

Walker PTA meeting: Monday, October 9th @ 6:30pm

Location: Walker Elementary Cafeteria

Attendees:

Mitali Vyas	Darlana Simmons	Natalie Gillespie	Erin Jordan
Ambrish Kochikar	Khristie Kaplan	Amy Wharton	
Ashanti Henderson	Erin Sacluti	Kathy Vyas	

Principal's Announcements:

- Next week are conferences, offered in-person and on Zoom. Teachers should have been in contact about scheduling
- YOU started earlier this month. They have been gathering the students and going to Bessie Rhodes for the program. Walker's leaders are new this year and this was a way for them to get settled and learn how things operate. They will be staying at Walker after conference week.
- A big thank you for the fall decor at the doors! The staff love it.

Teacher Announcements: Khristie Kaplan is PTA teacher liaison

- Thank you for the fall door decor, it's great!
- The Lost & Found is getting filled - please come check for student belongings
- Walker Fest committee will reach out to staff about what rooms will be used for Walker Fest and how teachers can prep their rooms.

Executive Committee Announcements

- PTA Memberships: \$10 for a single member, \$15 for a family membership (2 adults), \$5 for faculty, No barriers membership is at no cost. Please purchase/sign up on our online store:
<https://walker.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true>
- K-4th graders can pre-order 2023/2024 Yearbooks, save 10% if purchased by Oct. 31: go to
<https://web.treering.com/validate>, enter school passcode: 101507041679653. The PTA will provide yearbooks for all 5th graders!
- PTA Calendars - They are done and will go home with students this week (1 per family, sent home with oldest student)
- Fall Party Recap - Huge success! Large turnout. Shout out to Jenny Walsh and Robin Linn Saldanha for putting it all together!

Treasurer Update

- Check Reimbursement Form: <https://forms.gle/5TUUA8DAi36PsaD59>
- Monthly updates - still working on this months report because we're working with the bank to get access to the online platform (our bank was bought by another one and they are rolling out their new online system)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- FAN: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/>
- Looking for people to help with themed monthly bulletin board - you can sign up in the volunteer form linked below under Volunteer Needs.
- Hispanic, Latino and Bilingual playdate - Oct 13: *Familias hispanas, latinas y bilingües que vivan en el norte y oeste de Evanston (Skevanston), únanse a una quedada el 13 de Octubre de 5-6:30 de la tarde en Independence Park. Vengan a conocer a otras familias y a construir una comunidad hispana más unida y fuerte en el norte/oeste de Evanston. ¡Les esperamos! (Hispanic, latino and bilingual families living in the north and west side of Evanston (Skevanston), join us for a playdate on October 13 from 5-6:30pm at Independence Park. Join us to meet other families and to build a stronger community in north/west Evanston. We hope you can join!)*

Fundraising Committee Update

- WalkerFest - Coming up on Nov. 4th! We will need volunteers to help set up, run games and concessions, clean up, prize donations and concession donations. You can pre-order your students' wristbands now. Links here:
 - Wristband sales – <https://walker.memberhub.com/store/items/799592>

- Volunteering – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BAEAE2AA0FE3-44699213-walkerfest#/>
- Concession Donations – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BAEAE2AA0FE3-44725727-walkerfest#/>

Garden Committee Update:

- Great job with fall door decor at the school. They completed the fall clean up. They are always looking for volunteers, everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy the space!

PEP Update:

- There will be a town hall open to all about how the One Fund program is going and if we should continue with it on Nov. 9 @ 6:30-8pm at JEH. PTAs will vote later if they want to continue participating in One Fund. The program has been running for 3 years and it was agreed upon when it started that after 3 years there would be discussion and voting to stay with it or not.

Volunteer Needs:

- [Click here to sign up!](http://bit.ly/3PInlq9) (<http://bit.ly/3PInlq9>) - Any help is appreciated, just fill out the form and someone will contact you.

New Business

- **Parent/Teacher Conference Potluck Sign Ups:** Let's show our teachers & staff some love during October conferences by stocking the Staff Lounge with snacks and beverages! The plan is to have lots of food choices for them to grab for breakfast, lunch or after school while they are in-between conferences. Sign up here: <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/WSQC4683> Admin last name: Sacluti Password: Walker
- **Application Now Open for the 2023-24 Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee!** District 65 is looking for parents who want to participate in the District's Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee. Interested parents and caregivers can apply using the 2023-24 Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee Application [link](#). A total of four meetings will be held on October 12, December 6, February 8, and April 11 by zoom from 5:30pm - 7:00pm.

Important Dates

- Oct. 11: Walker ESCCA Day
- Oct. 16-19: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 20: No School
- Nov. 1: Early Dismissal, 12:05pm
- Nov. 1: Walker Restaurant Night - Panda Express
- Nov. 3: Picture Retake Day
- Nov. 4: WalkerFest, 11am-2pm
- Nov. 9: PEP Town Hall Meeting, 6:30-8pm @ JEH

Adjournment: We hope to see you at next month's meeting on Nov. 13th at 6:30pm in the Walker Cafeteria!