

Agenda

Attendees:

Darlena Simmons	Victoria Bardic	Dan & Rebekah Achina	Cleopatra Soares	Liz Ribeiro
Kathy Vyas	James Gray	Geneva Solomon-Willow	Melissa Denton	
Nicole Gilman-O'Connell	Amy Wharton	Michelle Robinson	Amanda Hulse	
Genevieve Comeau	Natalie Gillespie	Jen Gilbert	Brandon Munden	

Principal's Announcements:

- One Book One School was a great event! Thanks to all who volunteered!
- March 5th is a half day, we have 3 months left of school
- 7% of families have filled out the 5Essentials Survey, we need 20%, so please fill it out:
<https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>
- Recess Rules: D65 policy is that the kids get outside recess if both the temp and wind chill temp are 20 degrees or above and not raining. When there is inside recess, 2-5th grades have 2 classes in their classrooms and 1 class gets to be in the gym. The class that gets to be in the gym is rotated so each class gets time in the gym throughout the year. K & 1st are in their classrooms because PE classes are using the gym at their recess times.
- Thank you all for coming out to your parent teacher conferences!

Teacher Announcements: Victoria Bardic is PTA teacher liaison

- Thank you all for the snacks during conferences! We really appreciate the upstairs location too!
- Book Fair is happening during testing week - is there any way to change this for next year? Maybe have it during conference week? During testing week the kids get so excited over the book fair, it's hard to get them calm and focusing on the tests.

Executive Committee Announcements

- Treasurer Report (see attached)
 - \$556 fundraised during Jan. Mostly restaurant nights and some from Givebacks and Boxtops. \$250 from Culver's night
 - Expenses were for Justin Wynn, Glow Party, teacher conferences, and some basketball expenses (balls, ice packs, metals)
- Become a PTA Member! <https://walker.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true&category=Memberships>
 - In order to vote for new officers in May, please sign up soon - you need to be a member for 30 days prior to vote
 - There's a no-barriers membership available
- Volunteer Needs: [Click here to sign up!](https://bit.ly/WalkerVolunteer) (<https://bit.ly/WalkerVolunteer>)

New Business

- Vote in the 3 nominating committee members: Darlena Simmons, Krissy Pries, Sarah Trulley
 - Motion carried (Yes)
 - ByLaws require 1 person from the exec board and 2 other members
- Vote on Teacher Grants
 - Tumbling mats for PE classes: for all grade levels, used in PE
 - Motion Carried (Yes)
 - Comfy Seats for Independent Reading for Library: for all grade levels, need a few more to complete the set so all kids in a class can have one to use, cost \$850
 - Motion Carried (Yes)
 - 5th Grade Walker Field Trip: going to Wrigley Field, learning about the 1st American Negro Baseball League, asking for \$1200
 - Motion Carried (Yes)
- Vote on Budget Reallocations
 - Asked the committee chairs to estimate how much they will be spending for the rest of the year, so we can see where there is extra funds we can use elsewhere.
 - Saving in Admin costs

- Want to reallocate to where there is need, like teacher grants
- Added Student Experience Improvement category
 - want to improve recess
 - add permanent soccer goals, add a basketball hoop on the K-2 playground and fix the nets on the 3-5 basketball hoops.
- We want to engage the community in more ideas on how to spend more of our PEP allotment on the school for the students.
- Motion Carried (Yes)

Committees Updates:

- Community Engagement
 - Winter Glow Party Recap: Big shout out to Ashanti H. The kids had a great time! Thank you for your hard work for this event!
- 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
 - Dine to Donate: Noodles & Co in Old Orchard on Mar. 5 coming up!
 - Raised \$200 on our Panino's Night
- Teacher Appreciation: Thank you to Erin S. for conference snack set up!
- Audit
- Lost & Found: Please label all of your student's items, with warm weather coming, kids are leaving items behind
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - MLK service project recap: Thank you to Silvia J. for setting up the care package project
- Garden
- Climate Action
 - Earth Day gardens & grounds clean up on April 26th, 10-11:30a, rain date May 3rd
 - Compost bin in garden
 - In touch w/Ms. Robson w/climate committee in Student Council
- PEP
 - Liz R. has access to that FB group, please email or text her if events are happening so she can share in that group

Open Discussion

- See something interesting or cool at another school? Share what you find! Share your ideas! walkerptagroup@gmail.com
 - Please share anything that would impact student experiences
 - Already reached out to Student Council for their ideas - maybe we should open it up to all students - Admin will reach out to families
 - An idea: bring back a program like we used to have - Artists in Residencies
 - We had this program years ago (before Covid). It was funded through the PTA, and the Parents' Night Out event raised the money for it.
 - Some schools are still doing something like this program
 - It's not chosen by PEP - each PTA gets to decide how they spend their money
 - We can see which schools are doing the program, reach out and see how and if we want to move forward.

