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## PTSA General Meeting November 12, 2025

Held online, 33 people in attendance.

Introductory remarks, Cindy

## Board reports

- Treasurers Report- Currently ~\$17,000 in the bank
  - Membership rates are very low and income from membership is less than half than projected based on last year's data- Please become a member if you haven't already!! The PTSA website has a link for membership that takes you to the Square site.
    - There was a question online, asking about how to check on membership status- response was to email Saran via the PTSA email: <u>TildenPTSAboard@gmail.com</u>
- Secretary's report- minutes from last meeting presented
  - o Motion to approve-Saran, 2<sup>nd</sup> Todd, unanimous approval
- Presidents report
  - Please visit the PTSA table at the Teacher Conferences on November 24<sup>th</sup> to buy some of the new Tilden spirit wear and join the PTSA

## Reports from Committees

- Staff Appreciation, Hanita
  - Signup genius (sign up here) for dropping off treats to the front office. We need 5 families to sign up for each date to bring treats (can be homemade) looking to do this on Fridays or Mondays. If you are the last family signing up for a date and there are no veggies or fruit, please make your donation a healthy snack for variety and label with any allergens. Link is currently on the PTSA website under Fall/Winter staff appreciation
  - o There is effort to do something for staff birthdays as well



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• 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion: no leads were on the call, Cindy noted that the committee has formed and will be providing updates shortly, including fundraising information

- Book Fair- no leads on the call, but the fair is happening this week
- Boundary Study/Program analysis—reminder that the Tilden Boundary Toolkit was shared via email yesterday with a link to a Google Doc. In each of the proposed options there is at least one elementary school that has a split articulation (meaning that some students that were in the same elementary school could be assigned to different schools). Scroll to the second page of the document for links.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DC8QJKiztT4QyZlT6P-fsB09LEO3qq- kP67-NpwNnA/edit?usp=sharing

- Responses to the MCPS surveys are due November 25<sup>th</sup>- please express your opinion. Links were sent in chat as well.
- Woodward isn't included in the Program study because it isn't open yet.
   Select an option and comment.
- In the Comments section of the survey the PTSA request is to include the following "MCPS should do straight articulation so that students that were at the same elementary school stay together through Middle School and High School" along with your own concerns.
- The options are not set in stone at this time because of a major change in not opening Crown High School- now it may be a holding school to address other improvement projects at other schools, which would then require a revision of the boundaries
- Next step for the options and comments to go to the Superintendent, and then go the school board with the recommendation.
- Additional comments were that there hasn't been transparency from MCPS about the closing school in Silver Spring and we need to advocate for more transparency.
- The signs in Garret Park with links to information about the boundary study were mentioned
- Advocacy for starting a middle school International Baccalaureate (IB) program at
  Tilden was discussed. There is space at Tilden for an IB program and additional staff
  could be added based on the enrollment in the program. The program has the same
  base curriculum but has a focus on independent study and is helpful for students
  that may be in a situation where they need to study abroad because it is the same



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program that is used in International Schools. With the large international population at Tilden this would be a great addition. If interested in supporting this effort, please contact the PTSA board at TildenPTSAboard@gmail.com

- Reflections program deadline for submissions is Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- STEAM Night date will be advertised soon

Motion to adjourn- Tony

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

