

PTA Meeting  
9/15/15  
8:30 am Peterson Cafeteria

Present: PTA board, PAC members, teachers and multiple new parents

I Welcome and Introduction

Catherine Korda, PAC; Megan Trinter/Melanie Shank PTA  
Parents' introductions, information re: Tuesday tea

II Parent Organization Overview

- a. PTA --
  - a. community builders, volunteer arm of the school
  - b. Anita – call for membership and volunteers
- b. LSC – Local School Council: 2 teachers, 5 parents, principal
  - a. Hire principal, approve budget,
  - b. Meet monthly on Tuesday evenings in STEM room
- c. PAC – Parent Advisory Council
  - a. Support the role of parents within the school
  - b. Advocates for the school, help parents understand what happens in school so they can partner with the school
- d. FOP – Friends of Peterson
  - a. Non-profit, help raise funds to assist with supplementing budget
- e. Bilingual Advisory Committee
  - a. Assist with bilingual program in school

III Book Fair -- Brooks Hering

- a. raising reading awareness, literacy goals
- b. PTA fundraiser and parent run
- c. Call for volunteers
  - a. Help find books for kids, run cash register

IV PAC Math Night 10/6 at 5:30 pm – Catherine Korda

- a. Parents invited to learn math curriculum from the teachers
- b. Dinner is served, childcare provided, volunteers needed

V International Night 10/23 at 5:30 – Lloy Johnston

- a. Community performers, student performers, teachers
- b. International Pot Luck provided by parents
- c. Call for volunteers: planning committee, day of needs

VI Dance – a – thon : Week of 10/26 Mandy Bevacqua

- a. During gym or encore in school
- b. Donation forms being sent home for pledges
- c. Community based prizes

VII J- at School -- Erin Hickey

- a. Running now after school until 6 pm for K-8
- b. Homework, playground, Character Counts program
- c. Structured program, drop in, punch card (24 hour notice for non-structured)
- d. 1:8 student ratio
- e. Funded through JCC, Action through Children, internal scholarships and payment

VIII Arabic Teacher Introduction -- Samar Abdelfatah

- a. From Egypt for a year
  - a. Grant from fed government: Teachers of Critical Language
- b. Will work with PAC for parent night

IX PTA Budget Report and Budget Revision Proposal – Jeanne Olson

- a. Budget geared toward outreach and community
- b. Budget changes will be voted on next meeting

X Volunteer Coordinator – Coach Jenny

- a. School volunteers now online application plus ID
- b. If over certain number of hours also need background check

XII PTA activities

Reflections – contest, can win big prizes

Box Tops / Labels for Education – turn in to the teachers, close to \$250 gift card!