



## **Sabin PTA Meeting Agenda, December 16, 2020, 5:30pm - 6:30 pm**

### **Zoom Meeting**

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### **I. Welcome and introduction to PTA for new members (5)**

### **II. School updates from Ms. Williams**

- A. Ms. Williams thanked the PTA and all families for acknowledging the faculty and staff with holiday gift cards and notes! So much gratitude to all as the teachers have been “on” everyday, and continue to be gentle and kind with all the teachers.
- B. As part of the five year grant for math, teachers have been attending professional development. Mr. Diltz has met with a few small groups with math intervention in 5th, 4th grade. And now Sabin is trying to help parents get trained to gain math literacy to assist their kids through the program at Vanderbilt University. Parents will receive more communication in the near future.
- C. Communities for Safe Kids began as was discussed last meeting: discussions around feelings/emotions; diversity; abuse.
- D. Ms. Williams is on a committee for hybrid learning or “simulcast” but little new information has been generated. She is committed to sharing any new information with the Sabin community as she learns it.
- E. Ms. Williams publicly acknowledged gratitude to Ronnie Boicourt (dad of 4th graders) for blowing leaves and generously helping to keep the area around Sabin looking good. Thank you!
- F. Ms. Williams has been meeting with families searching for Learning Pods for students whose parents are working and haven’t qualified for subsidized child care programs. In other cases a family won’t qualify for subsidies for care if they don’t have a job but are actively looking for one. There is a small group of parents who work outside the home, health care workers, essential workers whose children need help with distance/online learning. These families were referred to Peninsula and for various reasons didn’t qualify for financial assistance, or there wasn’t space available. In searching for solutions, she gathered one group together to form a learning pod, and another group formed a pod with an outside caregiver; however, there are still a few students who need placement. There is a waitlist. While Peninsula is hoping to make more space, it’s still difficult to get help from ERDC, if you don’t have a traditional job, they won’t qualify for these programs. She wondered how the PTA could support?



- G. Kristen Jessie-Uyanik responded that Irvington elementary also has students who needed care and found YMCA could help run a care/pods at Westminster and PTA funds a 501(c)3, YMCA, to run a childcare/learning pod with the space in Westminster church. There are a couple of open spots at this newly funded collaboration. There is more information coming.
- H. Kristen asked for clarification about how many students need this pod in Irvington. There are two students starting in January. It would cost \$7000 for three months, though it's unclear if that would carry through June. The PTA can fund another 501 c 3 and communicate on their social media platforms.

### III. Discussion and Q&A (5)

- A. Kris Travis highlighted that there was a PPS discussion held on Dec. 14th regarding the issues about returning to in-person learning. There is a PPS YouTube channel of the meeting has the meeting about returning to in-person school
- B. PTA Board member Eoin Bastable suggested that parents also watch the youtube of negotiations with teacher unions. Here's the latest Portland teachers union negotiating terms of re-opening <https://youtu.be/Qz2tHS0uZoA>

### IV. Business and announcements (15)

- A. Mt. Readmore kickoff 1/21/21 (3 week program this year) updates and requests  
We have a local author visit, Aron Nels Steinke, and his series is the Mr. Wolf's Class series, will present. There will be signed books available through Greenbean Books. There will be fun activities involved. It will be announced on social media.
- B. Oregon Battle of the Books update:  
14 teams registered. Working on scheduling the battles which will start in January. Sets of books should be ready to distribute in the next couple of days.
- C. Season of Sharing: there was such generous support and family contributions doubled the donations from last year, supporting 30 families this year. Friday, December 18th is the last day to donate. Families will receive gift cards.  
A question was raised about how effectively we raised money through this fund. Could Sabin PTA raise money for learning pod/child care needs through Sabin SUN, a program of **Self Enhancement, Inc (SEI)**?
- D. Northwest Children's Theater Sabin drama program offered again (1st-4th grade this time) starting January 7, proposal for three scholarship spots from PTA (\$225 total).  
Point raised to try to anticipate or strategize about how to fund these future requests that are not budgeted for. We need to add to our fundraising ideas to meet these requests because the budget is already spoken for. Motion to fund. Seconded. It was approved. And, PTA will address fundraising needs to ensure the budget can cover the costs.



- E. PTA and parent communications: Here is the -Slack link:  
othershttps://join.slack.com/t/sabinschoolcommunity/shared\_invite/zt-hnt4wjc2-q  
QmL9oB\_HHffqQ\_Uhb3~eQ (channel- Sabin School Community). We also have  
Instagram and FB page. A newsletter was sent to families. There is an electronic  
one on the website as well.
- F. Please, become a PTA member (form or online)
- G. Next Meeting, Wednesday January 20th at 6:00pm

**V. Teacher Update:**

Ms. Anderson let us know how she is doing, and she commented that there is a lot of uncertainty about returning because of their status--teachers are in a tough spot because they miss being with students and they don't want to put themselves or families at risk. It's quite challenging for the entire community as we head into the next half of the year.

**VI. Closing notes and meeting adjournment  
Happy Holidays! Meeting**

**Mission of Sabin PTA:** *Our mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. The Sabin PTA welcomes anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference in the education, health, and welfare of our children. We serve as a supportive resource for ideas and initiatives that align with our mission and values; we strive to provide Sabin community members with information, funding, volunteer resources, logistical support and communication tools to implement their ideas. We also work to keep our community members informed, involved and invested in school activities and other efforts to advocate for our children.*

**Helpful links:**

[Join the PTA online](#) or via [this PDF form](#)

[NWCT Sabin after school acting program flier](#)