

April 2025 PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions
2. Principal update
 - a. Report Cards will be going out Friday April 11th
 - i. Process report will provide if interventions are needed
 - ii. No Q3 report cards for Ms. Lewis' 1st grade while she's out on maternity leave
 - b. Pie In the Face Friday April 18th
 - c. Spring Testing Begins April 21st
 - i. MCA testing for grades 3rd – 5th
 - ii. Fast testing for grades K – 5th
 - d. Kindergarten Registration Night Thursday May 8th 5:30p-6:30p
 - i. PTA will be onsite, and possibly other parents for questions.
 - ii. Stick around for the last PTA meeting of the year directly afterward
 - e. Remaining Events
 - i. April 25th School Patrol sleepover & trip to MOA May 14th
 - ii. May 19th Interview Select for ASD
 - iii. May 27th Classification process & Dynamics for 25-26 school year classrooms
 - iv. June 5th, 5th grade ceremony
 - v. Friday June 6th Track and Field Day
3. Community Education – Ashley
 - a. No updates
4. Minneapolis Parks – Anthony
 - a. Parks Sports
 - i. Waite Park 11U Girls Basketball took 2nd place in city tournament!
 - ii. Waite Park 11 Open Basketball participated in city tournament.
 - b. Summer Sports Sign-up
 - i. Baseball, Softball, Track & Flag Football https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities-events/sports_leagues/youth_sports_leagues/
 1. New registration process
 - c. Soapbox Derby did not get enough signups for a Waite Park location but other sites are still available.
 - d. Egg Hunt April 19th <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/event-calendar/waite-park-egg-hunt-3/>
 - e. Open Gym
 - i. Open gym 6pm-7:30pm Wednesdays
 - ii. Families 1pm-4pm Saturdays
 - iii. Teens 6pm-7:30pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
 - f. 2025 Rec Center Hours: Mon – Fri 3pm-8pm, Sat 12pm-5pm
5. Treasury Updates
 - a. Raised \$31k with this years Glow Run which is a new record!
 - i. Only 29% of that came from direct student caregivers. The other 71% came from extended family and friends. Thank you all for such a successful fund raising event.
 - b. Purchased popcorn and juice for school wide movie day
 - c. Purchased yard signs for incoming Kindergarten families. If you would like a yard sign please reach out to us by email.
6. Grants
 - a. 4 New Grants Approved
 - i. Ms. Hyrkas (Library) books and book repair supplies
 - ii. Petting Zoo
 - iii. School Patrol trip to MOA
 - iv. 5th Grade Band concert refreshments
 - v. Still \$3k left for end of the year grants

7. PTA Events

- a. Friday April 18th Family Dance Party from 6pm-8pm food provided by PTA from the MPS Food Truck.
 - i. Signup to help:
https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=72514998030#choose_jobs_page
- b. Staff appreciation week May 5th – 9th. Please email the PTA if you are available to volunteer during the day to help with all of our fun surprises for the staff.
- c. Spring Carnival Friday May 30th Signup for volunteers will be posted soon

8. NEMS PTA Update

- a. Principal Rowe working to bring the community into NEMS
- b. Students create survey “Why not NEMS?” with the University of Minnesota do a presentation at UCLA
<https://www.mynortheaster.com/news/more-work-to-do-nems-students-present-survey-findings-at-ucla/>
- c. Start seeing NEMS yard signs
- d. Most successful fund raising year for NEMS was able to purchase atlases for teacher

9. Join the PTA Board!

- a. We have openings for next year’s board please come join us! Send any and all questions to our email
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