

Agenda

Principal's Announcements

- Family-Teacher conferences coming up Feb. 10-13
- Direct neighbors, family, and friends to D65 for kindergarten registration
- Will have two less sections at Walker next year - two 1st grades and two 4th grades next year
- Thanks for everyone who pivoted to e-learning last week

Teacher Announcements: Victoria Bardic is PTA teacher liaison

- A former Walker parent owns a printing company for t-shirts, etc. she'll send the info along!

Executive Committee Announcements

- Winter sports - come support Walker basketball teams and cheerleaders:
<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/Evanston/schedules>
 - Thanks to all our volunteer coaches!
- Treasurer Report
 - Reached 42% of fundraising goal
 - \$1200 came from Lou Malnati's fundraiser - thanks to Erin Sacluti and the 5th grade for this!
 - Teacher appreciation gifts in December were the most recent larger expense
 - Thanks to Julian and Neha for support with past Walker Audits!
- Become a PTA Member! <https://walker.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true&category=Memberships>
- Volunteer Needs: [Click here to sign up!](https://bit.ly/WalkerVolunteer) (<https://bit.ly/WalkerVolunteer>)
- Teacher grants - don't forget to apply!

New Business

- We need a Nominating Committee!
 - Nominating committee - about a two month commitment - a chance to support the PTA by bringing some new people into the exec roles
 - Looking for people to be new incoming [must have: Co-President & Secretary] & [nice to have: Treasurer-elect & an additional PEP rep for next school year]
 - Need to have nominees by April so we can vote in the May meeting
 - Interested? Reach out to Kathy or Nicole to learn more about the roles
- Need 3-4 volunteers to help set up for Math Night on 2/24. Email walkerptagroup@gmail.com if you can help.

Committees Updates:

- Community Engagement
 - Winter Glow Party coming up on Sunday, Feb. 2 2-4pm
 - Math Night coming up on Monday, Feb. 24 7-8pm, directly following the PTA meeting
- Fundraising Committee
 - Spiritwear Options:
 - <https://1stplace.sale/30464>
 - <https://www.bonfire.com/store/walker-elementary-school-pta/>
 - Givebacks: <https://www.givebacks.com/how-it-works>
 - Boxtops: <https://boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>
 - Spring Fundraising Appeal - April - stay tuned for more info!
 - Dine to Donate: Culver's brought in \$250, next is Panino's on Feb. 5, Noodles & Co on Mar. 5 coming up!
- Teacher Appreciation
 - Getting ready for conferences the week of Feb. 10th - look for a sign up genius soon
- Audit
 - Monthly audits are underway
 - If you want a 30-40 min remote work PTA role - the audit committee is always a good place to join!
- Lost & Found
 - All items were donated to ESCCA in December, with the exception of some Walker spiritwear that will go back into the Lost and Found to hopefully be claimed

- Please check the Lost and Found during conferences the week of Feb. 10th
- Discussed idea of doing a label fundraiser to support labeling items!
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - Upcoming service project - look for details this week
- Garden
 - Native plant sale is open through Feb. 21: <https://go.rallyup.com/2025nativeplantsale>
 - [Why Native Plants Matter | Audubon](#)
 - If teachers are interested in planting vegetable seedlings please email Sylvia, Garden Committee Chair (walkergardend65@gmail.com)
- Climate Action
- PEP
 - Please keep your child's Walker spirit wear if they are growing out of it - we'll save it for PEP fest to upcycle it
 - Liz has access to the PEP website now so we can now post restaurant nights or other announcements directly to the website
 - PEP is working on: equity training with D65 culture and climate team, bylaws recommendations, grant research and writing - very interested in anyone with this background or expertise joining PEP in that capacity
 - Had a successful holiday gift drive
 - Reach out to Liz Ribiero: 847.372.3022, 9551ribeirofamily@gmail.com

Open Discussion

- See something interesting or cool at another school? Share what you find! Share your ideas! walkerptagroup@gmail.com
- Black History Month - One Book One School
 - Melissa Denton is interested in supporting this!

Important Dates

- Jan. 31: Evanston Ecology Camp Scholarship deadline
- Sunday, Feb. 2 Winter Glow Party 2-4pm @ Walker Gym
- Wednesday, Feb. 5 - half day school improvement day - dismissal at 12:05
- Wednesday, Feb. 5 Restaurant Night @ Panino's
- Feb. 10-13 Conferences
- Feb. 14 & 18 - no school
- Monday, Feb. 24 PTA Meeting 6-7pm @ Walker Cafeteria followed by Math Night 7-8pm in the Walker Gym
- Sunday, Mar. 2 2pm Northwestern Women's Basketball PEP Fundraising Event - tickets are \$10 and \$5 goes to One Fund <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/District6524>

Adjournment: We hope to see you at next month's meeting on Monday, Feb. 24th at 6:00pm in the Walker Cafeteria!

For reference from December's PTA Meeting:

- Recap of the PTAC meeting with the Superintendent
 - Structural Deficit Reduction Plan (<https://www.district65.net/about/budget-finance/structural-deficit-reduction-plan>)
 - Watch the board meeting about it: <https://www.youtube.com/@district6541/streams>

Attendance:

Kathy Vyas, Nicole O'Connell, Genevieve Comeau, James Gray, Victoria Bardic, Amy Wharton, Jordan Batmanghlich, Cleopatra Soares, Maamoun Habbaba, Michelle Robinson, Sarah Trulley, Amanda Hulse, Dan Achina, Liz Ribiero, Ms. Scott, Adrienne Adams, Melissa Denton, Lencie