PTA Meeting_ Fundraising and School Updates

September 15, 2026

Overview

The meeting reviewed PTA finances, approved governance documents, discussed school and district updates, and finalized plans for the Go Around fundraiser.

PTA Decisions

- May meeting minutes and updated standing rules were approved.
- PTA funds will support the ninja course, staff classroom requests, half of the library mural, student shirts, and other planned expenses.
- The treasurer reported approximately $10,000 available after prior payments, with additional major expenses forthcoming.

School Updates

- Enrollment is 382 students, down from 402 at the same time last year; 17 students are new.
- The library mural is complete, four paraprofessionals joined the staff, and safety drills and SRP training are scheduled.
- Families were informed about the October 1 **Growing Up Digital** presentation and the two **Centennial Forward** referendum questions.

Go Around

- The fundraiser goal is $28,000, with a focus on increasing participation to 75%.
- Key dates are the kickoff next Friday, the event on October 9, and the ninja course on October 23.
- The $20 prize was selected as a multicolor pen; other prize levels include headbands, shirts, and gift-card raffle tickets.
- How should superhero-themed activities be implemented without creating congestion or accessibility issues?

Action Items

- File the approved standing rules with the Minnesota PTA.
- Finalize the Go Around prizes and order the registration and $20-level prizes, including slap bands and multicolor pens.
- Send the Go Around campaign update to families on September 25.
- Prepare and distribute the Go Around promotional materials, including flyers and the campaign video, during the week before kickoff.
- Collect Go Around fundraising envelopes on Tuesday October 6th , count the money, calculate prizes, and handle late envelopes on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Create and print the Go Around scavenger hunt materials for use during the event.
- Post the September 29 pizza dine-to-donate information and distribute flyers to families.
- Investigate available PTA text-message communication tools and report their cost and capabilities.

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- Update the yearbook QR-code sign so it can be reused at PTA events and family activities.
- Add the volunteer sign-up links to the PTA website when they are available.

Outline

Financial Report

- PTA spending priorities include the ninja course, teacher requests, the library mural, and student shirts.
- Cash on hand and upcoming payments were reviewed.
- The treasurer's fourth year is expected to be her final eligible term under the bylaws.

Governance

- May meeting minutes were approved.
- Updated standing rules reflecting Minnesota PTA bylaw changes were approved for filing.

School Operations

- Enrollment, new students, transportation, lunches, facilities, and new paraprofessionals were discussed.
- The library mural by local artist Jamie Myers was completed.
- Safety planning includes fire drills, SRP practice, and the new exterior defibrillator.

District Referendum

- Question 1 concerns operational funding for staffing, services, and learning programs.
- Question 2 concerns facility construction and improvements.
- Proposed Golden Lake changes include additional kindergarten classrooms, health offices, learning spaces, and safer traffic flow.

Go Around Fundraiser

- The goal is to match last year's $28,000 result and increase participation to 75%.
- Kickoff, event, and ninja-course dates were reviewed.
- Prizes, envelope collection, volunteer coverage, progress tracking, scavenger-hunt activities, and promotional materials were discussed.

Other PTA Business

- Upcoming fundraising opportunities include dine-to-donate, holiday greenery, indoor play events, Topgolf, bingo, pancake breakfast, and performing-arts ticket referrals.
- Conference meals, November teacher requests, family communications, and reusable QR-code signs were discussed.

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