

Arleta PTA General Meeting Agenda

May 12th, 6-7:30pm | Virtual via Zoom

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6:00-6:05	Say hello & introductions	All
6:05-6:10	General Business 1. Approve minutes 2. Treasurer Report	Melissa Chelsea
6:10-6:25	PTA Board 2020-21 Vote ▪ Co-Presidents: Carrie Bowers & Melissa Sircy ▪ Vice President: Denise Castanon ▪ Secretary: Heather Rose Pearson ▪ Member-at-Large: Noelle Luchs ▪ Treasurer: TBD – will need to hold another vote when a candidate is found	Sarah
6:25-6:35	Interim Budget ▪ Review & vote on budget to carry us until next school year	Chelsea
6:35-7:15	Principal Update & parent Q&A	John Horn
7:15-7:30	Parent Feedback- ▪ What virtual activities would you like to see happen? ▪ How can the school community adapt to virtual learning and engagement?	All

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom, due to social distancing guidelines imposed by the Governor during the coronavirus outbreak.

Attendees: Melissa Sircy, Jen Jacobs, Sarah Kincaid, Chelsea Dorè, Noelle Luchs, Molly Baez, Carrie Bowers, John Horn, Britt Keuther, Samantha Lennon, Alison List, Heather Rose Pearson

We have a quorum for voting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Chelsea put forth the motion and Jen Jacobs seconded.

Budget: We are only \$5,500 behind for the year in fundraising, which is good, considering we are not having our Spring Fling. Since we also are not spending on the picnic, etc., we will end the year approximately \$4,500 behind. We should see an uptick in Amazon and Fred Meyer Rewards. Bottle drop stations are still open, so we should do some Facebook posts as well as reminders in Dolphin Digest.

Arleta Counselor update: Allison List reported on the family survey. Only 8 families have responded so far. Everyone who participated has been contacted by a counselor.

Discussed low response rate - Are people not receiving the survey? We will send it out again. We may be getting people other ways to support.

Alison and Samantha reviewed the new Counseling Corner tab on the Arleta website, including a Youtube channel and a Google classroom link. On the Arleta counselor page, there is a welcome video, and each week, a topic rooted in counselling and mental health will be posted. Different grades will have different topics. There is a parent support tab as well. Reminders will be sent weekly. The counselors are there to support us, so reach out if needed.

Grades 3-8 are using Google classroom. K-2 is using Seesaw.

Discussion about the number of platforms and apps that are being used. Are there opportunities for someone to walk through the different ways to use the distance learning platforms, like in a video? After discussion we determined it needs to happen at teacher level.

Moving away from school messenger to Remind for school communications, but still using Messenger for a little while. Remind can send school wide emails, calls or texts (depending on how the parent signs up, and allows teachers to reach out to parents, make phone calls without using personal phone, send emails, need a phone number, etc. Parents can respond and make calls back. 7 students and 390 parents have signed up to receive messages.

Counselors are going to start holding virtual Lunch Bunches: Trial run for 4th grade tomorrow with 59 students.

Where Arleta PTA can donate money to help our community: Chelsea took a look at budget and evaluated what we had planned to spend on events and activities this year, but had to cancel due to the school closure. We have unspent emergency preparedness money (approx. \$500), food for PTA meetings (\$350) and the Family Picnic (\$1,000), so we have recommended donating \$2000.

We are in a position to evaluate doing something again later, as needs emerge.

The committee chose Urban Gleaners to receive our donation. They serve our Arleta community directly through Bread Day, and we want them in a strong position when social distancing ends.

Molly motioned to approve the donation to Urban Gleaners in the amount of \$2000. Carrie seconded. Motion passed.

We will encourage the Arleta community to donate to Urban Gleaners as well, with the incentive that the PTA donation is a match to their donation, up to \$2000.

Principal update: John said that teachers would rather have a contribution made to families than teacher appreciation.

We are down to 5 families who we haven't been able to reach. Social emotional status is the priority, and letting them know which apps the teachers are using.

John is virtually meeting teachers in smaller groups, meeting with grade levels, instead of big staff meetings. Special education is something they are trying to figure out. The Department of Education is shaping how this may look.

Chromebooks are going out to families who need them.

Feedback to John: Having written information in addition to the video/audio would be helpful to some students. Some kids have anxiety about the tech.

Approved as Written - or Amended

President

Secretary