

**Sabin PTA Meeting
November 17, 2021
3:30-4:30 pm
Virtual Meeting**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Kris Travis, Co-Vice President, Communications and Events)

2. School Updates (Chrysanthius Lathan, Principal)

- The Black and Brown Parent Advisory Council (BBPAC) met last night. They would like PTA to provide financial support for a Latinx student affinity group for snacks, field trips, guest speakers, etc. Ms. Villanueva-Villarreal will be coordinating this group.
- Conferences are happening next week, and most people have signed up.

3. Teacher Spotlight

- How is this year going?
 - There is a noticeable gap in learning this year, which is a top concern. Students who struggled with distance learning (technology, lack of internet, lack of help at home, etc.) are really struggling this year.
 - It feels really fun to be with students - to laugh together and get to know each other. The kids are so excited to work on projects and to learn.
 - Kids are doing a great job wearing masks all day. Families are also doing a great job keeping kids home when needed. Kids are so eager to learn and excited to be at school.
 - Sabin is an incredible community!
- What impact from the pandemic and CDL are you seeing? How can PTA support (financial, volunteering, communication with families, etc.)?
 - Lunch volunteering is incredibly helpful. We have moved inside for lunches now with open doors and windows - we still need parent volunteers!
 - School administration is working on how to support families in getting to school on time in the morning. This has been a struggle for families working the night shift in particular. If anyone has ideas about this, please contact Mr. Diltz.

- We are seeing gaps in reading in math. In the past, we had the SMART program to provide reading buddies for struggling students. We would love to see PTA support a program like this schoolwide.
- HOLLA Mentors was a wonderful program for 4th and 5th grade students of color. We no longer have this as a program due to funding, but they are interested in working with us. Students really benefit from having positive adults that look like them providing support.
- Our IB program needs financial support to buy books sets for our Units of Study. We also need books to support the IB social curriculum (Learner Profile Traits). PTA has \$3500 in the budget for IB, so this can help support.
- Idea to have a mask bank, or for families to provide masks to teachers.
- We still have a lot of library books missing from last year. Please encourage families to return books. Also, families could donate used books in good condition from some of the more popular series. Ms. Rolfe will reach out to Kris to provide a list of what they are looking for. PTA also has \$2300 in the budget for the library.
- 2nd grade needs book sets for their classrooms.
- Idea to have a website or bulletin board for teachers to post needs and families could help provide new or slightly used items. Maybe Facebook or Slack could be a tool to make this happen, or a volunteer.
- How can room parents provide support?
 - Class bulletin boards
 - BBPAC discussed room parents, and would like us to be selective about room parents - and make sure they receive training on racial equity. This is something PTA could help with.
- How can PTA support teachers and morale?
 - Chocolate
 - Support with bulletin boards
 - Coffee
 - Staff lounge revamp - cutlery, tea, coffee, dish soap, dish towels
 - Nice notes from kids
 - Idea to have a parent volunteer facilitate this
- Other thoughts
 - Can we send an email out with these questions to staff who couldn't attend today?

- The leadership group is trying to fix up the friendship bench on the South playground. We are looking for supplies and volunteer to help work with the kids on this. Contact Erika Moller if you are interested.

4. Action Items

- The minutes from the October Meeting were approved. Jenny made the motion, Will seconded, unanimous vote.

5. Upcoming Events and Activities

- Season of Sharing
 - Our goal is to raise money in the holiday season for any family that requests it. We need to send information out to families soon. Usually two papers go back - one is to request support, one is to
- Golden Ticket store “buy for others” event - donate items by 12/8
 - Student leadership would like donations for items they could “purchase” for family members in December. They are looking for jewelry, figurines, knickknacks, etc. Bring donations to the main office.
- Lunch volunteers are still needed ([sign up here!](#))
- OBOB and Mt. Readmore are happening/on the horizon

6. Equity Discussion

- Continue to listen to Nice White Parents podcast, Episodes 2-3

7. Open Discussion

- Is there a way we could have less plastic in the golden ticket store? Contact Erika Moller with suggestions about the store.
- Discussion about the idea for a Sabin “Buy Nothing” forum. Maybe we could have a Slack channel for this, although Slack isn’t very accessible.

8. Adjournment

[Sabin PTA Meeting Schedule](#)

<p>Board Meetings (First Wednesday) 7:00 - 8:00 pm September 1, 2021 October 6, 2021 November 3, 2021</p>	<p>General Meetings (Third Wednesday) Varying Times September 15, 2021, 6:00 - 7:00 pm October 20, 2021, 7:00 - 8:00 pm November 17, 2021, 3:30 - 4:30 pm</p>
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December 1, 2021	December 15, 2021, 5:30-6:30 pm
January 5, 2022	January 19, 2022, 6:00-7:00 pm
February 2, 2022	February 16, 2022, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
March 2, 2022	March 16, 2022, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
April 6, 2022	April 20, 2022, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
May 4, 2022	May 18, 2022, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
June 1, 2022	June 15, 2022, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Mission of Sabin PTA: *Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The Sabin PTA welcomes anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference in the education, health, and welfare of our children. We serve as a supportive resource for ideas and initiatives that align with our mission and values; we strive to provide Sabin community members with information, funding, volunteer resources, logistical support and communication tools to implement their ideas. We also work to keep our community members informed, involved and invested in school activities and other efforts to advocate for our children.*

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