

Walker PTA meeting: Monday, May 13th @ 6:30pm
Location: In Person at Walker's Cafeteria and via Zoom

Attendees:

Nicole O'Connell	Liz Ribeiro	Erin Sacluti	Kathy Vyas	Lancie
Darlena Simmons	Natalie Gillespie	Khristie Kaplan	James Gray	

Principal's Announcements:

- Thanks to Erin for all that you do for the school! You are such a great volunteer and we will miss you
- We have 1 days of school left
- Kindergarten sing along is May 21st, email to come
- Field Day is May 29th
- 5th Grade Farewell is May 21st
- Grade Picnics are coming up, teachers will reach out
- Class placements for next year will be sent out in early August

Teacher Announcements: Khristie Kaplan is PTA teacher liaison

- Thank you so much for all the goodies during teacher appreciation week!
- The paper cabinet that was gifted will come May 16th

Executive Committee Announcements

- Teacher Appreciation Week Recap: We sold flower-grams with the student council - sold out (500 flowers), Tuesday we had the Soul Good Coffee truck out for staff, Wed 7 Thurs we did potlucks. We also ordered a storage cabinet to go by the copier that the teachers picked out.
- April Fundraiser Results:
 - We did a direct ask, made 52% of our goal of \$15k, raised \$7735.90. Thank you for your support!!
 - 5th gr: \$1073, 4th gr: \$1180, 3rd gr: \$ 1132, 2nd gr: \$973, 1st gr: \$2501, K: \$500
 - Each grade had a goal of \$2500, and if reached they would get popsicles provided by the PTA at their grade picnic
 - The biggest earner would win an extra recess: 1st grade won
- Looking for Exec and Committee volunteer positions for the next school year (2024-2025) - Treasurer (Natalie will stay on until we get a new person in)
- 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: International night cost \$100, Principal Coffee cost \$50, Garden Club used \$270 of their budget, spent \$239 for more bank checks for the PTA account (a crazy cost)
- Audit Update: ¼ of the way through
- Restaurant Night Results
 - Portillos: Made \$150
 - Culver's (May): made \$450. During other fundraisers they have given the whole day's percentage, they are even willing to let school staff come serve to get more people to come in - maybe teachers would be interested

Fundraising Committee Update

- Thank you to Patty Harris for running the Fundraising Committee! She did all the restaurant nights (had them set up in advance) and did spiritwear.
- Looking for a new chair of the committee for next year
 - Duties: Box tops, restaurant nights, spirit wear
 - Amanda Hulst has volunteered to take this on

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update

- May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; Haitian American Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; Mental Health Awareness Month
- Gave more of a budget this year and will again next year. Going to focus on education next year.

Community Engagement Committee Update

- International Night Recap (Cecilie Ryan): Was a great success! We had tables from S Korea, India, Israel, Assyria and Norway. Tons of great food, good turnout, teachers joined. Thank you Cecilie for planning the event!
- Thank you Ms. Likhite for organizing the 4th & 5th grade Volleyball League
- Thank you to Jenny Walsh and Robin Saldanha for running this committee this year
 - Next year co-chairs, Robin will run BINGO events & Ashanti Henderson will run Dances

Climate Action Team

- The Walker Earth Day family cleanup was a success, with more than 30 adults and children coming out to help clean up the school grounds. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Jennifer is hoping to find volunteers who are interested in helping to make our school events more sustainable by monitoring composting and recycling. Please contact Jennifer Gilbert at jennifergilbert333@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering next year.
- Please remember that we can compost and recycle at the end of the year grade picnics! Compost totes are on the west side of the school. The recycling bin is near the parking lot exit. Central Park has composting and recycling receptacles as well.
- D65 has a new school recycling page: <https://www.district65.net/services1/sustainability/school-recycling>

Garden Committee Update

- Budget
- One more meeting scheduled for May to plant the native plants that were donated to the school as part of the D65 plant sale. Date/Time TBD
- Co-Chair of the Garden Committee for the 24-25 school year is Sylvia Kilcullen - Thank you!
- Working on getting free compost, got dirt delivered working with Books & Breakfast, possible summer sign-up, might need to cover young trees to protect from cicadas.

PEP Update

- PEP Fest - May 18, 12-5p at Washington Elementary School, 914 Ashland. <https://ptaequityproject.com/getinvolved>
- Contact Liz Ribeiro to help (9551ribeirofamily@gmail.com)
- A signup genius is out for the PEP Fest booth - we need volunteers!!
- People can come and color (with crayons and markers) a mural made by Walker students (Ms. Moon is having students make the drawings, this will also count for Ms. Moon's art display for Walker at the District). The banner can be finished at Walker if not done at the Fest.
- Liz is loaning a pop up tent
- Super low key to manage, very easy, just need one adult to run it
- Liz can deliver the supplies to volunteer's house on Friday
- PEP Fest is fun - food trucks, professional vendors selling goods, all PTAs have booths, playgrounds

Volunteer Needs:

- Help run Walker PEP Fest Booth
- Need people for Treasurer & Yearbook Co-Editor
- [Click here to sign up!](http://bit.ly/3PInlq9) (<http://bit.ly/3PInlq9>)

New Business

- Vote to elect new Co-President (2 year position)
 - Nicole O'Connell has volunteered for the position
 - Kathy made the motion to vote Nicole in as Co-President
 - Natalie seconded
 - All in favor - Welcome Nicole!
- Approve Amended Budget & Teacher Grant Request to cover 2nd grade field trip
 - Moving \$190 from the angel fund to teacher grant fund to cover the shortfall for the cost of the 2nd grade field trip
 - Kathy motioned to move the funds and cover the cost of the field trip

- Natalie seconded
- All in favor - motions passed

Important Dates

- May 18: PEP Fest, 12-5pm & YEA! (Open Studio Project) D65 Art Exhibition, 10am-3pm
- May 13: Last Day of Spring Enrichments
- May 27: No School, Memorial Day
- May 29: Field Day
- May 30: Rain Day for Field Day
- May 31: Last Day of School

Adjournment: Have a great Summer!