

**Chenery PTO Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, November 5, 2020, on Zoom  
Minutes approved February 22, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Attendance: 63 attendees total

Minutes taken by Ms. Martha Loftus, Secretary

**PTO BUSINESS**

Welcome: Ms. Laura VanderHart & Ms. Nomita Ganguly, Co-Presidents

- Thank you to board members who remained through fall to ensure smooth transition.
- Special thank you to Ms. Barbara Bulfoni, a tireless volunteer at Chenery.
- Big thank you to Ms. Nomita Ganguly, outgoing president, for her wisdom and hard work.
- New PTO committee: Diversity & Inclusion Committee led by Nomita Ganguly.
- 2020-2021 PTO meetings and Principal's coffee posted on website.
- PTO still needed for LS & US enrichment coordinators and also volunteer coordinator
- **APPROVED** – motion to approve the Chenery PTO Officers for 2020-2021

53 attendees present – all voted affirmatively

Laura VanderHart, Co-President  
Jenny Kresse, Co-President  
Allison Goodwin, Treasurer  
Kim O'Mahony, Assistant Treasurer  
Clare Crawford, Communications  
Martha Loftus, Secretary

Treasurer Report: Ms. Allison Goodwin, PTO Treasurer

- 2019-2020 had unprecedented fundraising which sets up well for this different year
- 2020-2021 Proposed Budget: Revenue = \$30,000; Expenditures = \$36,800  
Expected Surplus in bank budget at end of 2020/21 = \$37,000
- **APPROVED** - motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget with the reservation to be flexible as the year unfolds.

53 attendees present – all voted affirmatively

Meeting Notes Review

- **APPROVED** – motion to approve meeting notes from 12/4/2019
  - **APPROVED** – motion to approve meeting notes from 2/6/2020
- 56 attendees – all voted affirmatively

Chenery PTO Club Report

- Clubs are vibrant part of Chenery and will be continued if at all feasible
- Once hybrid is underway, club teachers will be surveyed to assess feasibility
- Hopeful that clubs might start in January 2021

### Principal Update, Ms. Karla Koza

- Ms. Karla Koza provided a phase 3 update including information about safety protocols, mask/snack breaks and the 4 levers that have define plan (safety, equity, robust teaching & learning, social-emotional learning).
- There have been many successes and challenges. Most notable challenge is the diminished instructional time and amount of free time for “at home” learners.
- Current plan is to live in the current model with near-term plans to provide enrichment and guidance for individual learning periods & WIN blocks. Long term plan is to assemble an advisory group (December) and explore additional staffing.
- Question and answers included comments regarding:
  - Discontent about at-home schedule, desire for change soon
  - Feasibility of getting school approval for math team
  - Feasibility of having band practice outside
  - Support to start advisory before December as currently planned
  - Urge to shift from deficit model to opportunity model to explore ways that students can use time creatively and productively
  - Reminder of the commitments that public education has to special ed students

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

The following attendees were present at the November 5<sup>th</sup> Chenery PTO Meeting, as indicated by the zoom participant list:

Abigail	Martha Loftus
Brendan	Rebecca Loose
Chloe	Kelly Moriarty
Daniel	Kim O'Mahony
David	Jon Norton
Eric	David Palmer
Margaret	Carrie Redi
Michelle	Jason Redi
Sarah	JJ Rohrer
Wendy	Elizabeth Saltus
Zoe S	Erin Sawyer
Allison Arnold-Rife	Rebecca Sen
Wassim Benzaghrou	Jennie Song
Maria Bollettino	Sabrina Tan
Yvonne Brady	Anita Tang
Natasha Bregel	Ying Tang
Julie Broude	Andrew Torchia
Susan Burgess-Cox	Laura VanderHart
Barbara Bulfoni	Brian Walsh
Rick Cahaly	Simon Wright
Laura Caputo	Amy Wu
Anna Churchill	Gi Y
Shabrine Daftary	
Irem Demirkan	
Leon Dyer	
Kim Foster	
Roger Fussa	
Nomita Ganguly	
Kate Giglio	
Allison Goodwin	
Cammie Henderson	
Guangying Hua	
Melissa Irion	
Dawei Jiang	
Azmat Khan	
Jae-Hwan Kim	
Idith Kisin	
Karla Koza	
Jenny Kresse	
Leslie Lee	
Charis Liu	