



Tilden Middle School

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PTSA General Meeting March 11, 2025

7:03 Anne Mandeville call to order and welcome

7:08 Officer Reports:

- Secretary's Report:
 - Request to approve minutes from Sept 10th, Motion to Approve Anne Mandeville, second: Eddine, vote- approved unanimously.
 - Request to approve minutes from November 12, Motion to Approve Angie Melton, second: Nikki Boisture, vote- approved unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - There are PTSA funds that haven't been used yet, reconciling outstanding payments
- President's Report:
 - Request for volunteers to serve on next year's PTSA Board as there are a lot of vacancies due to current member's kids moving to high school next year
 - The commitment is 5 meetings a year, + 5 board meetings a year
 - Elections are in May, so there are a few weeks to decide, or if you have questions reach out to Anne
 - Email was shared in the chat
- Upcoming Events:
 - Upcoming Dine outs:
 - Taco Bamba March 12th, and Torchy's Taco's May 14th
 - Skate Night March 22
- Cluster Representatives Report:
 - Happy to give any responses to the last General PTSA's meeting discussion
 - There is currently no news about the community listening sessions for expressing concerns regarding the boundary study
 - MCPS has stated that the boundary study is on schedule
- Principals Report:
 - Currently doing MISA testing for 8th graders
 - Newsletter items: looking to compile information about family heritage night, Spring musical is casting
 - There is currently fundraising for the TV studio as the equipment wasn't moved from the old building. Goal is to have students deliver the morning

announcements next year. Donations can be made on My School Bucks site by selecting the "TV studio" option.

- Planning committee for the 8th grade celebrations has met- the weekly newsletter has the dates. On June 5th there will be an 8th grade field trip to Dave and Busters, June 10th there will be a promotion ceremony at Walter Johnson High School 5-10 pm (same as last year there can be one caregiver per student in person, an overflow option in the Tilden cafeteria is being explored as an option for a livestream). June 11th at 6 pm will be the 8th grade dance at Tilden in the cafeteria.
- Actively working on reconciling the staffing allocation with the office of human resources and development. Projected enrollment for next year is 90 additional students for a total of 1137 projected. Additional students should increase the allotment of staffing.

Question was asked: What is the capacity of the school? Response: 1300-1400 students

- Attendance is encouraged at the Parent Caregiver meetings
Additional Question: There are currently classrooms without permanent teachers- how many are there and when will these be addressed? Response: Finding suitable replacements for teachers has been challenging. There is one vacancy in Science and Technology and Mr Richards is currently serving as the long-term sub. A replacement for Mr. Burson who retired has been hired-Emily Shun will be the new permanent teacher. There is also a long term sub for Math, and there is an additional position for LFI educator.

- MCCPTA updates Mickie Chandra

- There is currently a resolution on how to support healthy sleep for kids, to get them at least 8 hours of sleep a night. The proposal is to change the start time of school in order to promote healthy sleep. The resolution was proposed several months ago, and PTA delegates provided input. On February 20th there was a presentation on the pilot program to the Board of Education, but it was not supported. There will be continued advocacy.
- For additional questions Mickie can be reached at: mchandra.pts@gmail.com
Question: What is the MCCPTA position on the bus schedule with all the differing school times related to resolution on healthy sleep? Answer: Other schools in Anne Arundel were able to work around this. The resolution is currently for a feasibility study to assess the options and not the change yet.

Invited Speakers from Walter Johnson High School

Angie Melton, PTSA

- There are 3 major organizations for Walter Johnson volunteering
 - PTSA
 - Booster
 - Education Foundation
- PTSA is similar to Tilden- there is no fundraising other than membership. There are 3 committees:
 - Hospitality

- Post prom committee: these are non-senior class parents (because kids don't want their parent there) and the goal is to provide a safe space for kids to gather. There will be calls for volunteers for decorating, etc.
- Counseling Advisory Committee- coordinates meetings about college admissions and creates discussions with college representatives
- For the coming school year a Treasurer is needed. The role is similar to the Tilden PTSA. Angie served in this role last year and can be reached for questions at angiemelton@alumni.nd.edu

Marnie Jacobs, Education Foundation

- This group funds staff development- courses, conference funding, and graduate school opportunities
- For students the group provides items such as chorale robes, instruments, buses for extracurricular activities
- Group meets monthly to determine needs and collaborates closely with the PTSA.
- Next meeting is May, contact information is on the website

Shannon, Walter Johnson Booster

- This group supports athletic programs, performing arts programs and student government. Examples of what they fund are banners, lights for the auditorium, fashion club, desks and chairs in the media center.
- They raise money via membership, school swag, athletic event snack sales, mulch and the annual used book sale.
- They take in about \$75, 000 in fundraising support annually
- Students can request funds for projects, athletic department can also put in requests
- There are tons of ways to be involved
- There is a new student picnic where all club activity and volunteer information will be available
- Contact Shadedritch@hotmail.com for more information.

Adjourned at 8:00 pm