

# PTC General Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7-8PM

Via Zoom Meeting

- Lynette Machinski, President - Welcome
- Opening Prayer from 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Introductions of PTC Board Members
- Principal Update
  - Enrollment and Development
    - 189 students in K-8; 30 in preschool
    - Annual Report went out last week
    - Annual Fund will launch on Monday- goal is 100% participation this year for staff and families; \$28,000 has been donated
    - \$35,000 has already been donated to the
    - Assumption School Foundation
  - COVID update
    - Learn to Return includes screening for athletics (twice per week) and after travel (on Day 3)
    - In the future, we can test using PCR/molecular test and send it to Northwest Labs in town for faster turnaround
    - Vaccination for children ages 5-11 is coming, but no word on a mandate at this point
  - Curriculum
    - Social studies and history to include Native American history, specifically Coast Salish and Lummi Nation
    - Staff retreat focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion to include honoring our different languages spoken
    - Benchmark Advanced is our new reading curriculum for K-3
  - Question: Can parents use the COVID testing?
    - Answer: No, the new COVID onsite testing is only available to students
- Treasurer Update
  - Currently \$14k above budget
  - Projected to have surplus of \$4300 at end of school year
  - Uncertainty in finances due to COVID-19
  - Revision on commitment to ACS
    - 2020-2021: \$9200
    - 2021-2022: \$5800



- New school counselor introduction Eszter Caulfield
  - Presented her background, counseling approach and methods
- Italian Dinner has been fun, a financial success, and produced \$8k over estimated income
- Auction Update by Tiffany Schuman
  - Auction will be in-person on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This is a date change from the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March to the last weekend of February to be out of the Lent season. Location will be at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal
  - The theme will be a Masquerade Ball Theme
  - There will be silent auction that will open (1) week prior to the auction
  - Big Items will be in person and will not have silent auction
  - Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades' family contribution is \$200
  - Preschool's contribution: \$100
  - Options: 1) Cash donation 2) Scrip donation 3) Have an item donated 4) Obtain sponsorship
  - Pre-agreement Forms – send in all at one time, due January 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Classroom projects will be auctioned, but these will be separate from family (\$200) obligation
  - There is a request for an artist to donate artwork to the auction
  - Question: Each family has a \$200 obligation to the auction. Can the classroom project be part of this obligation?
    - Answer: No, this cannot be included.
- Class Service Projects
  - Pre-school: Collecting baby supplies
  - With 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, extra chore to earn these
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: making cards and tokens to bring joy to all; deliver to St. Francis
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: care packages and letters to Military members
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: blankets, animals, toys to Whatcom Humane Society
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: outdoor service project in Cornwall Park
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: not determined
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: We Grow Garden, helping prepare beds, make signs, upkeep
- Upcoming Events
  - Movie Night, tentatively 11/12, COVID precautions, need movie suggestions
  - Grandparents Day will be celebrated by sending our card from the students
  - Holiday Bazaar will be on 12/5
  - A Used Book Sale and Bake Sale are planned
  - Take-N-Bake (Chicken Pot Pie) on 12/9
  - Hot Lunch is on hold due to COVID
  - Pizza Lunch: looking to have 1/month and possibly 2/month is this is sustainable



- School Commission
  - Andy Reimen presented
  - Overview of the School Commission and Purpose
    - 10 members (school parents)
    - 3-year commitment, and every year 3-4 members are replaced by a new recruited group
  - Commission focuses on policies and supporting strategic actions
  - Projects This Year: Get out to the community and get feedback to Dan Anderson and Father Moore
- Volunteering
  - Highlighted Current Opportunities
  - Other Ways to Give to ACS include Fred Meyer Rewards, Amazon Smile, and Box Tops (only need to take a picture of the top and receipt)
- Meeting Adjourned

