

Pacific Cascade PTSA

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Membership Meeting
March 26, 2024



Welcome to the GMM!



- PCMS PTSA will vote on several measures, requiring a documented quorum. All PCMS PTSA members may vote. (Never too late to Join!)
- In attending this meeting, all present agree to abide by PCMS PTSA & WA State PTA Standards of Conduct, which may be found at PacificCascadePTSA.org.
- Thank you for attending!

Agenda



- About the PCMS PTSA
- President's Report
- New Business
 - 2024-25 Officer Election
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
 - Review Financials
 - Spring Enrichment Grants
- Programs, Directors, and Committee Reports
- Guest Speaker
- Adjourn

What is the PCMS PTSA?



Parent Teacher Student Association; a national organization of parents, staff and students who elect to join the PTSA. PTSA provides enrichment grants, volunteers, necessities, and support to education-focused PCMS programs; also a liaison for parents with the Issaquah School District and WA State PTA.

This Year's Accomplishments

- Web Day Social for incoming 6th grade families
- Volunteers for 1st week of school, library, picture day, socials, & student store (Popcorn)
- Outreach donations
- Staff Appreciation Breakfasts & Lunches
- Fall Grants totaling \$2540
- Reflections Art Program

Upcoming Projects & Events

- PCMS Night out at the Mariners Game
- Cultural Fair
- Spring Enrichment Grants
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Staff Breakfasts & Lunches
- 8th Grade Graduation Party

President's Report



Lynx at the Ballpark Mariners Game

- Saturday, April 27th, 6:40pm
- Order tickets through the PTSA website by 4/3!

Staff Appreciation Week is May 6-10

Would you like to help? Email pcms.ptsaboard@gmail.com for more information

We'd love to hear from you! Please take a minute to take this quick survey. Thank you for your feedback!



New Business – 2024-25 Officer Election



In accordance with the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws, we will proceed with the election of officers

WA State PTA Bylaws: Article 5, Section 6 Officers and their election – local PTA and council

- A. Each local PTA and council shall have at least four elected officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Other officers may be specified in the local PTA or council standing rules.
- B. The local PTA and council officers shall be elected by ballot prior to the end of the fiscal year for a term of one year and until their successors are elected. A majority vote is necessary to elect. The election may be by voice vote if only one candidate is nominated for an office.
- C. A member may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. An officer having served eight or more months shall be considered to have served a full term.
- D. Officers shall assume their duties on July 1 in the year elected.
- E. To be elected to office in a local PTA, a person shall be at least 18 years of age. The person shall have been a member of any local PTA for at least 15 days preceding the election. Persons joining at the organizational meeting of a new local PTA shall be entitled to privileges of membership including voting and election to office.
- F. Each officer of a local PTA shall be a member of that local PTA.
- G. To be elected to office in a council, a person shall be at least 18 years of age. The person shall have been a member of a local PTA board of directors or council board of directors for at least one term, and shall have been a member of a local PTA in the council for at least 30 days preceding the election. Persons participating in the organizational meeting of a new council shall be entitled to privileges of membership including voting and election to office.
- H. A local PTA or council office shall be declared vacant if an officer is absent three consecutive meetings, unless previously excused by the presiding officer.
- I. If a vacancy occurs in a local PTA or council office, the executive committee may appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next membership meeting. At the next membership meeting nominations shall be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee. The election shall be by ballot vote. A majority vote is necessary to elect. The election may be by voice vote if only one candidate is nominated for an office. The newly elected officer shall immediately assume the duties of the office.
- J. An officer of a local PTA or council may be removed from office, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting or at a special membership meeting.

New Business – 2024-25 Officer Election



Nominating Committee Report

- The Nominating Committee is proud to present the following candidates for next year's PCMS PTSA Board
- For the
 - Office of President: Kasey Trefethen
 - Office of Secretary: Open
 - Office of Treasurer: Laura Gaffney
 - Office of VP of Programs & Events: Stephanie Harris & Chelsea Ko
 - Office of VP of Campus Support: Chelsea Musick

The nominating committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of a PTA for at least 15 days prior to the election and meet other requirements as stated in the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws

Secretary's Report



- Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2024 General Membership Meeting
- Nominations for PTSA Awards Open thru March 31



Treasurer's Report



- 2024 January-February Treasurer's Report
 - Income: ~\$850 (membership, pass the hat fundraising, corporate matching, staff appreciation donations)
 - Expenses: ~\$1,100 (angel closet, student assistance, state/national fees, paypal fees)

Treasurer's Report for Jan-Feb can be found on the PCMS PTSA website

- Mid year Financial Review (Lily Jong)
- Budget committee interest?

