## PTA Meeting Agenda MacArthur Elementary School Tuesday September 9, 2025

#### **Welcome & Overview**

- Meeting Called to Order at approximately 7:04pm
- Introductions
- What the PTA is & how we support the school
- Membership reminder (only members may vote) only members may vote, membership can be purchased through MemberHub. If you'd like to purchase, please do so. Will run updated report before next meeting and more voting takes place so that we know quorum numbers.

#### Treasurer's Report

• Financial update (Jackie Jubert)— everything is paid up until this point. Will need to consider what we fund moving forward and initiatives for the year.

#### **Events & Committees**

### Past Events Recap:

- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (Nicole Christensen & Jen Lavicky): Went great, was very well received. People loved the bacon. We went a bit heavier to set tone for school year and let them know we are here to support given ambiguous start. We have used same caterer a few times now and would highly recommend. Easy to work with, good pricing and they do all set up and delivery too.
- 4K/5K Picnic (Lindsey Iwanski) Went well for those that were there but re-evaluating how to get people to engage with one another. Loved having the teachers there and appreciate their willingness to come and stick around even when they didn't have to.
- First Day of School (Nicole Christensen)— Went off without a hitch, always so great to see how much the kids love it. With consultation of 4K/Mrs. Simonis & Mrs. Armstrong, modified to have red carpet be a surprise for these kiddos, vs something planned out. Families could stop and take photos if they wanted, but wasn't added pressure of separation from families. Kids seemed more relaxed and less anxious. Will consult with them again prior to announcing so message it clear for families.

### • Upcoming Fall Events:

- Spirit Wear Open all year round now, will have featured products but so far items are selling well and plan to have some available at in-person events. Eagles stuffies are on order and should have available soon.
- Kickin' Pizza Party Mr. Polzar will run music, teachers have service all set and planned out like usual. Have about 65 pre-sales in so far but more are still coming in. For Venmo, forgot to ask for kid's names to match up to orders. Note for next year to ask for slip or something to be put in the notes to help connect. Is in need of a few coolers if anyone can help to supply. Will send Skyward as planned on Thurs as well as include the link for volunteers.

- Restaurant Fundraiser Nights Hoping to hear from Chipotle but otherwise have a few in the works. Sarah Kniesler is helping at KMS, willing to share info and help book dates for Mac too.
- Fall Festival (Nicole Christensen & Brieanna Mueller) Will take place Friday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> and just working to secure final vendors. DI is taking on concessions/food sales. Will still have bake-off, inflatables, pumpkin painting and games
- Fall Art Sale (10/30-11/14 Delivered to school 12/9) basically all set to run, coordinating with Ms. Hulsey and have determined we will be including 4K this year. For those unaware, art teacher leads kids in projects and can have made in to keepsake gifts. Delivered in time for holidays.
- Book Fair / BINGO Night (Maggie Dore & Lindsey Iwanski) Will open Fri, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Will need volunteers for that week and bingo night. 12<sup>th</sup> is late day and will stay open until 6pm. Can help to earn Scholastic dollars to use on things for the classroom and also helps to support book giveaway.
- Box Tops (chair needed) pretty much self-runs but just need someone to help promote and track our money.

### • Big Events (Overview):

- Staff Appreciation (Chair Needed)
- MacCarnival (Chair Needed) adding to volunteer list needs so people can always see opening. Willing to let multiple people split.
- Fun Run (Spring 2026 + Fall 2026 Chair Needed)
- 5th Grade Farewell
- o Bucks Game March 15, 2026 at 2:30pm

#### Changes for 2025-26

- Spring Dance (cancel?) put out for people to rethink and reconsider. Is this necessary or even well-attteended
- Kindergarten Graduation in talks with 5K teachers and Dr. B to start up if they are willing
- Area Board update Presidents from all schools are coming together to meet on a regular basis. So great to see collaboration and ideas being shared across the schools and community.
- Brewers Game Fall 2026

## **Fundraising Goals & Brainstorm**

- Sensory Hall (approx. \$1,100) Have a few ideas of what this could look like. Working with Mrs.
   Petersen on how this could be maintained and utilized.
- Rug for Music Room (approx. \$900) Mr. Polzar's rug ruined in the flooding. Maggie mentioned for Brie to talk to her about this. We have Scholastic dollars we can use to offset cost.
- Teacher supply budgets Do all classrooms need all items? Parents hate seeing unused supplies come home because one teacher needs. Can we as PTA offer teachers budget to purchase class supplies that way they can pick and choose what colors or items they need and parents don't have to get upset?

- Other ideas brought forward:
  - Outdoor playground benches Can we replace/spruce up? Are we even allowed to? Is
    this a district thing? Eagle scout had asked to do this at one point as a project for us but
    was told that wasn't an option? Lindsay's husband also may be willing to help.
  - Chromebook covers previously were provided by district but parents told not anymore.
     Dr. B willing to go to bat and inquire with district on why not any more?

## Approval of May Meeting Minutes -

Minutes were posted online for all to view – Katie Russel motions to approve, Jen Lavicky seconds. **Motions passes.** 

# **Open Floor**

- Additional ideas, questions, or concerns
  - Starting a new PTA newsletter. Will come out 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Will be linked in MacArthur Messenger as well as on PTA website.
  - o Post QR codes/links for both membership and SpiritWear at top of FB page.
  - PTA Bulletin board needs update? Emma Kniesler and Katie Russell's daughter willing to help. Both love to be creative!

# Principal/Teacher Q&A

- Updates from Dr. Steve & Mrs. Imig
  - Nothing new from teachers
  - Dr. B plugged Monday open house to come meet him and hear his vision. Will present his 90-day plan and also give intro of himself on about the half hour in case new people arrive. Anything else that he should share? Suggestion given to highlight what presence he plans to have and how he plans to get to know families.

## Closing

- Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm
- Next Meeting: October 9, 2025 at 7pm

Attendees:
Brieanna Mueller
Jackie Jubert
Lauren Beverung
Nicole Christensen
Dr. B
Mrs. Imig
Sarah Kniesler
Nicole Nechodomu
Michelle Donley
Nicole Fisher
Kelsey Meyer
Coral Kline
Lindsey lwanski
Lauren Kearns
Askley Brooks
Beth Cutler
Meredith Guttu
Terra Herbst
Mallory Hunter
Laura McCarthy
Rachel Christiansen
Tony Gonzalez
Jenni Kinkade (virtual)