

**Newton South PTSO Board Meeting**  
**August 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Financials**

**New Parent Meet & Greet**

**Hospitality**

**Picture Day**

**First Day of School**

**24-25 PTSO Volunteer Recruiting**

**Other Business**

**Minutes**

**Attendees: Maggie Schmidt, Michelle Wetlaufer, Ramon Downes, Jessica Bonny, Becky Harris, Sunny Shah**

**Summary:**

The meeting covered the financials, with a starting balance of \$30,000 and a fundraising goal of \$55,000. The budget was set at \$30,000, and the treasurer, Soumya, is in her second year. Communications initiatives include a newsletter and meet-and-greets. Hospitality plans include a welcome event for 60 new teachers with food and gifts. The PTSO is recruiting volunteers for various roles, including ELPAC Board Liaison and Teacher Appreciation. Upcoming events include picture day and the first day of school. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and the importance of community input was emphasized.

- **Introductions were done for the team**
- **Financials: starting off bank account balance of around \$30,000 and the fundraising has begun for the year. Aiming to raise about \$65,000 between the dues drive and the targeted asks. We're currently at about 14k. Budget set based on previous years. Several PTSO and school administration meet and greets have occurred. Good attendance and great feedback from the parents – they feel very welcome, have an opportunity to ask questions and meet key school leaders.**

- **Hospitality:** New teachers welcome party organized- big group of new hires this year. There is a bump in budget to restore some of the staff cuts and as well as just new hires. About 24-26 new full time faculty members, plus additional aids. The boosters were super generous this year. They donated a new T shirt for all of our new faculty members and. PTSO put little goodie bags with coffee mugs and a gift card to Amazon. Picture day is also happening in the next few weeks.
- PTSO has open volunteering positions and there is interest in the parent community to join
- ELPAC is the Parent Advisory Council for English language learners and there is a liaison this year on the board.
- **School Landscaping:** Planters done for the first day of school. Courtyard to be done in the future. Budget is about 1500. Green Club - a student led, environmentalist organization that hosts weekly community cleanups have been really active in the past. Idea was thrown out about selling tulips that will be planted to parents as a way to raise money for plants.
- **Teacher supplies:** All teachers this year are getting a gift basket with a t shirt, weighted stuffy lion that has a little Newton South logo. Provided by boosters.
- the ninth graders are getting their ice cream truck trying
- Surplus department spending budget was used by principal for equipment for the conditioning room/weight room that the students use. And so she was able to get supplies and some storage for that. Big request at the very end of the year was a new refrigerator for the culinary room, which was about \$10,000 – ½ was paid with budget
- Minutes approved from last meeting
- Meeting ends at 728 pm