Treasurer's Report



- Spring Enrichment Grants

Grant Title	Staff Member	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Notes
6 Choral Tracks	Kara Lucas	\$317	\$317	
Everyday Speech – Social Communication Curriculum	Chia-Cheng Lee	\$50/mo or \$400/ann.	\$150	3 months approved
2 Pocket Translators (from fall grant application)	Miranda Williams	\$939	\$313	\$939 requested in fall; \$313 granted in fall, another \$313 granted for spring
		Total:	\$780	

Membership Report

- Current PCMS PTSA membership:
 - 62 family memberships
 - 39 individual memberships
 - 39 staff memberships (17 donated)
- Last Year (2022-2023)
 - 134 family memberships
 - individual memberships were not offered
 - 100% staff membership
- PCMS Student Enrollment 2023-24: ~650

Programs Report



- Cultural Fair: May 15th, 6-8pm @ PCMS Commons

8th Grade Graduation



- Celebration yard signs on sale for \$20 through April 22
 - Delivery in May



ASB Report



- **Student Store** - open every Friday and we would love your help to run this amazing program! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/fpfioqT>



ISF Report



- Appreciate the support for Nourish Every Mind on Thursday, March 28
- PCMS 8th grade speakers will be sharing about the support for Gizmos, a science enrichment tool



Outreach Report



- Food drive for Issaquah Food Bank through March 28
 - Lynx Life class with most donation points will receive breakfast party
 - PTSA volunteers needed on April 1 at 10:30am to pick up donations
- Ongoing programs
 - Support families with clothing and basic needs, when requested by the school counselors
 - Deliver Power Packs from Issaquah Food Bank to PCMS
 - Support health room with snacks and water

Advocacy Report



WSPTA's advocacy work is directed by our member-adopted resolutions, principles, and legislative priorities. To learn more about WSPTA's effectiveness in advocating, end of session reports and other resources are located on [the Advocacy & Legislative Resources page](#). Links to WSPTA's letters to policymakers and a list of organizations, coalitions, committees, and workgroups where WSPTA is represented can be found on the Advocacy in Action page. Learn more about our advocacy on PTA positions nationally on the [Federal Legislation page](#).

Top 5 Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024:

- 1) [Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis;](#)
- 2) [Addressing Gaps in Education Funding](#)
- 3) [Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide;](#)
- 4) [Addressing Funding, Inclusion, and Supports in Special Education;](#)
- 5) [Building and Maintaining Safer School Facilities](#)

Advocacy Report



The Legislature passed three bills that increase funding for school districts, two of which will begin in the 2023-24 school year apportionment payments.

1. **SHB 2180**, increasing the special education enrollment funding cap. The bill increases the enrollment cap for special education funding from 15% to 16% for the 2024-25 school year.
2. **ESHB 2494**, increasing state funding for operating costs in schools. The Materials, Supplies & Operating Costs (MSOC) per student rates are increased by \$21 in the current school year and are intended to address growing costs in the categories and may not be spent for any other purpose.
3. **2SSB 5882**, increasing prototypical school staffing to better meet student needs. Classified staffing ratios are increased for instructional and non-instructional staff. The term “teaching assistance” is also changed to “paraeducators” in the prototypical school model. OSPI is directed to develop rules that require school districts to use the additional funding to support increased staffing, prevent layoffs, or increase salaries for paraeducators, office support and non-instructional aides in the 2024-25 school year. Finally, the first month’s payment after the bill is enacted must include the additional amounts from the beginning of the 2023-24 school year through that month.

Two bills being tracked this session failed to win approval by both chambers in the final days. These included:

1. **SHB 1915** would have made financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education. The half-credit graduation requirement was removed by the Senate and the House refused to concur with the changes. The bill likely will be back next year.
2. **ESSB 6031** would have modified the student transportation allocation to accommodate multiple vehicle types for transporting students and added 10-passenger vans to the depreciation schedule. The House struck all of the underlying bill and replaced it with a study. The Senate refused to concur with the changes and the bill died.

FACE Report



- FACE stands for Family And Community Engagement.
- Do you have questions about your child's school programs? How to connect with your child's teacher(s) or counselor? Need translation services?
- ISD has a Family Liaison agent dedicated to PCMS to help you:
Contact Ina Ghangurde at 425-837-7008 /
ghangurdei@issaquah.wednet.edu

Guest Speaker



- **Principal McGowan**

Open to the Floor



- Any additional questions or new business?

Adjourned.
Thank you for attending!

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