

# PPO General Meeting

Location: CRA  
Date: May 12, 2023 @ 8:30am

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**Welcome:** Christina Tortomasi, Cherise Shively, and Molly Lee

New position - Treasurer - Tatum Wolfe

ELEMENTARY DIRECTOR - INGRID BEATY

- Housekeeping items: Parking in the neighborhood, please make sure we are good to them. Be mindful of trash cans, driveways, and people's cars.
- We want to get parents here who speak other languages so we can have a resource and connect families and relay information from PPO meetings.

WELCOME COMMITTEE - CASEY CASKEY AND HEATHER CAPLAN

- In charge of putting together kinder playdates, welcome volunteer breakfast, and welcome new families as they come into the year.

FUNDRAISING - NIKKI WHEELER PRINZ

- Sarah will be joining the team and Leah Lahtini will also help.
- We're looking for more folks to join.
- Sarah has been working with MOMS Orange County, has a lot of events she helps with and experience in fundraising.
- You'll see emails from Eve.
- Rolled out Annual Giving. 534k expense
- The Ambassador program will be rolling out - it will be a voice for annual funds and the Roots Run. Please grab a form on the way out or ask PPO for an emailed version.

Elizabeth Miller: Why is it double? Answer: Rent went up. The custodial number. Also with free lunches comes a lot of extras. People need to get paid to deliver lunches. We broke down all the amounts and will send an updated communication.

Anonymous Q: The website was from last year if you click on the link. Answer: I'm sorry, we will update you all and want to make sure everything is transparent.

Anonymous Q: We want to find ways to raise teachers' salaries. Answer: It's not sustainable. We need to focus on the fundraising for the school's overhead and would love to have extra after that. Maybe we can do a fundraising meeting to continue talking about it.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT - JENNY WOODWARD

- October 12th 5-7 pm
- Popcorn, cotton candy, pizza for a fee. Everything else is free.
- We're looking into a dunk tank if we have enough volunteers. We're trying to line up face painting or henna.
- Balloon cars with tracks for racing. Sign up will come out for donations for decorations and things for balloon cars.
- Sign up will come out to help run stands.
- One of the big fundraisers is through sales at FFN and pumpkin patch, all of it goes towards staff appreciation week.

Lara Hayden: Can we have alumni come and do henna? Answer: Yes. definitely.

Anonymous Question: What time will it be? Answer: 5 pm - 7 pm and the book fair will be open at that time, too, if you want to go pick up books.

## PUMPKIN PATCH - JENNY WOODWARD

- Laguna Hills Mall pumpkin patch
- The week after Family Fun Night is the pumpkin patch.
- We sell wristbands and the date is Oct 18th.
- Safe space to run around with friends. The wristbands are usually around \$25. if anyone has connections with a face painter or henna, reach out and let us know. Email PPO.

## BOOK FAIR - ALISON HERSON AND JORDANA

- Monday through Thursday.
- We'll be sending out emails for volunteers for set up, helping out decorator, coming in with your child's class (2 volunteers per class visit). and take-down.
- Set up will be the Friday before and take-down is the following Friday morning.
- The theme is "Reading is Sweet/Candyland"
- We need parents to help execute decorations. We need decorations ready to go to be put up quickly. We really need some creative people.
- If you signed up on the written form and you don't see an email, then reach out because she might not have been able to read the handwriting.
- We need plastic bags and extra 6-foot folding tables and an easel or two.
- You have to have done the volunteer training and need to be live scanned.
- Please make sure it's done prior to Oct 9th.

Nikki Question: When is the next training? Answer: We don't have a date yet. The office coordinates that. Anonymous Question: Do the emails come to each person? Answer: It

comes from Parent Square. You can email PPO if you don't know Alison and PPO can forward the emails. This goes for any questions or events. We can always forward to the right person.

#### DENIM AND DIAMONDS - CHRISTINA

- October 7th, evening event just for parents
- Come to meet other parents without kiddos
- We will have beverages and Uncle Ice Bergs catering.
- Cash bar and we'll be trying to figure out a payment link for UIB.
- We have a line dancer who will teach line dancing.
- We will be promoting volunteerism.

