



Sabin PTA Meeting
September 15, 2021
6-7pm

I. Welcome and Introduction (Kris Travis, Co-Vice President, Communications and Events)

A. Welcome to everyone attending! There are lots of ways to get involved with PTA - a good place to start is at our [website](#).

II. School Updates (Ms. Lathan, Principal)

A. The vision for this school year is "A Year of Joy." We are working to restore joy for everyone at the school. Having lots of fun, dancing and puppet shows.

B. The BooHoo Breakfast for new Kindergarten and 1st Grade families was a success. We had snacks outdoors and time to get to know each other.

C. This year we are also focusing on equity - everything we do at Sabin this year will prioritize the needs of Black and Brown families. We know that when this happens, everyone's needs are met. Lots of people are talking about equity, but we want to see action. The way to change things is to turn things upside down, and this is a priority.

D. We will be starting a Black and Brown Parent Advisory Council. Historically PTA has not been a comfortable place for Black parents, so we have thought about how to do this work in a culturally specific way. This Advisory Council will provide feedback, direction, and vetting for PTA and administrative decisions.

E. Some community partners have asked to use the school and provide programming after school. We are asking all programs how they are prioritizing the needs of Black and Brown children. If they aren't doing this in a comprehensive way, they are turned down. We need to have action, not just more talk on this issue.

F. PPS has put out a new [COVID Dashboard](#). This is updated throughout the day. There have been some questions about exposure and contact tracing. Multnomah County is handling contact tracing - due to privacy, families will not be notified about positive

cases unless they have an exposure. If you don't get a call from Multnomah County, you don't need to quarantine. Families are anxious about COVID, but please stay respectful and be mindful of privacy. Rumors can add to the anxiety and aren't helpful. PTA will continue to support messaging from the school. Parents need reminders about proper protocol for this, and more specific information will come in the Friday Flyer.

- G. Mr. Denton is planning on starting a band class for 4-5th graders. He'd like to have a drumline and a woodwind band. We will need more instruments for this, so please let us know if you have any that you are able to donate. More specific information will come soon.
- H. Please email the admin team if you have any questions or concerns about anything. We want everyone to have all of the information they need.

III. School Updates (Mr. Diltz, Assistant Principal)

- A. Thank you for the families who have volunteered with lunch! Please continue to help. If you can't volunteer during lunch, we also need volunteers to stay a few minutes after school starts to set up the tables. Many hands make light work!
- B. We have a disparity in math outcomes among students, and we want this to change. Starting in mid-October, we will implement a school-wide math intervention program. Students will receive 25 minutes of math intervention, 5 days a week. The plan is to get every student to grade level or above in math. All students will get the support they need in math. There will be small group instruction, as well as individualized work using Dreambox (an online math program). There was a question about math intervention outside of cohorts and COVID safety. These small groups will be held in classrooms with ventilation and space, and they will be tracked in case contact tracing is needed. This protocol follows CDC standards.
- C. Families may still have school devices at home from last year. If you have one, and don't need it, you can return it to the school. If you do need it, please keep it! It is a priority that all students have access to the internet and a laptop or tablet so they can do school assignments. This is particularly important for 3-5th grade. If you or

any other families you know are struggling with technology or internet access, please contact Mr. Diltz for assistance.

- D. We are using new devices at school this year. Grades K-2 are sharing laptops because they often use them in centers or small groups. We have enough devices for all students in grades 3-5 to use in classrooms. Students will start learning more about using technology in school, including topics such as being a good digital citizen and how to stay safe online.
- E. We do not have enough tables and benches for lunch outside. There will be a GoFundMe campaign coming soon to pay for more. We need 10 more tables and 20 benches, so it isn't a big ask.
- F. Kids have been doing a great job at wearing masks! As the weather gets colder and wetter, please make sure kids are equipped for outdoor eating.
- G. Please reach out to Mr. Diltz if you have any questions about math, technology, or lunch volunteering.

IV. Business and Announcements

- A. [Sabin PTA Standing Rules](#) 2021-22 Motion/Approval
 - 1. Will Layng made a motion to approve the document. Josh Jones seconded. Motion approved.
- B. Open positions and notice of elections for October meeting
 - 1. We still have two positions open for the PTA - President and Room Parent Coordinator. We are taking nominations and self-nominations and will vote at the next meeting. Please spread the word. Any questions can be sent to sabinptapresident@gmail.com.
- C. Lunch tables fundraising
 - 1. PTA will help promote the GoFundMe campaign to buy tables and benches for outdoor lunch.
 - 2. There are concerns and questions as to why PPS isn't paying for this, as it is directly related to students and pandemic related issues. There is interest in an email campaign to the District about this. Kristen will stay in touch about it.
 - 3. What about schools that aren't able to fundraise to purchase supplies needed for outdoor lunch? Kristen will work on this. Idea to support the Tubman feeder schools, or other schools in N/NE Portland.

4. GoFundMe is being used for this campaign because it's the quickest way to get access to cash.
- D. Virtual Back to School Night 9/23
1. Save the date - more information and goodie bags will be coming home next week!
- E. Run for Sabin 10/22
1. We are planning on holding the Run for Sabin School Fundraiser. This is an important fundraiser for PTA and we are planning to do it in a safe way. We are working with Ms. Lathan to ensure safety, and we will be looking for vaccinated volunteers to help on this day.
 2. The current leaders of this fundraiser are looking for some people who would be willing to be trained and take it on in the future.
- F. Equity Committee Update and Homework (Kristen)
1. PTA is committed to equity. Part of this is supporting supporting Ms. Lathan in her plans to create a Black and Brown Parent Advisory Council, and supporting them and what they propose. Another part of this is participating in homework - reading, listening, etc. We will give equity homework at PTA meetings for white and white presenting parents to engage in anti-racist education and discussion.
 2. This month's homework is to listen to the [Nice White Parents Podcast](#). There will also be a new Slack channel for discussion. Please join!
- G. Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer Community Rewards
1. Simple way to fundraise - please sign up! Make sure you select Sabin PTA in Portland, OR.
 2. [Amazon Smile](#)
 3. [Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#)
- H. PTA and Parent Communications
1. [Facebook Group](#)
 2. [Facebook Page](#)
 3. [Instagram Account](#)
 4. [Slack](#)
 5. [Website](#)
 6. [Remind App info \(PPS\)](#)

- I. Reminder of PTA membership (form or online)
 - 1. [Join the PTA online](#) or via [this PDF form](#)
- J. Keep an eye out for monthly digital newsletters

V. Closing Notes and Meeting Adjournment

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.

Helpful links:

[Draft 2021-22 Standing Rules](#)

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[Remind App info \(PPS\)](#)