

Walker PTA meeting: Wednesday, December 16th @ 7:00pm

Location: Zoom Call

### Attendees

Raechel Alexander	Ellen Nagella	Joey Hailpern	Inbal Fraiman
Courtney Shapiro	Amber Bond	Clive Archer	Erin Sacluti
James Gray	Liz Ribeiro	Ashanti Henderson	Stacey Masliansky
Michelle Mantel	Michelle Redmond-Henley	Allison Bull	Darlana Simmons

### Principal's Announcements

- An email was sent out for potential return to school
  - Make sure to let Mr. Gray know if your learning preference has changed.
  - If we do go back, Mr. Gray is planning on scheduling multiple town halls for our community.
- 2 more days left until break! Enjoy the 2 weeks off!

### Teacher Announcements: None

### Executive Committee Announcements

- Amazon Smile Reminder: when purchasing on Amazon, log into smile.amazon.com and choose David E. Walker PTA as your charity. 0.5% of your purchase will go to our school.
- Spiritwear Update
  - Good response to our online ordering. 35 orders made. All orders have been distributed. If you didn't receive your order, please contact Allison.
  - There are still some things left that you can order (masks, water bottles, key chains, some t-shirts and yard signs). You can buy them at our online store:  
<https://walker.new.memberhub.store/store?category=Spirit%20Wear>
  - A big thanks to Courtney Shapiro for setting up the orders and getting them dispersed!
- Boxes of Books Update
  - Link to map of locations: <https://tinyurl.com/D65BoxCajitas>
  - Walker Locations:
    - 8819 Ewing Ave, Evanston 60203
    - 8947 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston 60203
    - 9440 Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston 60203
    - 1004 Pitner Ave, Evanston 60202
    - 8641 Hamlin Ave, Skokie 60076
  - We're pausing on adding more locations for now

### Treasurer Update

- The only change was in expenses (\$77 was spent this month in misc expenses)
- Looking for people to join the audit committee
- Having the bank credentials changed to the new exec board (the elec-board) soon.

### Equity Committee Update

- FAN Events: <https://www.familyactionnetwork.net/upcoming-events/>

### Black Students Achieve Update

- We are in the process of working with Carrie Shonk and her group to organize a reading village to provide reading supports for our BSA students. We are also collaborating with students at ETHS to provide free tutoring for our BSA students. More info to follow in how to sign up to participate and/volunteer.

### Fundraising Committee Update

- Benefit Holiday Fundraiser: we need your support, raised \$12 so far and we have until next week. Try to choose the stores that give the most % back. Also, you can purchase Amazon gift cards through the Benefit app. When you do, tell the recipient of your gift card to use Amazon Smile when they spend their gift so we can get even more % from your purchase for our school.

- Wendy's Results: \$499 was spent and around \$100 was raised for Walker
- Still waiting for the Village Inn number
- Next month's restaurant fundraiser will be at Grecian Kitchen. We're still setting the date and details.

#### **Engagement Committee Update**

- Lunch bunch planning is starting. Room parents are working on plans to start hosting them in January
- A survey will come out soon to see what kind of engagement activities families want

#### **PEP Update**

- All schools voted in favor to join OneFund
- Upcoming meetings are going to be working meetings. Joining subcommittees (New Committees Being Formed).
- Suni & Biz are still running the meetings and will do so until June until they transition to the new leaders
- An affinity group is being started
- We are looking for a 3rd PEP rep. Currently Ashanti and Sarita have volunteered. We are allowed to have 3 reps and would like to fill the last spot. As a rep you will attend the monthly meetings to help shape the rest of One Fund. The meetings are 2-3 hours long and meet once a month. If you are interested, please reach out to Allison, Stacey, or Ashanti.

#### **New Business**

- The main exec board (Erin, Inbal, Terry & Darlena) are officially transitioning to supportive roles as the elect positions (Allison, Stacey, Ashanti & Sarah) are taking lead. Thanks to the new board for taking over!

#### **Volunteer Needs:**

- Audit Committee (short commitment, about a month, just have to check the books)
  - Ken Mantel volunteered (via Michelle Mantel)
- PEP Reps

#### **Important Dates:**

- December 21st-January 1st: No School, Winter Break
- January 14th, 7pm: Chat with The Principal
- January 18th: No School, MLK Day
- January 20th, 7:00: Jan. PTA Meeting

Adjournment