

Arleta PTA General Meeting Agenda

September 8th, 6-7:30pm | Virtual via Zoom

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6:00-6:20	Welcome & introductions	All
6:20-6:30	What is the PTA? <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Share what the PTA is, how to join, and how the meetings are run	Melissa
6:30-6:35	General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Approve minutes from May meeting	Heather Rose
6:35-6:40	Inclusion Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What is the Inclusion Committee?▪ Review some goals for the year	Denise Castañon
6:40-6:45	Garden Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What is the Garden Committee?	Sondra Blair & Eileen Wilbur
6:45-6:55	Budget Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review current budget & budget committee	Jen Jacobs
6:55-7:20	Principal Update and Q&A	John Horn + All
7:30	End meeting	All

Minutes from last meeting, May 12, 2020, below

Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020
6:15 - 7:50 PM

Attendees: Melissa Sircy, Heather Rose Pearson, Molly Baez, John Horn, Sarah Ivy Kincaid, Chelsea Dore, Carrie Bowers, Jen Jacobs, Treasa Street, Stephanie Selinger, Eric Flagel, Britt Kuether, Denise Castanon, Regan Hermans, Melissa Olin, Noelle Luchs, Heidi Esbensen, Erin Meier-Frank

****NOTE:** The meeting was held online, due to social distancing guidelines.

Approval of Minutes: Carrie motioned to approve the minutes of our April 14, 2020 meeting, Molly seconded, and they were approved.

Treasurer Report: April's report is the same as May's. Our fiscal year ends June 30, and we don't meet until September, and we vote in the new budget in October. But given how much things have been in flux, Chelsea recommends to have our bases covered to stay in compliance by extending our current budget until October.

John asked if we are moving forward with a negative balance. The document doesn't reflect plans for fundraising or the bank balance. John wondered if the PTA could donate to 8th graders t-shirts which could be covered by our Middle School Recognition budget.

Heather moved to approve budget. Carrie seconded. It was approved.

Board Elections: Sarah named the candidates and motioned to vote them in. All positions were voted on and all candidates were approved!

- Melissa Sircy and Carrie Bowers as Co-Presidents
- Denise Castanon as Vice President and Inclusion Committee Chair
- Heather Rose Pearson as Secretary
- Noelle Luchs as Member-at-Large
- Jen Jacobs as Treasurer

Erin Meier-Frank will continue Teacher Appreciation and Emergency Preparedness.

Molly Baez will lead Playground Committee.

Melissa Olin is our Fundraising Chair.

We need an Events Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator.

Stephanie Selinger will continue to help lead sustainability efforts at Arleta.

Principal Update:

- John wants advice on how to get the community more broadly engaged, in coordination with the PTA, so creating a 30-60-90 day plan for the beginning of the school year. John wants to do it systematically and with a plan, ready by September. A few people from the board are needed to dig in. We need a site council.

- 8th grade promotion plans are in the works. On Monday, 15-20 students joined a meeting to discuss ideas. There will be a slideshow, a certificate image, virtual handshake. All (40-45) students will get t-shirts, silk screen, 3-color, approximately \$15 each.
- The 8th graders want a youtube video playlist. Each has 90 seconds to make a video on a certain theme, topic or prompt (tbd).
- There will be a class picture at the school, where a small group of students will stand on the steps at a time, at an appropriate distance, and then the pictures will be photoshopped together.
- The calendar for next year is available online as of today.
- There will be a report card for 4th quarter. It will either be PASS or NO EVIDENCE.
- The school is figuring out how to let students clean out lockers.
- Staffing next year will include: Eric Flagel, Jackie Bidney, and Jessica from 3-4-5 SES will teach 4-5. Tony Clouse and Amy Lumbreras will teach 6th. Chris Richmon will be Learning Center 6-7-8.
- What's the update on Kellogg? Dr. O told John a few days ago that she is meeting with a committee, and in September, we will get recommendations. There isn't enough capacity to have all middle schoolers to go there. Sarah said she was told the committee isn't happening during the coronavirus crisis. John speculated that perhaps it was an internal committee Dr. O was referring to.
- How do we deal with devices? Do we collect them and then redistribute? There hasn't been a decision made, but John is hoping Federal funding will assist.

Teacher Report: Eric and Jackie are partnered in meeting with students twice a week. At first, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the students showed up. It's hard for some students to do work at home. Students are able to contact teachers via email. Getting more participation was assisted by letting parents know how much their student was participating. Some students were acting like they didn't understand Google classroom, despite using it all year.

Treasa helped set up the infrastructure, updating websites, rolling out the tech. All the systems are streamlined at this point. It is smoothing out and getting less stressful. There will be a 6th grade poetry slam next week. The 7th graders were more engaged today than previously. There will be a smoother rollout next time. We are through the most painful parts of the adjustment.

Heidi says it's hard on everyone, and that's OK.

Britt has helped get a computer and wi-fi in everyone's hand. They are now able to see who hasn't logged in and can offer support.

Eric says that some teachers are trying to give all of the work that is left. As teachers, they will try to balance what the students can handle at home. They need guidance from the district, and this is a new situation for everyone.

Parent Updates: Some parent thoughts: a kindergartener loses attention after 20 minutes online. The optional stuff is thrown in with the regular classwork, so there appears to be a lot of undone work. It's hard to teach your own child, who has different expectations of a parent than of a teacher.

For one family, after a rough start, they have hit a stride, and they can get their work done in a short amount of time and be together.

Another parent said she struggles as the teacher, being the mom. But the teacher has helped her overcome many of the challenges.

Another parent-educator said there has been a struggle with both her kids online, so they came up with their own plan.

Another parent worries about school as screen time. Another said there isn't enough physical activity, and having PE required would be helpful. There are ideas posted for kids to do, but since the teacher isn't doing them in a video, it isn't motivating.

For another parent, the kinder is doing more work than the 7th graders. Another parent confirmed that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next general meeting of Arleta PTA will be in September.

Approved as Written - or Amended

President

Secretary