**Lynnwood PTA Meeting**

**January 4, 2023**

**7:00 PM (Google Meet)**

**January PTA Meeting**

**Video call link:** [**https://meet.google.com/zti-xbhw-koq**](https://meet.google.com/zti-xbhw-koq)

**Agenda**

**Members in Attendance: Jennifer Reinert, Angelica Stone, Danielle Fabrizi, Gloria Towle-Hilt, Jackie Vandenburgh, Jennifer Armlin, Katrina Dryer, Kelly Jordan, Lindsey Stapleton, Lisa Jones, Pamela McCall, Sheila Mahoney, Taiane Thomas, Louis Liu, Toni C, Jennifer Smith, Kim Matthews**

**Welcome:**

**Approval of minutes from December 2022: Motion : Danielle Fabrizi, Second : Jennifer Armlin**

**President’s Report** – Taiane Thomas:

* Teacher Grants: No grants were submitted this month
* 5th grade events: As of now, Bowling has been scheduled for April 20th, no definite time; Spring Fling May 12th and using the DJ from Under the Sea
* Building Cabinet update: [December 2022 Cabinet Meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O38yn008rZZEirCHRJ7lt5Vjabbc19dMv6r8fxKmJ8s/edit?usp=sharing)

**Treasurer’s Report** – Pamela McCall: Membership, Lynnwood Wear, School Pictures \*Class photos should be arriving soon, teachers proofed, and a donation, Hannaford - be sure to add your receipt to the donation bins in store. [Hannaford](https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/schools) Net of $8,386 dollars  
Thanks to committee members for getting end of year receipts in.

**Board of Education Report** – Gloria Towle-Hilt:

1. BUDGET: Stage 2 of the budget process is underway. Departments are determining

their priorities for 2023 as well as estimating costs. Input is also being received from

the Guilderland Teachers Association.

2. SRO: The Board voted at the December 6th meeting to accept the offer of the

Guilderland Police Chief to place another School Resource Officer in the District.

The officer would be stationed at FMS. There would be no cost to the district for this

school year however this would have to be in our budget for next year and going

forward. Candidates for the position were interviewed by a committee which included

the FMS principal, Director for DEI, a member of the BOE, a high school student as

well as members of the Guilderland Police Department. We should be hearing who

was chosen at the next Board meeting January 10.

3. DEI AUDIT: As part of the district’s continued commitment and work around diversity,

equity and inclusion, we are in the process of conducting a district-wide equity audit.

The purpose of this audit is to identify areas of strength and areas for growth in order

to foster a safer, diverse school environment where all are heard, seen, valued,

respected and welcome. Part of this audit process includes hosting focus groups which

will provide various stakeholder groups the chance to weigh in and share their

thoughts, experiences and concerns as members of the GCSD community. During the

month of January each school building will host separate focus groups for parents,

students and staff members. These groups will be facilitated by representatives from

Progressive Partners, which is the consultant group conducting the audit.

**Principal’s Report** - Jacqulyn Vandenburgh:

January - Wow! The gymnastic equipment is set up for the Gymnastic Unit!

COming up for 3rd grade parents, they conduct a simulation day, to test the students on the computers to make sure the network can

January 25th at 8:15 simulation, students will log in with fake log ins with a made up account and view the program to get used to what the assessment looks like. “NO STAKES” simulation. A letter will be forthcoming from Ms. Vandenburgh, simulation running 30-20

End of the Marking Period is January 27th

February 2nd, Second quarter progress reports will be posted

You will receive standard indicators, as well as comments from teachers.

Kindergarten registration: Information Night on January 19th at 6:30pm at Lynnwood contact Ms. Vandenburgh for more information. Registration will start on line and more information will be sent.

Focus Groups for Equity Audit: The community has been sent an email, a google form was sent out, if interested the last day to fill out the form is this Thursday, January 5th.

[Focus Group Interest Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9ZleTcQRdv4P9MTBSffiGibWFAxASFstoxdNQ1lj-aV2kFA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Forum centered around 4 questions allowing stakeholders to talk about their experience. Students focus groups also being head up, of mainly 4th and 5th grade students. Once students are selected, grown ups will be contacted for permission to participate.

Focus Group for staff members as well.

**Teacher Liaison Report** – Angelica McKeown/Jennifer Armlin:

Blankets, Books and Bears - we will be collecting items until February 10th.

Next Monday January 9th and Tuesday January another wave of backpack mail will be sent home, program runs through February 10th, collection box is in the library

We will post on the PTA Facebook group

Lost and Found, everything not claimed will be donated by Monday January 9th

Snow pants, winter jackets, mittens and gloves will be stored in nurses office for those students in need at recess

**DEI Committee Report**- Louis Zuoguang Liu:

Fireside Chat: at the Guilderland Public LIbrary, purpose is to provide the community to get to speak to DEI members in an informal setting. If teachers and staff are on the DEI committee then they are asked not to serve on the building/parent committee.

**Debrief-Past Events:**

* Holiday Adopt a Family: We helped a Lynnwood family with their two kids, $250 for Christmas presents, thank you note from Nurse Laura was shared
* Wreath & Poinsettia Sale:

Wreaths sold = 78

6” poinsettias sold = 20

4” poinsettias sold = 10

Profit ~ $1,120

* Lynnwood Wear: All orders have been delivered

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

* P2, Bears, Books and Blankets: More information coming next week
* Sticker Mule Fundraiser: Flyer is forthcoming, Orders determine profit, stickers approximately $3 each. [Sticker Mule Info](https://www.stickermule.com/dollar) Sticker Mule allows for tax exempt purchases. The PTA is a school non-for-profit and should qualify for Tax Exemption
* Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale: Lisa Jones (chairing). A flier was sent home in previous years as to numbers and colors and types of flowers.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Fundraising** - Jen Reinert: Spring Pie Sale, MCM Fundraising out of Vernon, CT need to set up by February 28th for our March fundraiser, delivery to be set up for before Spring Break in April.
* **Membership** - Sheila De Vete Mahoney: Interest in having a PTA table during kindergarten information night which is scheduled for January 19th, at 6:30pm

**Next PTA Meeting:** February 1, 2023

**Adjourn 7:57pm**

**Motion:** Danielle Fabrizi, **Second:** Kim Matthews