

MEMBER MEETING 09/23

23 SEPTEMBER 2026 / 6:00 PM / Hybrid: J-H Bandroom & Zoom

ATTENDEES

In person: 20

Virtual: 10

AGENDA

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1. Welcome & Call to Order

This was the first general PTA membership meeting of the year.

2. PTA Updates

Salomea Fredericks, PTA President, presented general information about J-H PTA.

- Who We Are & What We Do
- PTA Officers & Executive Board
- Signature Events & Programs

3. Special Education Fair Presentation

Lindsay Swanson, PTA Special Education Liaison, discussed the upcoming Special Education Resource Fair on Sept.24. She encouraged everyone to attend and learn more about special education resources offered by ACPS, the City of Alexandria, and local non-profits.

4. Guest Speaker Chris Harris, ACPS School Board Chair

Chris Harris, the new school board chair, shared his personal history with J-H and the community. He made remarks regarding recent transportation issues, redistricting implementation, and the board's relationship with City Council. Harris emphasized the importance of early budget advocacy, while noting that budget decisions would depend on upcoming guidance from City Council and the need to prioritize educator compensation. He encouraged J-H families to stay in touch and took questions from the audience on topics such as the hiring process for the new superintendent, redistricting, and the upcoming budget season.

5. Admin Update

Ms. Young presented the school's new vision and mission development process and announced that J-H families will have an opportunity to vote for the mission and vision. A survey will be released soon on Parent Square.

Dr. Kelly shared reminders for upcoming parent-teacher conferences, teacher work days, and Hispanic Heritage Month. She encouraged interested caregivers to complete the ACPS volunteer application process, and announced an upcoming room parent training. She also reminded families to complete back-to-school forms and emphasized the importance of CEP applications. Dr. Kelly spoke about the school's transition from an IB school and announced that leadership's goal is to be a Blue Ribbon School. Dr. Kelly took questions from the audience regarding AAS (advanced academic services), the impact of no longer being in IB school, Purple Star designation for military families, and more.

6. Committee & Event Updates

The PTA exec board is busy preparing for a lot of upcoming events: After School Clubs, Picnic on the Green / Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, Fall Fest, Election Day Bake Sale, Marine Corp Marathon Run, Pancake Breakfast, teacher appreciation, and more. The board will need help and looks forward to volunteers pitching in!

7. Treasurer's Report

Katie Robbins, PTA Treasurer, shared the budget for the current year. She reported \$20,000 currently in the bank, an expected revenue of \$49,000 and expenses of \$53,000. With on-going fundraising, the budget is expected to be flat this year.

A motion was made by Sujata Mitra and seconded by Liz Bolton to approve the budget for the 2026-27 year. The motion passed by majority vote.

8. Ways to Get Involved and Stay Connected

Families and community members are encouraged to join the PTA and follow us on social media.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Liz Bolton and seconded by Erin Miller to adjourn. The motion passed by majority vote.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Complete the CEP application and back-to-school forms by Sept. 30.
2. Submit ACPS volunteer application forms (ongoing).
3. RSVP for Hispanic Heritage dinner event on October 8 via ParentSquare.
4. Remember upcoming events and consider volunteering or donating supplies.
 - a. Fall Fest (Oct. 23)
 - b. Election Day Bake Sale (Nov. 3)
5. Follow J-H PTA on socials.
6. Stay aware of ACPS School Board Activity.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 28