



Minutes from ESS PTA Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm
Held via Zoom

Attendees: Erin O' Brien(President), Kareema Mitchell-Allen (Vice President) Margaret Vice (Treasurer), Amy Molina-Moore (Secretary), Iraidia Bodre-Woods (Principal) Eva Linows, Hillary Catlin, Robin Madden, Sarah Wright, Alexandra Harris, Sarah Edelman

Meeting was called to order at 7:33

-Community Members expressed their gratitude to educators and school leadership for their commitment, fun and ongoing dedication to our kids.

-Kindergarten enrollment window is open. Encourage your neighbors and friends to enroll as soon as possible. A more advance notice helps us to ensure we have enough kindergarten teachers when the school year begins.

Summer school is being offered again. It's a great way for kids to be in fun/ learning environment with low pressure. Generally small class sizes

Volunteer Opportunities:

-Painting the black top the last week of May. Will also need a power wash volunteer

-Teacher appreciation week of May 4- 8. Sign up sheets with ways to celebrate our awesome teachers.

-Spring Auction is coming: Need volunteers to help obtain donated goods and services, help get everything posted online and to promote the online event

-Spring Carnival is coming up on June 5th. It's the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Lots of ways to volunteer - including in advance or on the day of the event.

-Looking for someone to volunteer and manage the popcorn station at the MPD/ ESS Soccer game on June 3rd. Contact Ms. Gray for that opportunity.

Those interested in volunteering should email volunteer@esspta.org.

Nominating Committee - We strongly encourage folks to sign up for the nominating committee. Your responsibility for this is to talk up the executive committee. You are

also encouraged to run for an office on the executive committee.

Food Forest Update - Conversations about getting a food forest on the grounds of ESS are starting to take off. More information about specific ways to be involved will be coming soon. If you want to know more email secretary@esspta.org

Buy Nothing Project – join neighborhood specific facebook group and share and get!

MCPS special education needs not being met. A parent is working on a letter to amplify the letter that teachers and staff have already sent. Cluster group meeting about special education needs met April 15th. Once we understand what's actually being considered then we can respond accordingly.

ESS' zoning will not change. We will have Rolling Terrace joining TPMS and our students will continue as before - going to Takoma Park Middle followed by Blair.

Superintendent responded and called Erin back after our last advocacy letter. They read them!

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 8:25