**Lynnwood PTA Meeting**

**March 1, 2023**

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

**February PTA Meeting**

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

**Agenda**

**Members in Attendance: Taiane Thomas, Kelly Jordan, Justine Huffman, Jacqulyn Vandenburgh, Danielle Fabrizi, Toni C, Sheila Mahoney, Gloria Towle-Hilt, Jennifer Reinert, Marisa Westo, Louis Zuoguang Liu, Lindsey Stapleton, Angelica McKeown, Meghan Hackett, Jennifer Smith, Ginger Guiz, Katrina Dryer**

**Welcome: Meeting began at 7:03**

**Approval of minutes from February 2023: Motion: Sheila Mahoney, Second Marisa Weston; minutes approved**

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

* Teacher Grants: no teacher grants submitted this month, Mrs. O'brien and Mrs. Ruhman received their items that were approved at the last meeting
* Open PTA Exec board positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary are all up for open seats. We also need to set up a nomination committee, if you’d like to participate reach out to Taiane Thomas, reach out if you are interested in a position as well
* Building Committee: There will be some chairpersons that will be leaving at the end of the year, they are parents of the 5th grade parents who will be leaving the Lynnwood Community. All those interested please reach out to Taiane Thomas ptataithomas@gmail.com
* Building Cabinet update: [Feb 2023 Cabinet Meeting](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-jBkfZogAiERQV6vyrq0TATtE6QNHWRbdfbsOZrLwrA/edit?usp=sharing)

**Treasurer’s Report** – Pamela McCall:

**Board of Education Report** – Gloria Towle-Hilt:  
**BUDGET**: At the last meeting, the Board was given a presentation on the current Governor’s expected budget. Of course nothing is final until the State Legislature acts! Of note in the budget is that full foundation aid has been completely phased in. The Governor did put in that some of the foundation aid would be set aside for high impact tutoring. Again this is at the proposal stage.

Also included is a recommendation to expand Universal PreK. The next step for us is to hear from the Superintendent on Tuesday, March 7. Dr. Wiles will release her draft budget at the BOE meeting that evening.

The community will have an opportunity to give feedback on the proposed budget by participating in on-line conversations. There will be two elementary, one middle and one high school conversations facilitated by BOCES. Administrators will be available to answer questions as well. These conversations will take place the week of March 20th 2023. Participation will be capped at 20 per session. If necessary additional conversations can be scheduled.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**: Nate Sabourin reported that he is working on a rough draft for a district “anti-hate” policy that the Policy Committee will be working on. It is expected that there will be lots of opportunity for input from staff, students, community, etc. as this moves forward.

**Principal’s Report** - Jacqulyn Vandenburgh:   
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our February Share and Celebrate on Friday February 17th. We had a full house!

Over the past month the DEI audit continues. The Leadership team has taken feedback from focus groups and come up with an action plan. The next meeting is Monday February 6th to talk about an action plan.

Our STEM teacher will be returning next week to Lynnwood and students will have an opportunity to work with her.

**Dates:**

***Friday March 17th*** : NO SCHOOL K-12, Superintendent Conference Day; Teachers will be working in a variety of areas on this day. Some will be working within the science curriculum to get it aligned with the Next Generation Standards that will be implemented in the near future. Others will have opportunities to meet with the DEI committee, or to receive Professional Development in a variety of areas including technology, culture, Math and SEL.

***Thursday March 23rd -*** NO SCHOOL for K-2 only, this to allow for Parent Teacher Conferences

***Thursday April 6th***, - End of the the Third Quarter/Marking Period

***Wednesday April 19th & Thursday April 20th*** : NYS ELAl assessments for 3rd–5th grade students

**Kindergarten Registration** Registration is going well. If you know anyone who needs to register, have them reach out to Ms. Vandenburgh or to look for information on the Guilderland Website to start the process.

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

Mrs. McKeown has spoken with teachers who have received their teacher grants, teachers are very thankful

The Carnation Flower sale was a success. It was organized and run really well

Mrs. McKeown is working on the folders for pictures for the yearbook. Folders will be shared with teachers soon.

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

Attendance was low, about 6 individuals showed up at the Guilderland Public Library for the meeting. Most attendees are parents who have concerns about our school. Discussion regarding a transgender student and how to handle bathrooms was brought up in reference to another elementary school in the district. Another parent shared that they felt there was limited communication between parents and administration. Should you have any concerns about students, the next meeting for the DEI committee is March 21st, at noon -1pm. April’s meeting is at 6:30p,

**Debrief-Past Events:**

* Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale: Pre orders
* Our net profit was over $900
* Delivery to the school went smoothly.

**Committee Reports & Upcoming Events:**

**Upcoming Events:**

* Dave & Busters Power Cards (5th Grade Fundraiser) Fliers will be sent home either this Friday 3/3 or MOnday 3/6
* Bingo Night - Friday March 24th 5:30-7pm, flier coming home in backpack mail, Hilary Koldin is in need of volunteers, hopefully a few 5th grade parents.
* Spring Pie Sale Fundraiser : Will be rolling out soon.

**Committee Reports:**

* **Fundraising** - Jen Reinert/Taiane Thomas: Spring Pie Sale   
  MCM Fundraiser for Spring - Vendor

MCM Fundraising, Inc.

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 [Phone](https://www.google.com/search?safe=active&rlz=1CALQDM_enUS1023&q=mcm+fundraising+phone&ludocid=5240616917569964377&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiljrvGg7v9AhVyElkFHWMGDZcQ6BN6BAhkEAI): [(860) 375-8138](https://www.google.com/search?q=MCM+fundraising&rlz=1CALQDM_enUS1023&oq=MCM+fundraising&aqs=chrome..69i57.3932j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&safe=active&ssui=on#)

* We were unable to get dates in time for early spring/Easter as many organizations use this vendor. We however are able to fundraise during March, this will allow pies to be delivered early May, tentatively May 1st
* We are looking to start Monday March 6th and sell pies through Friday March 24th.
* Delivery could be as early as May 1st, to the school cafeteria between 2:30 and 3pm. A form for building use will be submitted. MCM will sort the pies ordered in the cafeteria; Families will be able to come that evening, from approximately 4-7pm to come to the school to get their orders. We will need volunteers to be available at the school that evening to oversee delivery and family pick up
* A list of PTA events will be included in the Lynnwood March newsletter
* IDeas for future fundraising? Coin war? Classrooms collect coins, homeroom with the most collected wins a pizza party; Raffle for students - ex good behavior would result in earning a raffle ticket to be Principal for a Day
* Committee Chairs should be communicating with Taiane with events and dates. Fliers for events need to be approved by Ms. Vandenburgh before they will be sent home
* International night, will be looking for families to represent their Country;
* Anyone chairing an event, if you need help contact Taiane Thomas ptataithomas@gmail.com
* **Membership** - Sheila De Vete Mahoney: No Updates

**Next PTA Meeting:** April 5, 2023 at 7pm - virtual

**Adjourn Motion: 7:53 Danielle Fabrizi, Second: Marisa Weston**

**School banking, fifth grade events lynnwood wear, mother’s day plant sale, yearbook, mother's day plant sale, Under the sea, Price Chopper/Hannaford committee chairs up for grabs**

**birthdays set up at homeless shelter - will be honored at INternational night Jervannah**