



## Sabin PTA Meeting Agenda, February 17, 2021, 6:30pm - 7:30 pm

### **Zoom Meeting**

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

Will opened the meeting and acknowledged many in community are still affected by power outages

### **II. Student Leadership group members share reflections (15)**

Ms. Lathan gave overview of how the 4th and 5th grade students who have participated in the Student Leadership Group are great students, and they have responded to needs of students by creating more large group events, like the recent movie night, and holding drop-ins for students to attend just to talk through how things are going. Then she led the students in attendance of meeting through a series of questions to help the Parents and Teachers understand their experience in DL.

- What have you most liked or disliked about distance-learning?

Student: Likes: rolling out of bed later to attend class. Dislikes: Zoning out after day in front of screen. Google Meet/Google can be tricky.

Student: Miss being around friends, miss field trips, and holiday gatherings.

Student: Likes: Get longer lunch breaks. Standing up at my desk to do work.

Dislikes: miss hanging out with friends.

Student: Dislike: On Zoom you can miss things, and it can be confusing.

What do you imagine it will be like to return to school in-person?

Student: It will be fun to return, and it will be a little awkward because we're out of practice seeing each other.

Student: It will be strange to ask to go to the bathroom, and ask permission to walk out of class.

What will the work be like? How do you see that mix w/in-person and computer?

Student: We'll be able to get supplies easier and faster, and we'll have explanations in person all of that will be better.

Student: You'll have to finish assignments in more timely manner--quicker.

Student: It will be easier to complete assignments and ask a teacher more for help, and then it will be easier to turn in your work, in-person.



- What would be helpful to support you or your friends when you return to school in-person?  
Student: Having 1-1 help, and if the adults help us keep us safe w/mask and maintain social distancing.

Student: We will need to help students who haven't been to building.

What has been the most valuable thing you've learned?

Student: I've learned to be more on time. It's awkward with waiting rooms to get to class late, the teacher knows you're late.

Student: I'm more focused, not being worried about peers, and I know where to turn in the homework.

- What would you all need from adults, specifically?  
Student: Learn the expectations from adults regarding CoVid-19.  
Student: The teachers should name what will be different and what will be the same.  
Student: Specific training to help all students help one another with masking and social distancing. And explain how will the physical layout of the classrooms be?

School Leadership groups have combined and grown smaller, so Ms. Lathan and Ms. Moller have managed it, but if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Ms. Lathan!

### **III. School updates from Ms. Williams (10)**

- Planning is well underway for LIPI. We are part of Phase II, and that begins in two weeks. We have several staff who have volunteered to teach. Many other teachers are getting vaccinations.
- Health screening outside with new awning arriving. Ensuring signage is accurate for health and safety. Supplies are arriving for LIPI instruction. LIPI will be held Tues/Thurs 1-3pm for around 15 identified students.
- Please wait to ask questions regarding Hybrid learning, a survey is coming out with FAQs to parents.
- Waiting to hear about what Sabin's 2021-2022 staffing will be--should receive information in next week or so.
- After school programs, for now, will not be staffed by SUN, unless a full time employee of SEI.



#### **IV. Discussion and Q&A (10)**

- Question regarding if after school programming could be staffed outside of SEI/SUN? By parent volunteers? Ms. Williams said yes.
  
- How is Distance-Learning going for teachers? Ms. Williams: You heard from students, and their responses indicate the diversity of responses to DL. Some students are thriving, while some students are not. Attendance has shown administration who might be having issues and who is overcoming issues with school. However, there is fatigue all around. You heard and saw some of the technical difficulties teachers and students must confront each day, as well. Sound quality, for example. Ms. Lathan added that while teachers are on stage all day--now to a wider audience, not just students but family members and caregivers. And, teachers are now being asked to help navigate more relationships with DL.
- Have you heard how it's going in schools that are in Phase I in LIPI? Ms. Williams: We have only heard from the cohort we visited and administrators, not teachers.

#### **V. PTA Budget Update**

- PTA survey on 2021-2022 budget priorities for teachers and staff is live, Will Layng will go to teacher/staff meeting to ask teachers what they'll need.
- The PTA budget will be significantly lower because of fundraising restraints due to CoVid. The PTA and Sabin Foundation are gathering input from staff, and then working together to set up budget to help determine fundraising needs. More information to come.

