

**PTA Meeting Agenda
MacArthur Elementary School
Thursday, September 10, 2026**

Welcome & Overview

- Quick review of August Meeting -
 - Approve August Meeting Minutes: Approve August Meeting Minutes - Move by Coral, 2nd by Meredith

Treasurer's Report

- Financial update - bought fans for school, microwave for staff lounge to replace broken, no other real large or unexpected expenses.

School Board Discussion

- Drainage issue – bringing to committee to discuss and get approval to take to bid. Much larger problem than they had realized and current drain option not sufficient. Goal is to find as permanent solution as possible. May take decent amount of time depending on solution from contractors and necessity of involving other government entities like village or DNR. Goal would be to get committee approval, contractor bids in and approval to get on summer schedule. If can't get done this summer at very least by summer 2028.
- A/C/ventilation: Very larger project and ideally would love to do all 4 schools at once so no one feels left out. Back up is (2) and (2) and how do you prioritize and communicate.
- Q & A – spoke a lot about clear lines of communication and putting in process for district to take care of safety issues/maintenance. If PTA purchases district will maintain. Have process now to trigger work orders.

Events & Committees

- **Past Events:**
 - Open House – went really well
 - Back to school Breakfast/Coffee First Day
 - Red Carpet Event – went really well, beautiful weather.
- **Upcoming:**
 - Communications Update – Everything funneling through Rachael! She will point for comms to/from office and teachers as well as communicating out in our socials and newsletter.
 - Directory Update – work with Steve, believes we can have except for those that opt out now. Will coordinate with Justin
 - Restaurant Fundraisers – have about 1/month. Panda Express on 9/23. Will give Nicole flyer to print and to Rachael to post.
 - Pizza Party – weather looks great, very grateful for. All set, down on pre-sales so a bit worried we will get a lot at the door. Base line since taking over has been to plan for 250. Will work with Terra on take over for next year. Brie will be there with swag and will set up table. Great list of staff volunteers, thanks to Mrs. Imig for helping to rally the troops.
 - Original Artwork: had originally been an every other year fundraiser but really helps art room and funds so we will continue to do it each year. Had productive conversation on what types of art to expect. Gave her 20% last year, Ms. Hulseley absolutely loves it. Bought glue sticks and paper.

- Fun Run : will kick off at assembly on Wed and then event will be 10/16.
- Book Fair: Nov. 6th-13th, will be looking for volunteers. Considering not doing a late weeknight and maybe doing an open until 4:30pm type of thing. Will still be open Bingo night and also still doing teacher preview days. Quite a few new teachers. Let's reiterate that any of their wants/needs can be taken care of. Tell them to be greedy and list anything they do want. Families want to help and we get good pricing. Lindsey would like to pass around the catalog and have them make a wish list. Could also use some of the money to supplement Carnival prizes, some classroom supply sets.
- Bingo Night: Brie will work with Mrs. Peterson and leadership team to control prizes. Last year started running out and pulling random things from the closet.
- School Supplies Update – approved \$1000 towards tissues and Ziplock baggies, binders for 1st grade. Started year off with stock and have leftovers in PTA closet for them to help themselves to. As stock depletes will continue to restock. So far have spent about \$350. Would still like to get classroom sets of scissors (kid-friendly left-handed please!), rulers things that can be reused year over year.
- Yearbook – set up Jostens again this year. Had really great feedback last year. Will need 5th graders and has been in contact with high school yearbook coordinator to see if some high school students can mentor our kids. Teach them how to crop photos, choose photos and edit. Did during recess last year, thinking maybe better to do once a month after school. Easier to coordinate with high school too. Have a QR code that families can use to upload photos. Kids and events can be tagged which will help all in the end. Would love one more adult to help. Jennifer Lavicky was helping but has older kids now.
- Spelling Bee – Ryan took over for Maggie. Would love a co-chair, particularly someone that can be there during the week for practices in Nov. School bee will be 12/7 (2-3:30pm?), Week after Thanksgiving will be grade-level bees (usually done during lunch recess so will need to be two days as 4th and 5th overlap and Tues-Thurs), Practices will be in weeks leading up to the bees. Again, Tues-Thurs. Maybe we can think outside of box on this.
- Bucks Night: Mac will do our own night and participate in District-wide one. January 30th will be Mac Night. Still waiting on district night. Chatting with Mr. Polzar to see if we can get Gtown Chior to sing National Anthem. Need to sell 150 tix though.
- Teacher Appreciation - Monthly Ideas – Can we do some touchpoints? Trader Joes bulk order for a floral bar is really easy and decently priced. Could look at for Nov? Will coordinate Chick-fil-a with Brie and Steve

- **Big Events:**

- Fun Run - Emily
 - *Meeting at 8pm after the general meeting*

- **Fundraising Goals & Brainstorm**

- [School Supplies](#)
- Swings
- Wagon

- **Renew Bylaws**

- **Leadership Germantown Project Proposal - Benches**

Open Floor

- Any new ideas?
- Richard Yu here as guest speaker. School board gets \$5,400 stipend, didn't know that and would always do for free. Was PTA president in past himself and so impressed by what small, involved

group of parents can do. Here tonight and donated, \$250, company donated \$250 for a total of \$500.

- Kroger Community rewards – one time set up on PTA part and then individuals can also sign up. A portion of the \$ you spend can be auto directed to PTA. Michelle had volunteered to do Box Tops and would gladly partner to help.

Principal/Teacher Q&A

Wed at 3:30pm is Fun Run Kick off assembly

First two weeks have been controlled chaos. Having more fun himself walking in with a good plan. Has 3 new teachers and really excited about the good group we do have.

Closing

- Next meeting October 8th at 7pm