



**Sabin PTA Meeting
February 16, 2022
6:30-7:30 pm
Virtual meeting**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions/Conversations

(Kris Travis, Co-Vice President, Communications and Events)

2. School Updates (Chrysanthius Lathan, Principal)

- Currently working on staffing. There was a significant drop in enrollment during the pandemic - students have not returned. PPS will cut about 50 teacher positions. For Sabin, this looks like a reduction by 2.7 FTE - one Kinder position, and 1 1-5 position, and reduction in equity allocation and PE. Will be meeting soon with Erin (Sabin Foundation) to discuss needs. Ms. Lathan is optimistic.
- Discussion about how to promote enrollment in Sabin, also in our sister schools. All elementary schools are seeing budget cuts right now.

3. Student Voices: Mt. Readmore

- Students Naomie, Amelia, and Eloise joined the meeting to give feedback about Mt. Readmore. They asked the PTA to extend Mt. Readmore for a bit longer so that the students would be able to earn the prizes. They feel that the prizes were too difficult to earn.
- Some kids don't want to log the reading, but most of their class does participate in the logging. Naomie likes feeling accomplished when she sees how many minutes she's read.
- Ms. Whitaker gave some feedback about how it's difficult for families, especially with younger kids, to get the logging done.
- There was also a suggestion to set up a station where students can log at lunch
- The students liked when there were class based prizes
- Some feedback is that the program doesn't work as well for the younger students
- Would be good to pay attention to who is missing in the logging, and then we can consider how to improve our practice so they are also represented

4. Action Items

- Minutes from the January meeting were approved

5. Updates, Events and Activities

- Teacher survey now open for feedback
- Mt. Readmore - update and student input
 - Final day will be Friday. Ms. Rolfe, the 5th graders, and Mrs. Lathan will work on how to earn the stretch prizes in a different way.
 - Donut party will be next Wednesday.
- Harriet Tubman Middle School Updates
- OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) Report
 - The semi-finals will be held online so families can view - March 1st at 2:15 pm. Finals will be March 3 at 2:30
- “Art cart” at recess - Mike Moore
- Yearbooks
 - Involve 4th and 5th graders this year
- Science Fair
 - Discussion about a virtual science night
- Foundation updates
- Lunch volunteers are still needed ([sign up here!](#))
- Idea to provide information/timeline to parents in the future about the fundraising calendar - will add to discussion about fundraising for 2022/23
- Idea for community building - spring picnic, popsicles

6. Equity Homework (Kristen Jessie Uyanik)

7. Adjournment

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