#### **VI. Business and announcements (15)**

- Mt. Readmore--Jon Weatherford thanked Lyndsay Christensen, Sarah Bokich, and Sarah Bunton who worked so hard to make this happen. It was a great fundraiser! Sabin Star Reader for Mallilany (4th grader) and top reader for Eli (5th grader), will get gift certificates from Children's Place Bookstore (support local bookstores!). Thanks to Braces by Joe for support.
- Oregon Battle of the Books--From Sarah Bunton: We are halfway through our event. Going quite well online. Teams are doing great! March 2nd and 4th will be semi and finals. Still need volunteers! OBOB help:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9a628abff2-oregon>
- Update on Sabin Foundation by -Erin Brasell. Quick explanation: Sabin Foundation is a local non-profit, PPS manages funds and it raises money for



teacher FTE or staffing (e.g., EA), this funding gives more staff to school to help reduce class sizes, provide math and reading support, and funds other certified teaching staff. In past years the big art events and auction raised money in conjunction with PTA. Usually raises about \$80,000. This year despite the pandemic, the Sabin Foundation raised \$65,000. Waiting to see what staffing allocation will look like for the school and how the Oregon business tax fund (Student Success Act) set to help schools with staffing before planning the next step in fundraising.

A point of clarification about the Sabin Foundation and how funding comes to Sabin-- $\frac{1}{3}$  of money raised (after initial \$10,000) goes to Equity Fund to help other schools that do not have fundraising capacity.

- Box Tops are due by 2/20 to Lyndsay Christensen - lyndsayc@gmail.com
- Sabin gear sale--vintage Sabin sweatshirts and a few T-shirts available. Email: jenny@duvander.com
- Parent check-in from voices not often heard from in PTA: How are you doing and what support do you need?

Sonja Williams raised the issue of how 5th grade transition/celebration will look like this year? Share an idea from another school where teachers and staff lined up and students drive by in decorated cars. Great idea, and now we need to connect to administration. Mr. Gardiner is point of contact for teachers.

Another parent added that Parents with students impacted by disabilities have been affected tremendously, and it's been isolating this year.

- Parent volunteer is working to collect photos and make it equitable for the yearbook.
- Science fair coming up! This is typically before spring break--plans are in progress to make it happen using private Youtube account. Mr. Gardiner and parent volunteer working to figure out who and how to create a project. An opportunity to get the school together to celebrate science achievements.
- PTA and parent communications - Slack, Instagram, Facebook, website (see helpful links at bottom of agenda)
- Reminder of PTA membership (form or online)
- Next Meeting, Wednesday March 17th at 7:00pm

## VII. Closing notes and meeting adjournment

**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.*



### **Chat Transcript from Zoom Meeting:**

Will Layng to Everyone : Our agenda for tonight is here:

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Jen Hayes to Everyone : Sorry. I thought I was muted. My dog was chasing the cat.

Will Layng to Everyone : All good, hope all are OK

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Jen Hayes to Everyone : Jen Hayes - mom of Jack (5th grade) & Lukas (4th grade)

Erin Brasell to Everyone : Hi! I'm Erin Brasell. My son, Miles, is in 5th grade. I'm also the chair of the Sabin Foundation.

Amanda Elliston to Everyone : I'm Amanda Elliston, PTA secretary, mom to Philip 5th grade in Mr. Gardiner's class.

Lindsay Kearn to Everyone : Lindsay Kearn, mom of Louie Scrutchions (4th)

Althea to Everyone : Hi! Im Crystal, here with my fifth grader Althea

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Josh Jones to Everyone : Josh Jones, dad of Simone (5th) and Hazel (1st)

Mya Brazile to Everyone : Hi my name is Mya Brazile and i'm in the 5th grade and my mom is Teilsa Brazile



Jenny DuVander to Everyone : Lots of fourth and fifth grade power here tonight:) I'm Jenny, mom of Evan and Alana (2nd) and Isabel (K) and I'm on the PTA board.

