

# PTSA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Neelsville Middle School (virtual)

*March 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.*

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## In Attendance

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1. Mrs. Barbara Escobar, Principal
2. Sarah Belonia, PTSA President
3. Anomi Kodithuwakku, PTSA Vice-President
4. Rebekah Harris, PTSA Treasurer
5. Sofya Orlosky, PTSA Secretary
6. Melissa Sigley
7. Brandon Grueso
8. Shana Green
9. Himani Rajpara
10. Shilah Marks
11. Komlan Pascal
12. Nikki
13. Raj Srinath
14. Sabina Shrestha-Tuladhar
15. Dany
16. Kristina Angell
17. Nathan Steward (Henley Construction)
18. Greg Ramirez (Henley Construction)
19. Elle
20. Person on iPhone
21. Supriya Herwadkar
22. Vibha Bhatia
23. Nicholas Rudd
24. Ms. Terry

24 people

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## Proceedings

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Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom.

1. Principal's update:
  - Testing is coming up: MISA, school survey, MCAPs. Please refer to the principal's slides for details and look out for updates in Mrs. Escobar's Sunday newsletters. Students should bring a charged chromebook, come rested, and don't schedule doctors appointments or other engagements on those days.
2. Construction update:
  - Henley construction team provided an update and shared aerial pictures. The work is progressing smoothly both inside and outside the new building, the new parking lot is already in place.
3. PTSA Board Elections:
  - Please consider running for the PTSA Executive Board, all positions are up for election!
  - The election is May 14.
  - The nomination committee (thank you!) is reaching out to parents of NMS and feeding elementary schools' parents for candidates.

4. 8th Grade Fundraising:
  - We are fundraising to provide a field trip to our outgoing 8th graders!
  - To contribute, you can donate, purchase a yard sign, or purchase a t-shirt. See details in the slides.
5. Upcoming activities:
  - STEM Night, March 21 - please volunteer to help set up and run the event
  - Invent the Future Field Trip, March 22 - please volunteer as a chaperone
  - 8th Grade Dance, April 12 - please volunteer to help run this event
  - Teacher Appreciation Week and lunch, May 11 - please volunteer to request restaurant donations and help set up/clean up
  - End of year community event/fundraiser, date TBD (a Saturday) - please volunteer to coordinate this activity
  - End of year popsicle party, date TBD - please volunteer to hand out popsicles!
6. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped organize the Winter Social to support NHJS! Amazing turnout and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.
7. Budget update:
  - We're generating great membership revenue, donations, and program revenue
8. Budget approvals:
  - Motion to approve the PTSA contribution of \$810 to support 10 students to go on the 8th Grade Field Trip free of charge.
    - Moved to vote by Sofya Orlosky, seconded by Rebekah Harris
    - 9 votes in favor, 0 opposed.
    - Motion passed.
9. NMS Career Advising
  - The Champion Team (Brandon Gueso and Dr. Shana Green) presented the new NMS career exploration program and the RIASEC framework (<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>). Please see more info in the Principal's weekly updates. This program is for all grades at NMS.
10. West Area MCCPTA is looking for a cluster coordinator for Seneca Valley HS cluster. Watkins Mill HS cluster may also need a cluster coordinator, do reach out to the PTSA and/or Mrs. Escobar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.