

September 2026 PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

2. Principal's Update

- a. Thank you for the glow up!! We got the 400 pound trophy case. Hooks in the cafeteria, rugs, recess equipment, mats for the gym, cart thing, sound system, lost and found.
- b. Class sizes:
 - i. 31 total kids in three kindergarten classes, we may have to consolidate into two.
 - ii. 20 in each first
 - iii. 26 in each 2nd (only class at cap)
 - iv. 22 in each 3rd
 - v. 22 in each 4th
 - vi. 25 in each 5th
- c. Transformation update: District leadership was charged with filling a \$40M budget gap. Three possible proposals presented to the school board. 14 schools could be deeply impacted. In two proposals WP boundaries would change, in one they would stay the same. We would feel the impacts of changes even though our school not heavily impacted. Listening sessions upcoming. See MPS website for details. Board would vote by November, implementation for next school year.

3. Community Ed Update

- a. Tu/Th after school classes at Waite through Community Ed.
- b. Flyers, Friday email, registration is 6 p.m. tomorrow (Sep 18)
- c. Community Ed after school classes start after MEA, go into May but bussing ends at the same time as Gems and Gise.
- d. Gems and Gise Oct. 6-April 1. Gems and Gise students can do Community Ed after school classes after April 1.
- e. Class fee is true cost of running class. Call Community Ed for scholarship prices.

4. MFPS Update

- a. MPS families organizing around issues that impact our schools and community
- b. <https://takeactionminnesota.org/minnesota-families-for-public-schools/>
- c. Current work around transformation
 - i. Of 9 school board members, 5 are up for reelection. MFPS asking to delay vote until new board in place.
 - ii. CDD resulted in 18% drop in enrollment in MPS. A 15% drop in enrollment would result in loss of \$100M.
 - iii. Our school board rep opposes these proposals.
 - iv. Email, call, take survey, go to listening sessions to provide feedback.
 - v. **We will have an emergency call this Sunday from 4-5:30pm and**

you can sign up here:

<https://www.mobilize.us/takeactionminnesota/event/1036322/>

MFPS - what should be on the agenda:

<https://takeactionminnesota.org/mfps-agenda/>

vi. https://linktr.ee/mn_fps

5. Treasurer's Update

- a. Presented and approved 2026-2027 PTA budget.

6. PTA Committee Updates- Email PTA to join a committee and/or help out

- a. Grants committee- Sign up for the grants committee. You see grant requests via email and vote on them.
- b. Family Emergency Fund and Community Mutual Aid Fund- Part of PTA now. Possibly starting a small foodshelf in the schoolPTA grant for a mural.
- c. Staff appreciation- Really fun to appreciate staff! Staff appreciation week in May, meals for conferences, birthday treats.
- d. Traffic safety committee-
 - i. Oct. 7 walk,bike to school. Need volunteers.
 - ii. Work with Safety Patrols. More to come.