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Dara Massoni to Everyone : Hi. I'm Dara Massoni, mom of sons Rowan (4th) and Kai (kindergarten)

Kris Travis to Everyone : I'm Kris, mom of Elodie (2nd) and Ada (K) and Co-VP of Communications and Events. Thank you so much student leadership, for all these thoughts!!

Lisa Wright to Everyone : Hi, Lisa Wright, mom to Darwin (3rd) and Tyson (1st).

Louisa to Everyone : Thanks for inviting us!

Ivan DeGregorio to Everyone : Yea thanks

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : im free to help

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : (if needed)

Eoin Bastable to Everyone : I recommend a visit ;-)

Amanda Elliston to Everyone : Thanks, students!

Josh Jones to Everyone : Leadership is such a positive experience for my 5th grader, thank you for all the work making it happen

Chrysanthius Lathan to Everyone : Kiddos, you are welcome to stay or go. Thank you so much! You're rockstars!



Chrysanthius Lathan to Everyone : Josh - thank YOU! Simone is an insightful and outspoken girl.

Althea to Everyone : I have to say I've been so impressed with the fifth grade teachers and also Ms. Lathan- they have really made this difficult time great for my child

Reiko Williams to Everyone : That's wonderful to hear. Thank you!

Will Layng to Everyone : I see your hand Louisa

Sonja Williams to Everyone : feeling the same way, especially with 5th grade team.

Josh Jones to Everyone : I agree with Althea (Crystal); 5th grade on line has been very well organized

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : I asked this question in part to recognize that our teachers and administrators are working so hard and now planning for LIPI and Hybrid on top of it all, I'm so impressed and want to know how we can support everyone in our Sabin community.

Erin Brasell to Everyone : The 5th grade model is excellent. And I agree that the teachers have done such a great job of engaging the kids.

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : thank you Ms. Williams

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : and thank you Ms. Lathan!

Lisa Wright to Everyone : Happy to help Jon, [writingweb@gmail.com](mailto:writingweb@gmail.com)

Sonja Williams to Everyone : I can help distribute hot cocoa...Sonja Williams

Will Layng to Everyone : FTE= Full Time Equivalent



Jon Weatherford to Everyone : OBOB help:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4ca9a628abff2-oregon>

Jon Weatherford to Everyone : Thanks everyone - I'll be in touch for hot cocoa distribution :)

Will Layng to Everyone : Student Success Act

Jenny DuVander to Everyone : Sabin gear: [jenny@duvander.com](mailto:jenny@duvander.com) :)

Althea to Everyone : Sonja that's such a good call-out!

Amanda Elliston to Everyone : Thanks for bringing this to the PTA, Sonja!

Sonja Williams to Everyone : sure!

Sonja Williams to Everyone : [sosodancing2005@yahoo.com](mailto:sosodancing2005@yahoo.com)

Sonja Williams to Everyone : happy to help in anyway!

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : join us in slack: Join me on Slack -- it's a faster, simpler way to work. Sign up here, from any device:  
[https://join.slack.com/t/sabinschoolcommunity/shared\\_invite/zt-hnt4wjc2-qQmL9oB\\_HHf fqQ\\_Uhb3~eQ](https://join.slack.com/t/sabinschoolcommunity/shared_invite/zt-hnt4wjc2-qQmL9oB_HHf fqQ_Uhb3~eQ)

Josh Jones to Everyone : [sabinschoolcommunity.slack](https://sabinschoolcommunity.slack)

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : <https://www.sabinpta.com/>

Eoin Bastable to Everyone : Jenny can you provide update on parent night?

Jenny DuVander to Everyone : Looks like that Mental Health webinar/Q&A goes for another 20 minutes if anyone wants to jump on that, info below:



Eoin Bastable to Everyone : thanks for sharing the info

Kristen Jessie-Uyanik to Everyone : Title I is a federal education program that supports low income students throughout the nation. Funds are distributed to high poverty schools, as determined by the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Eoin Bastable to Everyone : goodbye everyone - need to go.

Jenny DuVander to Everyone : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87828005704> Meeting ID: 878 2800 5704

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Lisa Wright to Everyone : I have to go as well. Bye everyone!

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