



# PTA

**Date of PTA Meeting:** September 20, 2018

**Location:** Eagle Hall

**Attendees:** Lisa Kelso, Allison Sampilo, Natalie Duncan, Javonta Campbell, Robyn Nguyen, Stephanie Bollini, Alecia Pflughardt, Gayle Schlueter, Eliza Morss, Naila Ahmad, Stacey Leimbach, Emily Korff, Amanda Dixon, Debbie Gardner, Principal Azimi, Rebecca Aguilar, Andrea Kramer, Karyn Patino, Dawn-Marie Singleton, Laura Plante, Maureen Berry, Lauren Lentz, Irina Smirnoff, Susan Dyer, Karla Mihalaf, Lynne Udalov, Rene Newman, Tara Saha, Mirtha Mutis, Nicola Bartlett, Lucy Arrington, Urvi Desai, Ravi Myneni, Sarah Barry, Meg Chapman

Emily called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Deborah Gardner presented the minutes from the May 22, 2018, PTA meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes by Gayle Schlueter. Eliza Morss seconded, and the minutes were approved as written.

## **Principal's Report**

Principal Azimi talked about our current enrollment of 1207 students. This is a 30% increase from last year. We are still under capacity by about 100 students.

Mr. Azimi also spent some time reviewing the purpose of Eagle Time. He described five key activities that students can do during Eagle time: academic intervention, remediation, organization, work completion, and enrichment. Looking for a way to connect with your middle schooler? A possible question for parents to ask their student is "How did you use your Eagle time today?"

[The After School programs](#), directed by Shannon Campbell, were also reviewed. Mr. Azimi emphasized that it is important to encourage your child to get involved in as many activities as possible. After-school is a great time to get extra academic help and/or enrichment, make new friends, complete homework, etc. Programs begin on Monday, September 24. Please check out the list of our [2018-19 programs](#). Late buses are provided on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 4:30-5pm. Parent pick-up is required for Tuesday and Friday activities.

## **Student Services Report**

Ms. Aguilar shared about the addition of two new counselors. She explained that mindfulness will be woven into several programs this year with the focus being "kindness is contagious." These programs are a way to be proactive in helping children struggling with anxiety, feelings of being

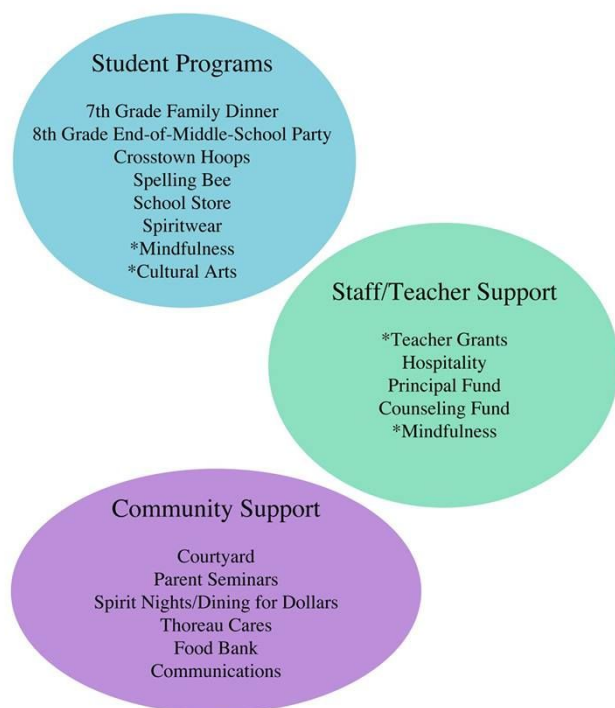


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overwhelmed, or students struggling with attendance. To help identify students who need this additional support, there will be an optional screening of 8th graders in October.

Ms. Aguilar thanked the community for being so generous and supporting the food bank. We have been able to provide bags of food to families every Friday. And, although our food pantry is full, we are going through items quickly. Donations of specific non-perishable food items are sought, as indicated on this [Amazon shopping list](#). For your convenience, items may be purchased on Amazon and shipped directly to school. Donations may also be purchased locally and dropped off at the school office, to the attention of Director of Student Services Rebecca Aguilar. Gift cards are also greatly appreciated.

## Thoreau PTA



### President’s Report

Emily Korff introduced the PTA board for 2018-19. This includes Emily Korff as President, Stacey Leimbach as Vice-President, Amanda Dixon as Treasurer and Debbie Gardner as Secretary.

Emily shared background on various programs and that we are looking for volunteers to support some initiatives:

- **Crosstown Hoops** - this is a friendly competition between Kilmer and Thoreau students. Looking for co-chair.
- **Staff Grants** - this is an opportunity for staff to bring a proposal to the PTA to secure funds. Looking for committee members.
- **Courtyard** - looking for community support to take care of the two courtyards

There was a quick introduction of all attendees.

