

# Peruvian Park PTA General Meeting

14 September 2023, 7:00-8:00 pm

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## Executive Committee

President: Mandy Romney  
Treasurer: Amanda Heller  
Secretary: Kristina Packer

Education VP: Emily Tippetts  
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## Attendees

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Jayna Swenson  
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Laura Miller

Jamie Maxwell  
Trisha Troester  
Kristal Day-Reyna  
Jessica Chang  
Kimber Menssen  
Nicole Poland  
Erin Ence

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### ➤ **Opening Remarks**

Budget is approved. We opened it for questions. We will post the budget so all members can see.

Minutes from the last meeting are approved w/ no concerns or changes.

Budget included “teacher support.” Teachers should have the teacher grant form. Mrs. Bishop used hers for the entire 4th grade instead of just for her so maybe we need to do funds per grade as well. We are waiting on Ms. Nagpal’s input on that.

### ➤ **Clubs Updates** - Chess Club; Choir Club; Book Blitz

Chess club meets the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:30 am & are meeting for the first time tomorrow.

Choir wants to start 10/6 & meet the 1st & 3rd Friday’s of each month from 1:20-2:15. They are getting things set up now for a sign up.

A Book Blitz Jr. survey is being sent out to 4th & 5th grades w/ an optional 3rd grade team to get it going. We are hoping to also get parent help because we really needed it last year.

Mrs. Nagpal is great with sending out any flyers on all days - except Fridays because teachers already do & she doesn’t want to overwhelm parents.

### ➤ **Recaps**

- Panthers & Popsicles - went very well. We had lots of people stopping to ask questions so it turned out very well.
- Red Carpet Welcome - several volunteers showed up to help people know where to go. Mrs. Nagpal said she thinks everyone enjoyed it. They loved the mascot. Some parents had students coming from both sides of the school so the parents

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didn't know where to stand if they had more than 1 student. Maybe we can use some of the parking lot space if we can figure out how to stop the traffic.

- Kindergarten Welcome Gifts - PTA provides the students. It was very helpful to have the teachers suggest slinky, playdough & squishy toys. The students all loved it.

We have had great response to apparel surveys. All but 32 students. We are going to order a couple extra small & then mostly medium & large for extras so all students get a shirt. Maybe the interventionists can look at the students next week to give a rough estimate of sizes needed. Trisha suggested looking at what has already been ordered to use that as a guide of what else we need.

➤ **Monthly Wellness Word/Spirit Fridays** (Crystal Gregory - Peruvian Park Social Worker)

She is going to start doing a monthly wellness word w/ the students. September is "belonging". She sent a book to the teachers to read. The month will end with a dress up day. It will be 9/28 this month where they wear school colors. This is replacing Spirit Fridays. We are hoping to increase unity at the school to include all students regardless if they are Salta or neighborhood. A flyer will be created each month so students know & it will be easy for students to do instead of a full costume to allow all students to participate.

➤ **Membership Drive** - September 18-29

Mandy took a class in May about this. Last year our numbers were 106. But we have a student population of 500 so we have very low PTA membership. She thinks there is a false notion that if you join PTA you have to volunteer for things. We need bigger numbers for legislative issues, or just to have parents stay in the know about what is going on. She is distributing a flyer to try to help get more members. Some companies are also donating items for a drawing that is happening. She is hoping to double our membership from last year. If we meet the goal we can get the students a small prize. She is putting a booth outside of the gym on the way to the book fair to guess the number of candies for a prize. If we get prizes, we can leave them in the PTA room. Maybe we can blow up the flyer info into a poster to let parents know what PTA does.

➤ **Scholastic Book Fair** - Delivered week of 9/18; Sales week of 9/25

Book fair is coming up at the end of the month. We are having it during conferences. They don't really tell us when they are dropping off the books, so we aren't sure when we can set up. We are hoping to set up Friday the 22nd if the books are there in time. It goes from 9/25-9/28. There is a master chess class that starts Friday, the 22nd that may be in the gym or the cafeteria so we have to make sure that isn't a conflict. We may have to set up Monday morning to allow the students to walk through during the day. Mrs. Nagpal will work on the schedule with the school to see what works best to get the students to walk through. The teachers will have a teacher preview after school. We normally give them scholastic dollars to use & hopefully if we do this preview the books they want will still be there & not picked over. Book Blitz

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books would be good for the librarian but not necessarily regular books. They think we did \$50 per teacher. And, there is a list of “banned books” we are working with as well.

We were thinking about doing book fair & “goodies & grownups” before school or on Tuesday for the families that can’t come after school. Lunch hours is not great because kids come in to shop but it gets so crazy because teachers have to corral kids & they count money and get frustrated. We are hoping this gives us more hours to do it where we don’t have to do it during lunch.

We also need to clean up the Book Fair Thursday after conference because the school is closed on Friday. Mrs. Nagpal said we should close the book fair at 6:30 so we can clean it up by 7:30 so we aren’t staying a long time after conferences end.

- **Teacher Conferences** - W 9/27 & Th 9/28 - we are providing dinner on Wednesday.
- **Misc Updates**
  - Emergency Snacks - the baggies have gone out & are due tomorrow. There are also extras being put together for students who don’t bring one.
  - Teacher/Student Birthday Recognition - Mrs. Nagpal will talk to her tomorrow about this.
  - New Social Accounts
    - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/peruvianparkpta/> - it’s a new one so we only have 5 followers so far but she will get the word out.
    - Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/peruvianparkpta/>
- **Office Clothing Donations** - Bottoms 4-6T and 12-16 - We need to get some of these clothes lying around we can drop them off at the office for students to use in case of an accident.
- **Teacher Report:** Andrea Lindquist - not in attendance.
- **Principal Report:** Divya Nagpal - she appreciates our organization & planning.
- **Volunteer opportunities**
  - Membership Drive Flyers distributed
  - Book Fair Setup and Sales
  - Teacher Conference Dinner/Dessert
- **Other Business:** Open Floor

Mrs. Nagpal said she was concerned that Zupas may have been to overwhelmed to really know who was part of the fund raiser because they didn’t write anything down. The online option worked, but the in person was more confusing.

We also support the field trips so we are sending a check to the school for this.

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