Attendees:

Terry Velan	Anita Geevarghese	Erin Saculti	Michelle Redmond-Henley
Darlen Simmons	Stacey Masliansky	Allison Bull	Inbal Fraiman
James Gray	Sarah Trulley	Nicole O'Connell	Carrie Shonk
Marissa Woodward	Edie Hertel, Librarian	Natasha Dobson	Will Hobart
Liz Ribeiro	Kelli Kaul	Michelle Kelly	Shana Sternstein
Raechel Alexander	Patricia Harris	Ashanti Madlock Henderson	Kymika Okechukwu
Natalie Gillespie	Casey Marx	Amber Bond	

Principal's Announcements:

- Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the math book distribution! We will be having another one in 2 months, so I'll be calling you back soon.
- Open House is next Tuesday, 6:30-7:45pm. Sorry for the short notice, the district just finalized the dates. There will be 2 sessions (teachers will give the same presentation in each session). The sessions will also be recorded, so if you aren't able to make one, you can watch the recording.
- MAP testing started today. There were some tech issues in the morning, but got better by the afternoon. The testing window spans for 3 weeks.

Teacher Announcements:
- Glad to be here
- Please be patient when it comes to dealing with the technology

Executive Committee Announcements:
- Become a PTA Member: Sign up to be a 2020-2021 PTA member on our online store (https://walker.new.memberhub.store/store). If you have any questions about PTA membership, please send us an email: walkerptagroup@gmail.com
- New Spiritwear: Coming at the end of this month. Walker face masks for kids and adults, $5 each. They will be available for purchase on our online store. We will make a catalog with more spiritwear items (sweatshirts, t-shirts, pj pants, etc.) later in the year. This way people can order items and we don't have to buy it in bulk upfront. We will be putting the new masks in our Kindergarten and new student welcome packs and giving them to teachers as a welcome back gift.
- Virtual Bookfair: Going to do one online. Natasha signed up to lead it. We need more volunteers to work with her. We're looking to offer vouchers to kids like last year - Scholastic offers a virtual wallet that might work to do this.
- One Fund:
  - Not much to update
  - PEP (PTA Equity Project) started a couple years ago. It was noticed that schools across the district had a huge difference in funding per student. The idea was to find a way to give all students in the district an equitable experience (esp when they all end up at the same High School).
  - 2 years ago we voted to be a part of the project and donated to start the fund.
  - 1 year ago we were on the bubble between schools who gave funds and ones who received funds. We were one of the schools that received funds.
  - With Covid, they had a Covid Relief fund, which we donated $29k to.
  - The major goal of PEP is to make a single PTA fund and redistribute the money in an equitable way.
  - As an exec board, we have been in PEP meetings discussing their plan, but had all come away with different understandings. The PEP group is still ironing out all the details of how One Fund will work.
  - There will be a special meeting in October for a presentation from the PEP group for just Walker to present

One Fund. Please bring your questions to that meeting and hopefully they will be able to answer them all.
  ○ We will be voting at our November meeting on if we want Walker to participate in One Fund.
  ○ PTA Equity Project One Fund FAQ Website: https://ptacouncil.weebly.com/pep-454160.html

Treasurer Update:
- 2020-2021 Budget (see pages at the end of the minutes)
- Ashanti and Terry have been working on building the new budget - what's going to happen and not happen this year due to Covid.
- We're all paid up on bills
- Using around $5000 from savings to balance the budget
- Amazon Smile is still going - so if you order from Amazon please make us you charity of choice. It's an easy way for us to bring in some funds.
- Box Tops is still going - just only on their digital platform now (through an app)
- We're not sure if PNO will be happening this year
- Hoping to do more with the bookfair
- Hoping to do some community activities
- The funds for the teacher luncheon at the beginning of the year is being used to purchase all teachers Walker cloth masks.
- Left funds for Field day, in hopes that it might be able to happen.
- International & STEAM Nights will be virtual
- Why did we lower the ESSCA donation? We were trying to balance the budget, plus we made a large donation to the Covid Relief Fund through PEP.
- We haven't heard if YEA! is going to happen. But if it does we can move things around in order to make a donation.
- Are we not anticipating a virtual PNO this year? We will know more when the fundraising committee forms and meets. There is a big concern that we won't be able to do buy-in parties (in person) and most things for auction are to go places and events which may or may not be able to happen because of Covid. We will wait to see what the committee proposes.
- Why is there a new fee/charge for membership? We switched to a new platform for our e-commerce site that automatically keeps track of our membership information and reports it to the state. We were very mindful that this would include the fee, but we thought it was worth it in the amount of data entry and exec work it saved us from doing. It streamlined the process of collecting and reporting the data.
- How is the Angel Fund handled? It is usually used for enrichment scholarships. The district enrichment team is looking for donations to make free pre-recorded classes open to all students.
- We donated $29k to the PEP Covid Relief fund in the Spring. The funds have all been exhausted.
- There will be no art residencies this year.

Equity Committee Update:
- FAN Events: https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/
  ○ A couple of events coming up, including Cozbi Cabrera (Evanston author of My Hair is a Garden) and Jason Reynolds on October 6.

Enrichments Update
- There are some free spots still open along with extra scholarship money available.
- Friday is the deadline to sign up.

New Business:

- Vote on Budget
  ○ Raechel Alexander motioned for the vote

- o Marissa Woodward seconded it
- o Budget passed with votes of 19 yes and 1 no
- Parent Question: Other schools in the district are doing blanket PTA memberships - giving membership to every family in their school. Is this something we can do? There have been schools in our district that do that. Feedback that we've heard from doing this is that they get less buy-in/participation. We have always covered families that want to join. We never want the fee to be a barrier to join and have a voice. Also, financially we just don't have the funds to do it now - we have to pay $4.50 for each member to the State. We don't want cost to be a barrier for anyone to join our PTA. Please contact us at walkerptagroup@gmail.com and we will get you signed up. **NEW since meeting** You can now sign up for a no cost membership on our PTA online store (no need to email to sign up): https://walker.new.memberhub.store/store
- The membership does give you voting rights. We are going to take the vote on the honor system. If you are a member then please vote.

Volunteer Needs: Please sign up to volunteer through our signup genius link - https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/409084AACA62BAAF85-ptavolunteer
- Parent/Community Engagement & Enrichment Task Force: in charge of coming up with ideas and organizing virtual community events (one time events, or clubs, etc.)
- Fundraising Committee: in charge of coming up with ideas on how to fundraise this year, including the two ways below
  - o Restaurant Nights
  - o Box Tops
- Bookfair Committee

Important Dates:
- September 28th: No School, Yom Kippur
- October 1st, 7:30pm: Virtual Q&A with the Principal
- October 12-15th: Parent Teacher Conferences Week
- October 16th: No School
- October 21st, 7pm: October PTA Meeting

Adjournment