### Club Phoenix

The Teen Center, known as [Club Phoenix](#), provides a structured and safe environment for teens to grow socially, receive academic support, and participate in physical and recreational activities. In operation since 1999, the Teen Center provides after-school programs to students in grades 6-8;



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services include homework help and seasonal events. In addition, teens can join clubs that fit their interests and earn service hours for school requirements.

Registration is free and open to all teens in the greater Vienna area. The program operates year round and accepts registration throughout the year. [DOWNLOAD FORM.](#)

Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street SE

Tel: 703-255-5736

Hours: Monday-Thursday: 2:30-6:30 pm, Friday: 2:30-10 pm

## Treasurer's Report

Amanda Dixon presented the findings from the 2017-2018 audit. The two findings were:

1. Findings were consistent
2. There was a recommendation that all deposits are made the next day. Currently, any money that is not deposited is kept in a locked safe.

Amanda noted that a copy of the audit was available for review. Stacey Leimbach made a motion to approve the audit results. Andrea Kramer seconded. The audit report was approved as presented.

Amanda, secondly, presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Motion to approve the budget was made by Sarah Barry and seconded by Lucy Arrington. The motion passed.

## Committee Reports

**School Supplies** - The committee reported that some 7th grade boxes need to be picked up.

**Website** - Check out our [PTA website](#)

**eNewsletter** - Want to join our mailing list? [Sign up here](#). Updates from committee members can be sent to Andrea Kramer.

**Membership** – Membership dues of \$15 per individual, \$25 per couple, or \$10 per staff may be paid via cash or check when completing the paper [membership form](#). You may also pay via credit card by joining online [here](#).

Please also support our PTA by contributing to our [No-Fuss](#) Fundraiser, a direct donation program in which your additional payment -- made along with your membership dues -- makes it possible for the PTA to fund crucial items for the school.



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Stephanie Bollini shared that we have received 200 family PTA memberships and 69 individual PTA memberships. Dues received to date: \$6,035. Donations received to date: \$8,694.56.

**Hospitality** - Gayle Schleuter reported that the committee provided dinner for the staff at back to school night from Jimmy John's. Program will continue throughout the year.

**Spirit Wear** - Spirit wear will be available for pick up at the school store next week.

**Dining for Dollars** – A portion of proceeds is donated to us through this program. Dates are posted on our calendar.

**7th Grade Family Dinner** – A dinner will be held on November 15th from 6-8pm for all 7th grade families. Maggios/Skorprios will be serving the food. DJ providing entertainment. Tickets will be on sale via a link on pay4school and facebook. Looking for co-chair - contact Jen Bacon at [7thgradedinner@ThoreauPTA.org](mailto:7thgradedinner@ThoreauPTA.org)

**School Store** – We need your support! Please [sign-up](#) to work at the school store.

**Spelling Bee** – Eliza Morss reported that the spelling bee season starts on Jan 7th. Participation is optional. Participants will receive rules, word lists, materials, etc. This is a great way to build knowledge, gain reading power and confidence. The spelling bee will be held on February 21st. Looking for a chair to lead this program next year.

## Volunteer Openings

We are seeking volunteers for the following positions:

- Courtyard Chair/Co-chairs
- 7th Grade Dinner Co-chairs
- Teacher Grants committee members
- Cultural Arts Chair
- Crosstown Hoops Co-chair
- Spelling Bee 2020

## Announcement:

Madison Warhawks Homecoming Parade is on September 28th at 2pm and Chain Bridge Road will be closed at this time. Football Game is at 7pm.

Emily ended the meeting at 10:57pm.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 24:** After School Programs begin

**October 3:** Club Phoenix Parent Discussion: It's Not That Bad, Right? Vaping and Juuling – 7-8pm - Club Phoenix Teen Center @ Vienna Community Center

**October 8:** Columbus Day Student Holiday

**October 15:** Dining for Dollars – Foster's Grill – 11am-9pm – SHOW FLYER

**October 17:** Club Phoenix Parent Discussion: Be Their First Ally - 7-8pm - Club Phoenix Teen Center @ Vienna Community Center

**October 25:** PTA meeting at 9:30am

**November 5/6:** Student Holidays

**November 12:** Dining for Dollars – District Taco/Dunn Loring 4-8pm

**November 15:** PTA meeting at 9:30am

**November 15:** 7th Grade Family Dinner 6-8pm

**November 21-23:** Student Holidays for Thanksgiving Break

**December 14:** Students released 3 hours early

**December 10:** Dining for Dollars – Vienna Inn – 7am-12am – MENTION AT REGISTER

**December 24 – January 4:** Winter Break