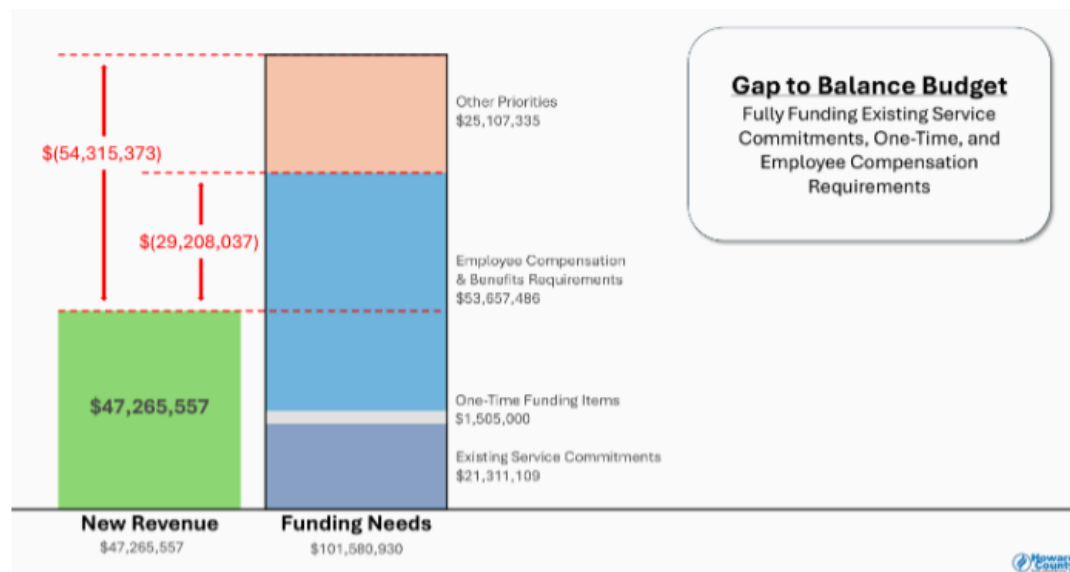
- **Mrs. Brown (Principal):**

- Thank you to the PTA for celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week last week!
- This Friday, 5/16/25 is early dismissal.
- A to Z countdown started today, so dress your students up in the theme of the day!
- Thank you, Dr. Bagdasarian for your 3 years of amazing leadership and your love for the community!

- **Mrs. Santoni (Asst. Principal):**
  - Send anything that you want the team to consider for articulation to Ms. Taylor.
  - Thank you for your support, families!
- **Ms. Taylor (Admin Intern):**
  - Thank you for the support, PTA! The teachers expressed their appreciation for your kindness last week.
- **Mrs. Van Horn (Teacher Liaison)**
  - Thank you for celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week!
  - Dr. Bagdasarian: For the Spring Dance's Raffle, the PTA has reached out to parents of the winners and teachers who volunteered experiences. We will post about it so that the community knows that the winners were contacted.

## **REPORTS FROM WES PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- **Ben Bach (PTACHC Representative):**
  - 5/20 APFO Public Hearing - George Howard Building, Banneker Room at 6:00pm - be present and show that we care about how new development funds are being spent.
  - 5/21 County Council Legislative Session at 12:00pm - Adoption of the HCPSS Operating Budget - get your emails in and in front of County Council. See below.
  - 5/22 Board of Education Adoption of FY26 Revised Approved Operating Budget at 8:25am



### **Advocate for Funding:**

**Sign up to testify April 30th**, asking the County Council to add funding back into HCPSS operating budget. If funding is not added, then staff and programs will be cut. Every testimony may mean more funding for our students.

[Testimony Registration - Howard County's Online Testimony](#)

## **PTA Member Send Email by May 14th**

- **Yi Han (SECAC & Special Education Representative):**
  - Group is advocating for funding of special education programs, 3rd grade strings program, and paraeducators. Friday, 5/16/2025 at 4:30 PM there is a demonstration to support the funding. ALI are invited to attend.
  - The Special Education Department is working to secure additional special educators.
- **Dr. Bagdasarian**

- Reviewed bylaws. <https://wavespta.com/pta-bylaws/> V. Hong moved to vote. T. Tangen seconded. Bylaws voted and passed.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to Sara Scott and Sarah Girardi for their hard work planning and executing TAW, as well as the parents/families who donated!
- Spring Dance: Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came to the Spring Wild West dance!
- Executive Board slate:
  - Sarah Girardi President Elect (voting in August)
  - Benjamin Bach Treasurer Elect (voting in August)
  - Tiffany Tangen VP Membership (continuing)
  - Erin Miller VP Fundraising (continuing)
  - Vanessa Hong Recording Secretary (continuing)
  - Ashley Hopper Corresponding Secretary (continuing)
  - PTAHC rep (open, please email [wavespta@gmail.com](mailto:wavespta@gmail.com) if interested)
- Field Day: pushed to Monday, 5/19/25 due to weather. PTA provided popsicles-check inbox for opt out instructions. Please update your signup if you cannot volunteer <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DADAA29ABFF2-56262109-field#/> . PTA allocated \$300 per grade.
- Kindergarten Playdate: on playground, 6/3/25, 4:30-5:15 pm (Rain date 6/10/25)
- Yearbooks: will be delivered in the next few weeks. Congratulations to the yearbook cover winners!
- PTA sponsored author visit: 5/28/25. PTA will sponsor one copy of the book per classroom.
- 5th Grade activities
  - Simulated Congressional Hearings (Wednesday, 6/4/25)
  - Pool Party (Monday, 6/16/26, rain date Tuesday, 6/17/25)
  - Moving up Ceremony (Tuesday, 6/17/25)
- EOY Blacktop party (Thursday, 6/12/25, 5:30-7:30pm)
  - Auntie Anne's, Mike's Gelato and Tasty Empanadas food trucks, and DJ.
- EOY Picnics: PTA allocated \$300 for each grade for this event.
- **Heather DePriest (Treasurer)**
  - Savings \$20,211.87
  - Checking \$25,088.99 (as of 3/6)
- **Amy Crouch/Erin Miller (VP Fundraising)**
  - Yogi Castle June 9

7:07 PM: Meeting closed.

## NEXT MEETING

Start of the 2025-2026 School Year, TBD