Pittsburgh Dilworth

6200 Stanton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 Principal Qualisha Zyhier



PTA/PSCC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | Hybrid

ATTENDEES

- Principal Zyhier, Linda Vicaro (President), Alexis Tuckfelt (Vice President), Lauren Brown (Treasurer), Natasha Vazquez Lee (Secretary), Ray Clegg (FACE Coordinator)
- 23 people (staff, family, and/or community members) joined the meeting (7 online)

1. Welcome / Introductions

6:00 - 6:05

- Linda welcomed, directed to sign-in sheet, and introduced the PTA and leadership
- Directed to PTA website to sign up to be a member, view DTA + PTA communications, etc.

2. Functions of the PTA & Membership

6:05 - 6:10

- <u>Join the PTA!</u> We support the students and faculty of Dilworth via backpack program, little free library, fundraisers, holiday shop, etc.
- We are always looking for new ideas for programs and fundraisers.
- PTA member costs go to national PTA dues (not a fundraiser); \$10 individual or \$15 family

3. Meeting Format & Schedule of Meetings

6:10 - 6:15

PTA Meeting Dates (alternating 3rd Tuesdays and Wednesdays)
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

4. Treasurer's Report

6:15 - 6:20

- Lauren described process of proposals and voting
- Fundraising goal this year: \$29,000
- July 2023 results
- August 2023 results
- We need Budget Committee Volunteers! This committee participates in the yearly audit to make sure each budget item is documented.

5. Volunteer Opportunities+Needs

6:20 - 6:30

- <u>Interest Survey</u> please indicate how you are able to help
- Holiday Shop—major event for fundraising, many volunteers needed to purchase items, set-up and tear down, and help kids shop (clearances needed)
- Teacher Appreciation Coordinate food donations, decorate, etc.

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- Fundraising & Silent Auction— Anne Farris chairs fundraising; looking for someone to head up the silent auction
- Backpack Initiative— Megan Spak chairs this. We have a major donor; 950 bags of food distributed last year; need 2-3 more people, flexible time Wed/Thurs; must have clearances; best way to donate is to send money or purchase from the Amazon wishlist
- Uniform Exchange—Rachel Friedman chairs this. Need volunteers to fulfill requests, sort, wash clothes
- Read-A-Thon— Natasha Vazquez Lee chairs this. Major fundraiser + fun student event to promote love of reading; looking for someone to shadow this year to take over in the future
- Little Free Library– needs a chair to coordinate volunteers and provide upkeep
- T-shirt Design Contest– Needs a chair; can be done outside of school hours
- Grant Writing– Need volunteers; can be done remotely

7. PSCC & Principal Zyhier's Report

6:30 - 7:20

- Sign up for Talking Points! That is the preferred communication method. DTA is sent via Talking Points, email, Twitter, and Facebook, so everyone should receive it one way or another.
- Volunteers needed at school for many things: making copies, monitoring recess, helping with hallway transitions, helping small groups of students, etc. Clearances necessary.
- Student focused initiatives:
 - Goal of getting a playground, but there is a lot of red tape; Greenfield K-8 just got a new playground, so we are reaching out for guidance
 - Complete Streets Makeover: Community building opportunity to slow down drivers by painting the streets around Dilworth as traffic calming measures. Guest Mr. Erick Stephens explained this type of effort. Community forum: parents, students, and community members can create and vote on designs, then experts help finalize the design. Process is about 6 months from conception to completion. The goal is to make it permanent. Work with local councilmember and public works to coordinate—can discuss that at a future meeting.
- Introduced Mr. Clegg, FACE Coordinator
 - PAC (Parent Advisory Council): attend district meetings and report back to PSCC meetings
 - Equity Team: Mr. Phillips (new school counselor) is heading this team with Mr. Clegg;
 will be conducting a race equity audit for Dilworth
 - Title 1 Report: reviewed Title 1 budget, School Improvement Plan, Parent & Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact; this year's budget includes a salary for .5 librarian (Mr. Wilk) due to district budget cuts
 - o Title 1 School policies are available by emailing Mr. Clegg; revisions are due by October 1
 - Tutoring will be funded through the school ESSER funds this year

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8. Other Reports, Comments & Questions

7:20 - 7:30

- Take a Child to School Day tomorrow, September 21
- Two sneaker balls this year
- Please direct questions to classroom teachers first before contacting Principal Zyhier whenever possible
- Apparel Sale fundraiser is running until 5:30, link has been updated on the DTA
- We are exploring options for childcare for future meetings
- PTA Member sign-up gift card raffle winner: Kendall Bieselt

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