#### ROOM PARENTS - CHERISE SHIVELY

- The main duty is to be a liaison between PPO and staff
- Help with the run, multicultural fair, book fair, help in coordinating the events with parents. Help with the run flare.
- Help celebrate teacher's bday and any celebrations for end of year, etc.

Anonymous Question: Does middle school have room parents? Answer: No, but we have a middle school liaison. They have been selected this year but in the future, reach out. They help coordinate what room parents would help coordinate. MS needs lots of volunteers to make events successful.

Anonymous Question: What about stock the lounge? Is that only for 7th and 8th. Answer: We'll talk about that. We focus on grade levels and this month happens to be 7 and 8 grade but any grade can donate any month.

Anonymous Question: Regarding room parents, how are those chosen? Answer: Molly and Cherise head up room parents. There was correspondence sent through PS with a form if you had interest in becoming a room parent or portfolio parent. On Sunday, we will share a spreadsheet with teachers and they will choose 2 of each. You should know within 7-10 days from this Sunday. You'll be in a group and we'll go from there. Mandatory meetings, select one out of two sessions.

#### PORTFOLIOS - ELIZABETH MILLER AND NATALIE BROWN

- We need parents to help organize and create portfolios/
- You will get the great work that the teachers' keep for you to organize in bins.
- It's their actual erasable work that's been bound with their name.
- It takes 2 people from each classroom.
- If you are going to get involved, you will have to come into the classroom once a month to file the kids' work.
- You have to be trained and live scanned in case you are in the classroom alone organizing and the teacher isn't there.
- They get passed out the last week of the school year.

Anonymous Question: How much is the book? Answer: last year \$33. it's not a fundraiser. This is the exact cost. If you don't want one, the work is kept and given to you at the end of the school year in a folder. It is completely separate from yearbooks.

#### STOCK THE LOUNGE - MARTHA AND NICOLA

- Once a month we will ask parents of specific grades to help stock the lounge for staff to show our appreciation.
- This month we're starting with 7th and 8th grades but anyone can donate of any grade. It is very much appreciated.
- The link went out in the newsletter through PS. It's also posted on the Facebook group.
- Sept 13th is the first collection.
- You can mail to the office.

Anonymous Question: If we don't do the car line, can we drop off at the office? Answer: Yes. That's fine. Please put a note that says "stock the lounge."

#### GENERAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Lara Hayden Question: Do you know much about MS leadership? Answer: It's changing this year and it's being head up by Ms. Hayes.

Elizabeth Question: What about dress-up days? Answer: PPO is picking them this year. We're waiting for them to be approved and then you will see it on the calendar.

**Adjournment** - Tori Zimmon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carrie McCray seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Questions or Comments? Please email us at: [PPO@communityrootsacademy.org](mailto:PPO@communityrootsacademy.org)

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**Attendees:** (52 people) Jenny Woodward, Hosan Nasie, Natalie Brown, Casey Caskey, Magdalena Popov, Tori Zimmon, Jordana Berzansky, Carissa Bennet, Aghiiia Temchurina, Natalia Romriell, Megan Condon, Nyki Franz, Lara Hayden, Miyu Hunter, Hali Ducote, Joy Cleary, Lacey Noterman, Jana Anderson, Nicole Skura, Martha Ratinoff, Nicola Stupka, Tarlan Saderi, Mahsa Hosat-Khoshwiyat, Molly Manson, Sara Farsani, Lindsay Segal, Jacie Beaumont, Ivana Dorin, Allisandra Rha, Dama Salloum, Elizabeth Miller, Evelyn Flowers, Patricia and Patrick Gandy, Aliana Garces, Melanie Phillips, Srenya Leidter, Madison Bettis, Brooke Sinang, Inesa Hinsch, Sara Stewart, Heather Kaplan, Trish Nichols, Carrie McCray, Kelsey Paprocki, Jen Holstein, Sarah Mascari, Farahnaz Kabirizadeh, Tatum Wolfe, Nikki Wheeler Prinz, Stephanie Cherness, Molly Lee, Christina Tortomasi, Cherise Shively