

Walker PTA meeting: Monday, January 22nd @ 6:30pm  
Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Amy Wharton	Nicole O'Connell	Erin Sacluti
Natalie Gillespie	Khristie Kaplan	Darlena Simmons

Principal's Announcements:

- Thank you PTA for the amazing Walker sweatshirts right before break!
- There's a dental clinic this Thursday. Forms were sent home, but if you need one, please email Emily Erickson at [ericksone@district65.net](mailto:ericksone@district65.net)
- The school did a reboot of safety/behavior expectations for different areas of the school. Members of the student council and staff were stationed in each area and all students were brought around the school to go over safety rules and behavior expectations of each area.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Feb. 13th & 14th. They will be offered in both Zoom and in-person (families will get to choose what they prefer).

Teacher Announcements: Khristie Kaplan is PTA teacher liaison

- Big thank you to the PTA for the sweatshirts, it was great to see all of the staff in them. And thank you for the treats this morning!
- The lunch/recess monitors and teachers have noticed that a lot of students aren't prepared for outside recess (many without gloves, boots, snow pants, etc.) and the students are uncomfortable. Please make sure that your student has the gear they need to go outside for recess. Recess is outdoors as long as the temperature is 20 degrees or above, the windchill is 20 degrees or above, and it's not pouring rain.

Executive Committee Announcements

- Holiday spirit wear gift to staff. We gifted 74 sweatshirts (one for each staff member, gray & blue)
- MLK Service Project Recap - filled 4 big boxes of emergency kits for Connections for the Homeless. Some families plus students from after school childcare helped put the kits together.
- Winter Glow Party Feb. 10th at 4-6pm, with Mr. Marcus from D.I.M.E
- Potluck/Snacks for staff during Conference Week (Feb 13-15) See link under "Volunteer Needs"
- 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 Wolves knit hat. A small portion of ticket sales will come back to the PTA.
- 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: Brought in \$15 from GiveBacks, \$60 in spirit wear, we'll end up spending under \$100 to cover the rest of the cost of yearbooks for 5th grade.
- Audit Update

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- Looking for volunteers for all heritage months except for May.
- Black History Month Celebrations:
  - One Book One School: Brandis Friedman is planning the event, this year the book "We Dream A World" by Yolanda Renee King will be read.
  - Guest speakers for each grade: Ashanti Henderson is planning this effort

Fundraising Committee Update

- Herm's Restaurant Day Results (still waiting for totals)
- Panino's is the restaurant for February. We will possibly have a 2nd restaurant night in Feb.

Climate Action Team

- D65 Climate Action Community Meeting: Tues. Jan. 23rd at 4pm on Zoom (<https://district65.zoom.us/j/89915967602>), open to all

PEP Update: PEP is continuing work on language to help implement One Fund, so it doesn't fall away as leadership roles change throughout the future.

#### Volunteer Needs:

- [Click here to sign up!](http://bit.ly/3PInlq9) (<http://bit.ly/3PInlq9>)
- Potluck/Snacks for staff during Conference Week (Feb 13-15): <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RTRU5105>
  - Admin last name: Sacluti Password: Walker

#### New Business

#### Important Dates

- Jan 23: D65 Climate Action Community Meeting@ 4pm
- Feb 7: Early Dismissal @ 12:05pm & Walker Restaurant Day at Panino's
- Feb 10: PTA Winter Glow Party @ 4-6pm
- Feb 12: PTA Meeting
- Feb 13-15: Parent Teacher Conferences

Adjournment: We hope to see you at **next month's meeting on Feb. 12th at 6:30pm on Zoom!**