Important Dates

- March 2: 2pm Northwestern Women's Basketball PEP Fundraising Event - tickets are \$10 and \$5 goes to One Fund <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/District6524>
- March 5: Early Dismissal @ 12:05pm & Dine to Donate at Noodles & Co.
- March 8, 10-12: Book Fair

- March 8: Bingo @1-2:30pm
- March 17: PTA Meeting 6-7pm @ Walker Cafeteria
- March 24-28: Spring Break
- March 30: Wolves Game

Adjournment: We hope to see you at next month's meeting on Monday, March 17th at 6:00pm in the Walker Cafeteria!

	Approved Budget (Oct)	Proposed Budget (Feb)	Changes		
FUNDRAISING					
Spring Appeal	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -		
WalkerFest Revenue	\$ 9,000	\$ 4,000	\$ (5,000)		
Givebacks	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -		
Fundraising - Other	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -		
Coin Drive	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -		
BookFair	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -		
Restaurant Fundraiser	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -		
BoxTops	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -		
Spiritwear Revenue	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -		
Prior FY Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Fundraising Total	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (5,000)		
	YTD				
PASS THROUGH					
IL PTA Membership Dues	\$ 325	\$ 432	\$ 107		
Pass Through Total	\$ 325	\$ 432	\$ 107		
OPERATIONS					
D65 PTA One Fund Disbursement	\$ 24,264	\$ 24,264	\$ -		
Operations Total	\$ 24,264	\$ 24,264	\$ -		
SCHOOL SUPPORT					
Administrative Costs	\$ 325	\$ 200	\$ (125)		
Liability Insurance	\$ 160	\$ 160	\$ -		
Office Supplies	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ (200)		
Technology Fee	\$ 400	\$ 246	\$ (154)		
Back to School Social	\$ 214	\$ 214	\$ 0		
First Day Coffee	\$ 114	\$ 114	\$ 0		
Community Social Events	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,000)		
Garden Club	\$ 800	\$ 450	\$ (350)		
		\$ -	\$ -		
DEI Committee	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,100)		
One Book One School	\$ 600	\$ 289	\$ (311)		
		\$ -	\$ -		
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,600	\$ 100		
Angel Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 350	\$ (650)		
Field Day	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -		
KinderMixer	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -		
Fifth Grade Farewell	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -		
Yearbooks	\$ 780	\$ 776	\$ (5)		
		\$ -	\$ -		
Teacher Grants	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,500		
		\$ -	\$ -		
Justin Wynn	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ -		
Books & Breakfast	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -		
		\$ -	\$ -		
Year-Round Fundraising	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ (750)		
Spiritwear Expenses	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ (500)		
Walkferfest Expenses	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ (5,500)		
Book Fair Expenses	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ (300)		
		\$ -	\$ -		
Unallocated Funds	\$ 421	\$ -	\$ (421)		
Sport transition (Basketball)		\$ 538	\$ 538		
Student Experience Improvement		\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500		
Multi-year project to reserve		\$ 1,727	\$ 1,727		
Operations Total	\$ 24,264	\$ 24,264	\$ 0		
PASS THROUGH EXPENSES					
PTA Membership Dues - to State	\$ 325	\$ 336	\$ 11		
Pass Through Total	\$ 325	\$ 336	\$ 11		
EVANSTON/D65 COMMUNITY SUPPORT					
D65 PTA One Fund Contribution	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (5,000)		
Community Support Total	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000	\$ (5,000)		
Notes:					
Administrative costs were reduced by \$480 and reallocated to Sports transition (Basketball)					
Fundraising Expenses are no longer part of the Expense budget (~\$7,000)					
Community Social Events, OBOS, Garden Club and Angel Funds are being reduced to align with Chair committe forecast					
Funds are being reallocated to Teacher Grants, Teacher appreciation, Capital Investments and Multi-year project					