



CW Henry PTA General Meeting - September 18, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Kindergarten Playground

First Meeting of the Year

1. Welcome from PTA President, Kim Massare

Kim warmly welcomed everyone and gave a quick rundown of the PTA's legacy, emphasizing its positive impact on the Henry community. She introduced the dedicated board members, chairs, and co-chairs who will lead the charge this year.

2. Three Key Focuses for 2024-25

- **Engagement:** A shift towards hosting more fun, interactive events and fewer meetings, aiming to make involvement enjoyable for all.
- **Streamlined Admin/Board System:** Simplifying processes to create a smoother, more efficient PTA experience.
- **Fundraising:** Vital for supporting our initiatives and enhancing the student experience.

3. School Advisory Council (SAC) Update, Orien Smith-Warren, SAC Facilitator

Orien outlined the goals of SAC, and the importance of working closely with the PTA. Key points include:

- Partnering with the PTA on **technology improvements**.
- Creating a dedicated **Grant Writing Committee** to explore new funding avenues.
- The first SAC meeting is scheduled for **October 7th at 5 PM**—All are welcome!
- SAC hopes to welcome an **Upper School student member** to give a voice from the student perspectives.
- Future meeting minutes will be shared publicly for greater transparency.

4. PTA 2024-25 Budget Overview, Mark Graham, PTA Treasurer

Mark presented this year's budget, which will soon be available on the PTA website. Interested in how PTA funds make a difference? **New Finance Committee members** are welcome to join!

5. Upcoming PTA Events

Mark your calendars for some exciting events:

- **September 22:** Stop by the **Mt. Airy Village Fair** PTA Booth.
- **September 28:** Lace up for the **2nd Annual Fun Run & 5K** – Volunteers needed!
- **November 7:** **Fall Family Fun & Fire Safety Night** – Sponsored by Kidde.

- **November 18-22: Fall Scholastic Book Fair** – A book smashing event where volunteers are also needed!
- **January 20, 2025: MLK Day of Service.**
- **Campus Clean-Ups, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, and Movie Night** – Dates TBD.

6. Principal's Update, Principal Kristy Len

Principal Len shared exciting school updates:

- The exterior **waterproofing** project is complete, and they've also managed to get the **K-yard repaved!** Interior work on the basement classroom is underway, with new paint and repairs expected to finish in 5-6 weeks.
- While the school is mostly fully staffed, there are still **two vacancies in special education.**
- New after-school programs launching soon include **Chess Club, Spanish Language Program,** and **Club Sports.** Plus, **Youth Basketball** for grades 5-8 is coming this fall!
- **School tours** will take place every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- The **Philadelphia school selection process** is now open, with a deadline of **October 23.**

7. PTA Committees Overview

The meeting concluded with an overview of various PTA committees, encouraging attendees to get involved and help drive this year's initiatives forward.