

## Arleta PTA General Meeting Agenda

February 9, 6-7:30pm | Online via Zoom

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6:00-6:10	Welcome & introductions	All
6:10-6:15	General Business 1. Approve minutes from Jan. meeting 2. Nominating Committee	Heather Rose All
6:15-6:25	Budget Update - Vote to add additional fundraisers - Faculty Grants Report	Jen Jacobs Melissa Sircy
6:25-6:45	Learn about Black History Month Opportunities	BHM Planning Coordinators
6:45-7:00	Family Roundtable	All
7:00-7:25	Principal Update	John Horn
7:30	End meeting	All

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**Arleta PTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**January 13, 2021**  
**6:10 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Heather Rose Pearson, Melissa Sircy, Carrie Bowers, Jen Jacobs, Alyson Kraus, Melissa Olin, Britt Kuether, Chelsea Doré, Noelle Luchs, Sondra Blair, John Horn, Eric Flagel

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Arleta PTA Co-President Melissa Sircy at 6:10 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Jen motioned to approve the minutes of our November 10, 2020 meeting, Chelsea seconded, and they were approved.

**Budget Report:**

- We have more members than we budgeted, so we're doing well there.
- Discussing whether to have a Dolphin Drive
- We will have more bottle drop money. It's been good this year.
- We are getting another \$153 from Fred Meyer rewards.
- We have more spirit wear sales since December.
- Give Oregon raised \$496 more than we budgeted for - it was a great fundraiser!
- We will speak more about staff grants in February. We may need to amend the amount budgeted.
- We will have Rachelle Chase return as speaker for the Inclusion Committee on February 17, with a new topic.

**Benefit:** Benefit is a free, downloadable app. You create a name and password, and associate it with Arleta to begin fundraising. You associate your payment method, buy gift cards for yourself, or email them to someone as a gift. Depending on the store, we get 2-11% money back. Minimal effort to do, and great benefit for our school. It is better than Scrip in that you don't need physical gift cards.

**Faculty Grants:** We set aside money each year out of our budget to fund projects and equipment for staff, like books for the library. Before winter break, we asked teachers and staff what they would like to request. The deadline was last Friday. We have a committee to review requests and have asked John and Britt to join, and a faculty member. We may need to come to the general membership with a request to increase the budget, if that's what the committee determines is needed. Chelsea and Alyson have joined the committee.

**Reflex:** The PTA funded a school-wide subscription to Reflex Math, which was originally requested by the 4/5 team. Eric Flagel described how the program works and how the data is read by teachers. The 4/5 team is very happy with it, and parents on the call said their students are enjoying it too. Some classes have given students the option to choose between Dreambox and Reflex. Eric will give a demonstration at the next staff meeting so other teachers feel more comfortable using it.

**Round table discussion:** Chelsea: We are having three classes of students leave at once at the end of the year, as we move to K-5. We should consider having a ceremony. John: Not only students are leaving, but staff. This has been a discussion among administration as well.

Melissa S.: helping to create a yearbook, with history about the school, as a celebration of the transition. There is a google form to start collecting pictures - <https://forms.gle/pmCbTFNQyTaM4W7e8>. It will be sent out to families this week.

John: We also have 8th graders to promote. We want them to feel special. We could have a group of parents and teachers who consider and plan for end of year celebrations. Chelsea, Noelle, and Heather Rose volunteered to help.

**Principal update:**

The future of in-school learning: Arleta is not one of the schools slated to open on January 25. Schools which are opening are very limited, and they are for students who are struggling the most. Arleta is preparing for the hybrid model of 35 square feet per student. All furniture is currently in the hall. It will move to the stage. When a school opens, every student who walks in the door will be assessed for Covid symptoms. Next week, Arleta admin will go see a school that is already a working hybrid. Nothing close to an agreement for hybrid learning has been reached. New guidelines will be released by the Oregon Health Authority on the 19th. Small possibility we will start hybrid learning after spring break. If families don't feel ready to send their children to school, there may be an option for students to choose to stay home. That may be true for teachers, too.

Noelle: Will start time for school potentially begin later when we transition to K-5? John: Research shows that the oldest students should be coming in latest, but there is no plan to change start times for Arleta right now.

SE Guiding Coalition: Thanks to Sondra and Sarah for their work on the SE Guiding Coalition. There is so much to weigh and consider. There is a meeting tomorrow night. Current recommendation has Creston hanging in the balance. We are unsure where those students will land. Asking for extra resources for Creston if it remains K-8 next year. Also asking for extra resources for schools that are changing to K-5. Phase 2 will focus on boundary changes to address equity and high school crowding. Franklin is really overcrowded. We can't balance high schools just looking at southeast. Pretty confident that Arleta middle schoolers will go to Kellogg next year. The following year is uncertain, because there may be boundary changes.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.**

The next general meeting of Arleta PTA will be on February 9, 2021.

Approved as Written - or Amended

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President

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Secretary