

Arleta PTA, General Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2020

6:05 PM - 7:45 PM

NOTE: This meeting took place via Zoom due to Covid-19.

In attendance: Noelle Luchs, Melissa Sircy, Heather Rose Pearson, Carrie Bowers, Britt Kuether, Kelly Becker, Pat Loiacono, Chelsea Doré, Kelly Greenberg, Kate Ward, Aud Manansala, Stephanie Selinger, Jen Jacobs, Alyson Kraus, John Horn, Anna Matviyenko, Jamie Lok, Kristi Lovato, Denise Castañon, Sheryl Moren, Erin Frank, Lauren Jost, Kyle Phillips, Michelle Lichtenfels, Jace Krause, Ellen Krause, Delpha Thomas, Jerrod Thomas

Introductions:

Lots of new faces. Thank you for attending!

What are we about?

More information about national PTA can be found here: www.pta.org

More information about Oregon PTA can be found here: www.oregonpta.org

More information about Arleta PTA can be found here: www.arletapta.org/, as well as a link to join

We welcome all families and advocate for all children. There is no cost to participate in PTA meetings or activities. Membership is required for voting, and through membership, we can contact you and keep you informed. Membership is \$10 per adult, per year.

We meet monthly, on the 2nd Tuesday, from 6:00-7:30 PM.

See attached Appendix for slides presented during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: We presented the minutes of May 12, 2020, and Jen Jacobs moved to approve the minutes with Erin Frank seconding. They are approved into record.

Inclusion Committee:

Denise Castañon helps to lead. The committee encourages people of color to join and become leaders of Arleta PTA. They are sending out a survey to parents, trying to find out how we can be welcoming and make sure every voice is heard. Sheryl Moren, who is also leading, has reached out to a speaker, who will discuss racism and social justice with us in an upcoming meeting. They are figuring out how we can get feedback from people... perhaps a digital suggestion box. Delpha Thomas is interested in joining. Aud is interested in getting involved as well. Jerrod Thomas offered to help with the tech of a suggestion box.

Budget:

An interim budget was approved in May. A lot of the budget was focused on in-person functions, so we will need to review. There is a budget committee forming (Jen Jacobs, Denise Castañon, Melissa Olin, Amy Lumbreras) who are looking at what we can do for this school year. Jen invited others to join if they are interested.

Upcoming Events:

Dine-out at Atlas Pizza, September 15, from 4:00-10:00 pm. We get 20% of proceeds.
Dine-out at Dutch Bros on Foster, September 18, all day, \$1 per drink to Arleta.

Principal Update:

The meals we are providing at school are now free to all Arleta students, not just those who qualified. Also meals are being provided through a USDA grant by PPS to all Portland children, ages 1-18, at various locations. More information can be found at <https://www.pps.net/Page/111>.

How does enrollment compare to last year? We were projected last year to have 496 and we had 526. This year we were projected to have 548, and we are at 498.

Our kindergarten is under-enrolled. October 1, it will be decided whether we lose a K teacher and go down to two classes. Karen Hedlund was rehired as a kinder teacher

John has no information about whether or not we are coming back to the building after this quarter.

John will set up a meeting for kinder parents and teachers.

The middle school schedule will be shared with students starting tomorrow. The K-5 schedule will hopefully also be approved tomorrow.

Every day there will be a person (one of the secretaries) at school, answering phones, etc.

A discussion about Chromebook issues took place.

School supplies are still being figured out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Approved as Written - or Amended

President

Secretary

APPENDIX

What is the PTA?

- PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association
- Mission - make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children
- Run by a volunteer Executive Board
- Nonprofit 501c(3) organization under the State and National PTA

What does the PTA do?

- Advocate for all children & welcome all families
- Share information about school news, events, policies, and learning opportunities
- Raise money to bring additional opportunities & support to the school
- Host family engagement activities to foster a sense of community



How to join the PTA?

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- There is no cost to participate in PTA meetings or activities!
 - Joining as a paid member gives voting rights & counts you among the collective PTA supporters
 - PTA membership is \$10 per year per person. Scholarships available!
 - Join by going to ArletaPTA.org

How are PTA meetings run?

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- We meet monthly
 - We want all meetings & activities to feel welcoming!
 - Some business items require a vote of approval
 - Anyone is welcome to ask questions and bring items forward for a vote
 - We want to bring a guest speaker or activity to every meeting
 - In-person meetings offer free childcare and dinner