

The PTA met on Monday September 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom. Those in attendance included Mr. Dart, Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Allen, Ms. Simcox, Ms. Prester, President Katie Mueller, Vice President Kris Castaldi, Treasurer Suzanne Ladle, Secretary Rebecca Fortner, Kelsey Gibney, Raquel Mahoney, Denise Montgomery, Andrea Ngola, Amos Ngola, Robin Lamb, and Carson Tapia.

Mr. Dart reported that students are more comfortable in school and getting used to routines. He noted that school improvement focuses include: reading engagement, math fluency and social-emotional learning. Goals and curriculum related to each were discussed.

Mr. Dart also gave a construction update, while Mrs. Chambers noted that fall benchmark (MAP) testing had just been completed and results would be sent home.

A presentation on the new reading curriculum and the focus on reading engagement was given by Ms. Simcox, Ms. Prester and Mr. Allen. It is the first of a nine-part series on the topic. It was noted that “engaged readers spend 500 percent more time reading than their disengaged peers. Parents can play a big role in building this engagement.

The availability of books through several avenues was discussed, as well as the reading practice and logs that are being used.

The budget was reviewed and it was noted that an audit of the budget was approved. The budget will be reviewed again in January for any updates.

It was reported that an August fundraiser night at Dairy Queen raised \$141.

It was also reported that more than 80 orders for Spirit Wear were submitted, including 250 items. Items were scheduled to be delivered around Oct. 11.

A Halloween Trunk or Treat event was discussed, with more discussion planned.

The next meeting will be held Monday Oct. 25 via Zoom at 6:30pm.