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MS54 PTA General Meeting

December 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Zoom Mtg

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- **Welcome, Introductions**

- Welcome
- Approval of November PTA minutes - approved 21 out of 40 attendees.

- **Principal's Report**

- First report cards were sent home last week along with MAP assessments.
- DESSA screening finished and about 10% of the students were struggling across all the areas.
- 6th graders started the new music and language rotations and at the end of March students will switch again to the last rotation.
- Ask your kids about the meditation provided by the Wellness Committee.
- DOE sent out middle school and high school admission rules. Middle schools will not have assessments again and the high school will look at the first half of the 8th grader grades.

- **Presidents' Report**

- Turkey Trot was highly successful and raised over \$4,000 as part of the fundraiser.
- Collecting Teacher Holiday contributions until December 19th. Please send to the respective PTA members via PayPal, Zelle and Venmo.
- SLT met on Friday in December as part of the hybrid meeting. If you are interested in attending, please email the SLT.
- Holiday pop-up story with the limited hoodie special edition on December 15th at 8 am and then on December 16th.

- **Safety Update**

- There were 4 classes that were quarantined due to COVID.
- Parents please talk to students about wearing masks and keeping their hands to themselves.

- **After School Update**

- After school program spots are still available and scholarships are available:
<https://www.ms54.org/afterschool.html>.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Will join in January to give a Treasurer update.

- **Annual Appeal Update**



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- We are 40% towards our Annual Appeal goal. Funds raised pay for professional development, and other Booker T requests such as desks, supplies, etc.

- **Grants**
 - Date will be decided soon for the next meeting.

- **Fundraising**
 - Pie sale raised \$2200.
 - Family portrait sessions raised \$1,000.
 - Kicked started selling special edition hoodies and TBD on profits.

- **SLT Update**
 - Most of the meeting was discussing student behaviours and concerns about students sharing homework.
 - More details on the SLT: <https://www.ms54.org/slt.html>.

- **CEC Update**
 - Next meeting: December 15th to fill an open seat after a member stepped down, and will be taking steps to fill it.
 - D3 Presidents Council:
 - Chancellor's Regulation A-660: Multiple updates have been passed, incorporating temporary waivers during the COVID pandemic. In broad strokes:
 - Allow the use of debit cards for payments.
 - Allow for the use of Zelle, PayPal, and Venmo (but not CashApp) to receive funds. These electronic methods cannot be used to make payments.
 - A-660 changes will need to be reviewed to analyze impact and implementation.
 - Allows for hybrid meetings and in-person meetings at school. Meetings must abide by vaccination rules and must be coordinated with the Principal.
 - Embezzlement of funds can be prosecuted as a criminal offense.

- **Community Updates (7:40 p.m.)**
 - Teacher/Staff
 - Mr. Fagan - Band Teacher
 - Thank you to the PTA for the donation to replace the 30 year old wind instruments



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- Ms. Comber - Librarian
 - Opened to the students during the school day in addition to Early Academy and lunches
- Ms. Johnson
 - Launching the Winter Fest for a set of programs for students and our community. Please sign up through the Genius Bar: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aaea929a2fa7-winter> and would love to get parents to help set up and contribute.
- Wellness Committee
 - Wellness hacks - <https://www.ms54.org/wellness-committee.html>
 - Next meeting with Dr. Terri Bacow on January 12, 2022 @ 8pm
- Equity Team
 - Next meeting: December 21st at 7 pm
- Grade Rep Check-In
 - 8th
 - Biggest fundraiser for Turkey Trot.
 - SHSAT finished and thank you to Dr. Elster for helping to organize it on-site at Booker.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Still working on a school messenger app to provide an alternative channel for communications.

Remaining General PTA Meetings:

January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.