

Pittsburgh Alderdice PTO Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021 @ 6 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm

Welcome (Sukanya Srinivasan)

- Still looking for someone to co-president w/ her

Interim Superintendent Dr. Wayne N. Walters

- *We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.*
Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Dr. Walters' career has been in education.
- Has a lot of hope for the district.
- Acknowledges there are some distractions (pandemic, transportation issues, financial issues).
- Never lose sight of core purpose, rise above the negative noise, honor, value and respect those who remain committed, find ways to reenergize ourselves, unapologetically focus on quality teaching and learning, invest in people over programs (people are the game changers), come together and remain united for the greater good. We're all we've got, and we are enough.
- Goals: use all capital we have – human, cultural, economic (limited), and social capital to create healing and stabilization in PPS.
- Four key areas:
 - Foster culture that elevates quality teaching and learning for all students.
 - Develop systems to address and advance organizational cohesion in our district.
 - Cultivate stakeholder relationships and trust through systems of collaboration and clear communication (explain the why!).
 - Continue positive board and interim superintendent relationships that are collaborative, productive, and effective.
- Focus during the first 30 days has involved inquiry, listening, and analyzing for the purpose of understanding and developing potential recommendations that solve some immediate technical problems.
- From there, wants to evaluate and solve and resolve issues.
- From there – revolve and evolve.

Q&A: Sukanya - what can parents do to help push some of your goals moving forward?

- Remain invested with us and share feedback to help us be better. You are vehicles of hope for the district. Partner with us.

Many thanks to Dr. Walters for joining us at the meeting!

President's Report (Sukanya Srinivasan)

- Nothing further.

Minutes Approval / Secretary's Report - October 2021 (Darcy Gordon)

- Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report (Jo-Jo Monaco)

- Only a few deposits these last few weeks into the general amount.
- Dragon Spirit account did not change.
 - Someone asked about what this account is. Originally for fix the field.

Communications Report (Danielle Nicol)

- Donations to the PTO can be made on the PTO's website. Tax deductible donations. Donate here: <https://allderdicepto.org/>

Grants Committee Report (Laurie Heller)

1. Smartboard Stand for Science (Diaz)

Got a smartboard through donors choose campaign. Wants to get a stand. Will impact about 100 students. \$530 for the stand. Committee recommends full funding. APPROVED.

2. Scales for Chemistry (Mclelland)

Only have 8 to share w/in all the chemistry teachers. 500 students will be impacted. \$572.08 for 5 scales (includes tax). APPROVED.

3. WINIX Air Purifiers (Bienkowski)

2 air cleaners for the classroom. That is number required for the square footage of her classroom. Each is \$160 x 2 = \$360+ tax.

Issue: replacement filters will be needed next year.

Lots of discussion about this due to inability to fund for all classrooms.

Did not approve this request at this time. Need to find out if the district is planning on something to address air quality. NOT APPROVED (at this time).

Spiritwear Report (Ilyssa Ringold / Emily Lovelady)

- Will be selling spirit wear at Discover Allderdice next week.

Events Report (Nyasha Briney / Dana Blitstein / Mike Bridges)

- Multicultural dinner in December

Dr. McCoy's Report

- Recently had a cabaret; fall play will be 11/18 – 21; homecoming dance in October went well until it started to rain; there have been vaccination clinics and parent teacher conferences; great season for sports teams.

- Discover Allderdice 11/18.
- A student was accepted into the US Space Force. Incredible honor! *The United States Space Force is a separate and distinct branch of the armed services, organized under the Department of the Air Force in a manner very similar to how the Marine Corps is organized under the Department of the Navy.*
- There are still issues with the bathrooms – working through it.

FACE Report

No update.

We were joined by the student government:

- Kaya Regus (president)
- Donise Griffin (treasurer)
- Kendall DeMarco (VP)
- Molly Virtue (Secretary)

Thank you to the students for being a part of the meeting tonight!

Questions and Conversation

PTO Meeting Adjourned at 6:57pm

In December (**Thursday, December 9**), in lieu of a PTO / PSCC meeting, there is a **Winter Concert + Multi-Cultural Dinner** scheduled.
Stay tuned for more information.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 6, 2022,
@ 6pm PTO
@6:30pm (approx.) PSCC: Drug and Alcohol Use in Teens**