



**Newport Mill Middle School PTSA**  
**11311 Newport Mill Road**  
**Kensington, MD 20895**

## NMMS PTSA Board Meeting

January 26, 2021

### Agenda

Welcome - Rebekah

Upcoming Fundraisers - Kirstin

Budget Updates - Anne

February Meeting Plans- Gloria and Alan

Plans for spring semester:

- Virtual enrichment/cultural assembly
- SSL opportunities
- Welcome for incoming families
- 8th grade promotion
- Outdoor ed

### Attendees:

Rebekah Kuschmeider

Anne Grey

Ian Butteriss

Monica Butteriss

Kirstin Goldston

Lois Kent

Alan Heymann

Gloria Carpenter

Dan Rubin

Kristine Punga

### Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

## Fundraising Update

Unique Thrift May 8th. Sign-up Genius or google form to anticipate the amount of donations. Collections for two weeks.

No restaurant nights set. Five Guys and Jersey Mike's may be upcoming.

Has not spoken to Soledad yet.

## Budget Update

Not a lot of activity

We are not paying dues to the Maryland PTA until they get their stuff sorted out. This has been budgeted however, so won't be a big deal once it's due.

## February Meeting

Gloria Feb 9th- speaker. Melissa Clark (from our area), physician specializing in patient care and health. She will speak about public health concerns, black history, vaccinations, minority health. "African American resiliency". Lois has worked on the flyer and email.

Board should distribute the meeting announcement within the community.

Talk for 60 minutes, last 30 minutes for Ms Tsonis.

Get questions to Gloria/Alan about vaccinations/health care.

Lois will send language to Rebekah who will send it to Jessica Snyder

Alan H - We have the larger Zoom package with a translation channel. A person is designated translator and. Registration ahead of time will be required. Someone will be watching for questions. Not connected to the school Zoom accounts, publicly available. Newport has requested a free MCPS translator. 2 messages will go out, one for wider community (1 hour), one for Newport (90 minutes).

## Membership Updates

We had 3 new members join in January. Total is now 46 members: 3 faculty/staff, 37 parents/guardians, 6 students. Not too many staff members have joined so far. 110 last year so we will press this to see if we can get more members.

## Tiger Run

Was scheduled for May 7

Would be nice to do something and how would you do the run.

Would PE Teachers have some input

Virtual Race package?

Can be some other kind of physical activity? Steps, dance challenges, jumping jacks...

Rebekah will reach out to Newport

## Plans for Spring Semester

SSL Opportunities: Not much we can advertise to the larger student body, Melanee will be happy to share with the kids

5th graders: Ms Tsonis preparing a welcome message. Is there anything the PTSA can do to introduce ourselves and what we do? Video and piggybacking on video. Photos from past events

Spirit Wear: Not keen on ordering much at the moment. Can we set up pre order through our store website? Alan: Oakland Terrace used Spirit Wear direct and was made on demand, via class or website. Stephanie: Masks, pyjama bottoms? Per item cost is a barrier, so could PTSA potentially subsidize the t-shirts to lower the price and pay the vendor the difference?

8th grade promotion?: Last year we did yard signs. We have budgeted money for this year, plus parents bought extra and donated them. Gloria: Something similar to spirit wear, or asking teachers to get involved to write some kind of note to kids. Need to get signs ordered and distributed by May. The team lead for 8th grade might be the person to talk to for staff involvement. Goodie bags? What are high school essentials? Tied with a balloon? We have \$1,000 budgeted.

Outdoor Ed: Lois: The county is doing something, all virtual. Not sure how that is going to work. PTSA typically pays for the reptile show, perhaps could be done virtually?

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm