

Walker PTA meeting: Monday, December 11th @ 6:30pm
Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Kathy Vyas	Amy Wharton	Lancie
Natalie Gillespie	Khristie Kaplan	Ashanti Henderson
James Gray	Dante	

Principal's Announcements

- Wrapping up second round of Map testing
- D65 is changing student passwords for technology - password is now lunch pin- k,1,2 will be changed for kids on ipads, 3,4,5 get new code
- Student Council is taking over some of PTA things including the climate committee - first project is spirit week, which is happening next week, starting 12/18. Flyers have or will come home with your student about the theme for each day.
- Teacher facilitators for student council - Oas, Rubin, Nissly

Teacher Announcements: Khristie Kaplan is PTA teacher liaison

Executive Committee Announcements

- Lou Malnati's Gift Certificate Fundraiser Recap - Thanks to all who participated to support our 5th graders!
- Chicago Wolves game Feb 25 tickets link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/walkerschool0225>
 - Walker folks will all sit in the same section and will receive a hat.
- We are looking for an additional PEP Rep and co-chair(s) for PTA DEI Committee
- Holiday gifts: E-mail went out to room parents regarding taking a collection for teacher gifts, which is optional, and up to each set of room parents. If you have questions, please contact your room parents.
- Lost & Found
 - Thank you to the Lost & Found Committee for taking pictures of the items in lost and found.
 - To pick up items from lost & found or look through the items, come to school with your ID. Best time is after dropoff, but anytime is ok.
 - **All items remaining (not claimed) in the lost and found after school on Wednesday, 12/20 will be donated to ESCCA.**
 - **REMINDER: Please label ALL your students' items that come to school.**
- 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>

Treasurer Update

- Check Reimbursement Form: <https://forms.gle/5TUUA8DAi36PsaD59>
- Monthly update
 - Shared monthly reports through November 2023.
 - Fundraising efforts going well so far this year
 - Memberships continue to come in on a rolling basis
- Audit Update
 - Thanks to the volunteers who are diligently working on this project.
 - On schedule to be completed before the deadline.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- New Chair: Sylvia Jackson - Welcome!
- Looking for volunteers for all heritage months except for May.

Fundraising Committee Update

- Noodles & Co. fundraiser for December was successful and \$152.88 is coming back to Walker.

Climate Action Team

- The Trash or Treasure candy wrapper recycling initiative was a success at Walker. Thank you to everyone who brought their candy wrappers and filled the box. Thanks Jen Gilbert especially for organizing! Check out the picture of the box on the D65 Facebook page.

Community Engagement Committee Update

- Bingo Event Recap - Super fun and well attended. Thanks to Robin & Jenny for organizing!

PEP Update - This year PTAs are voting on whether to continue with OneFund. We expect to have a more comprehensive update in January.

Volunteer Needs:

- [Click here to sign up!](http://bit.ly/3PInlq9) (<http://bit.ly/3PInlq9>)
- ESCCA serve date 12/16:
https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/10047237025183760116/false?fbclid=IwAR2Oi9m30_gcN4fH5kzJNYqH_j2YaOXym2p3PbkgIzozd2_x-14Eh1FjE8#/invitation

New Business

- Kindergarten Family Meet up with Savings for Success: Jan 20th at 9-11am at Walker
 - Contact PTA if you want to volunteer to sell spirit wear during the event.
 - PTA will give a brief intro after the Savings for Success presentation.
 - There will be child care available during the presentation in the gym and all families will have time to play and connect.
 - Snacks will also be served.
 - For more information on the program: <https://www.ywca-ens.org/economic-advancement/s4s/>

Important Dates

- Dec 16: Walker ESSCA Serve Date
- Dec 25 - Jan 5: No School, Winter Break
- Jan 8: No School, School Improvement Day
- Jan 9: Students Return
- Jan 10: Walker Restaurant Night at Herm's
- Jan 15: No School, MLK Day
- Jan 20: Kindergarten Family Meet up with Savings for Success (9-11am)
- Jan 22: PTA Meeting

Adjournment: We hope to see you at **next month's meeting on Jan. 22nd at 6:30pm on Zoom!**