

Sierra PTA General Meeting
Monday, Nov 16 6:30pm
Google Meet
Meeting Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Call to Order
 - a. President Schippe announced that Christy Yacano would be recording the meeting, and asked all attendees to type their name in the chat for attendance.
 - b. A quorum of PTA members were in attendance.
2. Meeting minutes
 - a. Carrie Persichitte moved to approve the September 28 meeting minutes, and it was seconded. The meeting minutes are available at <https://www.sierraptaarvada.org/documents>
3. Sierra Updates
 - a. Principal Brickley provided an update of upcoming school changes, noting that parents should watch their emails for details. Remote learning starting November 30 with Fridays asynchronous. Administrators, office personnel, and maybe lunch and custodian will be in person at the school. He asked parents to update their contact information in Campus Portal. Principal Brickley took questions on topics such as absences, remote supplies, quarantine specifications, and substitutes. He also noted that the modified contact day may change from December 14 to December 7.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. President Schippe provided the update. The budget was approved, 23 for and 1 against. She presented the current budget to the meeting, noting that reflections and technology were updated before approval. She noted that we are projecting a loss for the year because there is no focus on fundraising. Any ideas for spring fundraising from the group are welcome. The audit from last year looked fine, and now that the budget is approved, we will begin refunds to the Sabertooth spring fundraiser donors.
 - b. President Schippe reminded teachers to submit the forms for reimbursement for supplies and excel grants.
 - c. President Schippe took questions. A request for actuals from this year was requested and President Schippe agreed to provide at the next meeting.
5. Committees
 - a. VP of Committees Persichitte announced that we have a Room Parent coordinator, Paula Bluerose, and Staff Appreciation Brunch Coordinator, Tristin Mead-Rodrigues. We are still looking for volunteers for Kindergarten/5th grade graduation chairs.
 - b. The reflections coordinator Julie Blechar provided an update. There were nine entries, and packets were sent to each of the participants. Six artists were sent to the next level.

- c. VP Persichitte announced that we raised \$120 through Milkcaps for Moola, Longmont Dairy Farm Inc.
6. Membership
 - a. VP of Membership Doll announced that directory questionnaires are due by November 20. Eighty have responded so far. We will send out the directory by pdf.
7. Community Events
 - a. VP of Community Events Zimbelman announced that we raised \$1300 in Strides for Sierra. We also provided face masks to staff, and had a good showing of community posts to Facebook.
 - b. VP Zimbelman announced fundraising from restaurant nights: Noodle & Company \$575, Bliss \$32. Upcoming restaurant nights include Tues Nov 17, 4-8pm @ Chipotle, use code BXYDH82 for online orders and Thurs Dec 3, 4-9pm @ GB Fish & Chips, you must call in your order, let them know you are with Sierra.
8. Miscellaneous
 - a. President Schippe announced that the survey results showed an interest in giving back to the community, socially distanced activities, Spirit Days, and informative presentations. She is working to incorporate these into this year's activities. Regarding spirit day, she spoke with the student council coordinator and her students are excited to put together this item. More information will be coming out soon.
 - b. President Schippe provided an update on the Student Council Winter Item Drive. The PTA cannot do collections as in past years, but we have been asked if the PTA still wants to help count, bag, and then sticker for collection. President Schippe polled the group about driving to Sierra to drop off items. Leann Garcia noted that Jeffco Schools Foundation does a winter drive, and President Schippe said she would send that information to Student Council.
 - c. President Schippe announced that PTA will put together a Holiday Decoration Driving Map. Send information to president@sierraptaarvada.org about the best place to view decorations, then she will send the information out.
 - d. President Schippe also announced that we will do Snowman Garden in Sierra Park: with a decent snowfall, we will announce making snowmen in the park on facebook.
 - e. President Schippe announced that PTA will be putting out a small business flyer via pdf. If there are Sierra families that own a small business, email president@sierraptaarvada.org with a quarter page image. It will be circulated to the PTA community. We cannot accept advertisements not appropriate for elementary such as alcohol or tobacco.
9. Special guests Monika VanderStek (Social Emotional Learning Specialist) & Jennifer Immen (school psychologist), Sierra SEL gave a presentation on "Taking Care of You and Your Family." The slides will be shared after the meeting and contain hyperlinked tools. There were no questions following the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m