

## **Sabin PTA General Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**November 11, 2025**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

**School Auditorium**

### **Participants:**

Members: Emily Leuning, Jenna Moran, Don Smith, Selena Deckelmann, Sara Lewis, Ben Decherd

General: Amy Garlock, Harry Garlock, Geetha Beauchamp, Sarah Soltman, Emily Fox, Kristen Jessie-Uyanik, Karin Ljungquist, Beth Czischke, Jackie Hagan, Andrea Mayfield, Meredith Guardino, Corey Klein, Sarah Soltman

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm

### **Welcome and Introductions (Selena Deckelmann)**

- Selena called the meeting to order and led introductions.
- Selena presented the September and October meeting minutes. No amendments were presented so the minutes were filed as written.
- Selena provided updates on SEI and SUN school offerings – as well as Season of Sharing. SEI partners with schools in historically red-lined neighborhoods and offers after-school programs available to all students by lottery. Last year the PTA voted to allocate \$10,000 to SEI for additional offerings. For winter term, SEI will offer: Chess for Success, 2 art classes, Wiggleworms, Ethos Music, 2 Lego classes, Hip Hop Dance, Northwest Children's Theater, Adventures in Spanish, Martial Arts, Basketball, Experiment PDX, and Parkour. Sign up expected to go out in January. PTA can ask parent coordinators to help get the word out when sign ups are open.
- Season of Sharing invites families to donate to SEI for gifts to go directly to families in need. These donations will go to about 25 families experiencing the greatest need.
- Emily Leuning updated on Mt. Readmore (a 3-week schoolwide readathon), which kicks off Thursday, November 13, 5:30-7pm with a Community Dinner and Night of Reading. It will include a raffle, Bookmark Making Station, PTA merchandise sales, and reading in a basecamp-themed Auditorium. Additionally, Rose City Book Pub will host a reading party on November 19 at 4pm with free hot chocolate for kids.
- Emily Leuning updated on the Food Pantry, which served 30 families in its first week of operations. The food pantry will continue offering food as long as donations remain but the PTA has stopped staffing it daily following the reinstatement of SNAP benefits. Thank you to Geetha Beauchamp and Amy Garlock for the mini fridge and electric cooler.
- Selena updated on the recess volunteers: Miranda Rake has organized a consistent group of more than 12 volunteers to help with providing support to students and staff at recess. PTA is working on more training for volunteers.
- Selena provided an update on the open letter from Sabin families to PPS regarding safety at school. The letter detailed five incidents of injury to students in October alone, and was signed by more than 140 families.. The letter, addressed to Karl Logan, PPS Director overseeing principal hiring, requested that PPS stabilize staffing and appoint a mentor to assist with the principal, to repair systems in MTSS and SEL, and to ensure ongoing accountability with student support and compliance. PPS has not provided an official response to the letter but Selena has had several meetings with Karl Logan, who has said progress is being made. PPS has sent specialists to

review IEPs of students in the focus classrooms. Selena asked parents to share their experiences with her.

- Selena also provided brief updates on efforts to bring additional art to Sabin: Mike Bennett painting a mural at Sabin around the playground rules, and also work on bringing an artist in residence to the school.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07