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# PHACT PTSA September Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 9.8.2020 @ 6:30pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Lisa LaBelle, Karen McElroy, Heather Victoria, Joy Griffin, Darcy Baran, Kyle Benito, Larry Miller, Nicole Cobane-Lightner, Brandy Blish

## Agenda Items

### Welcome

### Treasury Reports

- Karen McElroy, PHACT PTSA Treasurer, provided report. Insurance still to be paid. Will need to decide whether we renew Chamber of Commerce membership.

### New Business

1. Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021
  2. Reflections Program- This year's theme is "I Matter Because..." Would like the English, Music, Art, and Special Education Departments to participate. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this program. Due to COVID we will need to think about where to display the exhibit this year and how best to judge the entries.
  3. Teachers Pay Teachers Donation- Karen McElroy will look into options, e.g. individual accounts versus school wide access. Mrs. Griffin will also forward information on Teach for Justice.
  4. Student Mental Wellness and SEL- see handout. Kyle Benito agreed to look it over and discuss on the morning news.
  5. Diversity in curriculum
    - a. **Join us Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. EDT for an interactive webinar designed to dive deeper into National PTA's beliefs and definitions for diversity, equity and inclusion and to discuss on-the-ground strategies you can use to make your PTA more equitable— from governance to programs and beyond.**
  6. School of Excellence- will enroll before the end of the month.
  7. Membership Drive- All parents, teachers, administration, family members, community members, and students, please renew your annual PTA membership today! Cost is \$10.00 per individual in which \$5.50 goes towards state and national PTA dues. A strong membership provides us with many opportunities, for instance the Reflections Program and college scholarships.
  8. Fundraising- ideas so far due to COVID limitations: Papa Ginos and Stronger Together T-shirts.
  9. Staff Appreciation- 9/15 for IT and 10/2 for National Custodial Worker Day!
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**Open Discussion-** Trunk or Treat, Middle School Council looking into options due to COVID concerns.

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.*