

General Meeting
October 13, 2020 - 7:00pm

1. **Call to Order/Welcome** (Angie Palmer & Katie Spelsberg) 7:00-7:05pm
 - a. Welcome! We are so glad you are here.
 - b. In the chat, please list your student(s) and their teacher(s).
2. **Introductory Inclusion Activity** (Jennifer Herdina) 7:05-7:10pm
 - a. Give your name and tell us if you would rather go to the beach or mountains right now.
3. **Vote** (Preeti Bhargava, Angie Palmer, Katie Spelsberg) 7:10-7:20pm
 - a. Tonight we are voting on our 2020-2021 Board and Budget.
 - b. Preeti Bhargava went over the budget – very pared down this year and we will dip into our rainy day fund to make up for the difference between our fundraising and spending.
 - i. How we will earn money (\$3200)
 1. Big Give
 2. Fall Book Fair
 3. Otterwear
 4. Amazon Smile
 5. 1st Day School Supplies
 - ii. How we will spend money (\$4205)
 1. Staff Appreciation
 2. Olson Outreach
 3. 5th Grade Completion
 4. School Improvement Grant
 5. IRS Filing Fees
 - c. A link to the complete budget was put in the chat.
 - d. We asked for volunteers to be on the board. Melissa Hunt volunteered to be co-district liaison, and her name was added to the ballot.
 - e. Board Candidates were listed:
 - i. Presidents: Angie Palmer & Katie Spelsberg
 - ii. Vice President: Jennifer Herdina
 - iii. Social Coordinator: Amanda Meyer
 - iv. Treasurer: Preeti Bhargava
 - v. District Liaison: Raghu Vempati & Melissa Hunt
 - vi. Fundraising Coordinator: Jocelyn Braun
 - vii. Volunteer Coordinator: Amanda Espinosa
 - viii. Secretary: Sveta Bartholomew
 - ix. Teacher Liaison: Brenda Blessing
 - x. Board Members at Large: Stacie Castillo, Jenny Conroy, Danny Do, Carrie Doyle, Megan Mahaffey, Ranjit Mathai, Susan Mathai, Jennifer Mead, Eric Steffen, Mindy Twilegar
 - f. A link to a google form to vote on the budget and board was put in the chat. The vote was unanimous (37 responses) to accept the Board & Budget for 2020-2021.
4. **MMSD Referenda**(Chris Gomez Schmidt, MMSD School Board, and Kelly Ruppel, MMSD) 7:20-7:30pm

- a. Kelly Ruppel went over the 2 referenda on the ballot this November. Details here: <https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/2020-referenda-future-ready>
 - b. Chris Gomez Schmidt discussed the Vote Yes to Invest Campaign. Details here: <https://yes2investmsn.org/>
5. **Virtual Learning Q&A** (Christine Barone) 7:30-8:00pm
- a. Christine discussed what the school year has looked like so far.
 - b. She then introduced the 8 teachers and staff that were attending the meeting.
 - c. Christine then took questions about virtual learning from the families that were at the meeting.
 - i. Families will learn about Fastbridge test results during fall conferences
 - ii. Certain standards have been streamlined into other assignments – such as spelling
 - iii. If you have concern over amount of work with additional Accelerated Learning assignments, email classroom teacher
6. **Wrap Up/Adjourn** (Katie Spelsberg & Angie Palmer) 8:00pm

Mark Your Calendar:

BIG GIVE: October 13-30

OTTERWEAR SALES: November 1-15

BOOK FAIR: November 17-19

PTO MEETING: January 12, 7pm

PTO Updates:

- **Black Lives Matter:** This summer, the PTO installed a Black Lives Matter sign on our fence to show our Black students and families that as a community, we see, value and celebrate you. The fight for racial equity and social justice is an integral part of our school and district, and as a PTO, we view this as one of our most important tasks.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** On the first day of school, the PTO gave each classroom teacher a Target gift card and sent the teachers and staff a video of students saying Thank You!
- **Events Cancelled:** This is an unprecedented year. The following events are cancelled this year, but stay tuned for possible virtual versions.
 - Yearbook
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Club Swimmy
 - Splash
- **Get Involved:**
 - Our focus this year is on community outreach, and teacher/staff appreciation. We would love your input and help in whatever way works for your family.
 - Donate new or gently used winter gear and books **this Thursday** at the drive-thru math materials pickup (3:00-6:00pm).