



## PTA All Parent and Teacher Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2021 7:00pm-8:00pm

Google Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/gba-uouj-jmj>

Attendees: Abby Darrington, Amber Johnson, Alyson Benell, Bethany Crile, Crystal L Loving, Heather Ann Roe, Rebecca Fleming, Rob Burnett, Tony Timm, Tyler Kamerman, VAV W, Shayla McCormally, Tom and Kayla Martens, Mike Stange, Jessica Kamerman, Andrea Petrovich, Emily Wurst, Erin Olson-douglas, Jen Jones, Orders the cheese shop, Tanya Bodenstedt, Jenny Macfee, Drea Bocook, Tyler Fleming, Jennifer Brafford, Ericka James Jen Jones,

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

### REPORTS

- I. DMPS Community Legislative Action Team - Crystal L Loving
  - A. CLAT works with the Board to meet their goals
  - B. Legislative Education and Advocacy Committee
    - a. CLAT - non-partisan group of volunteers
      - i. Create community voice, connect constituents & elected officials
      - ii. Help advocate for funding
  - C. School Finance Overview
    - a. Revenue - State Supplemental Aid, Property Taxes, Levies, Sales Taxes, Federal Funds
    - b. General Fund - District's largest and least restricted
    - c. With state funding as major source, it's now in politics
    - d. District cannot use funds on anything it chooses
      - i. Penny sales Tax - buildings, technolog, infrastructure only - no teachers
  - D. 2021 Legislative Priorities - we do have two lobbyists that help

- a. Change state per pupil funding allocation based on need. Recognise at-risk student challenges.
    - i. Increase supplemental state aid (SSA)
      - 1. We need legislators to take K-12 funding more seriously. Increases in supplemental state aid have not kept up
  - b. Increase funding for four-year-old preschool students in need
  - c. Additional weighted-funding for ELL students
  - d. Address the statewide enrollment loss due to covid-19 and its impact beyond what is provided by the budget guarantee
- E. Host Coffee with Legislators - now virtually
- F. DMPS Day on the Hill Letter Writing Campaign
- G. Why engage with CLAT?
- a. Build collective power to advocate for DM Public Schools
  - b. Engage in the process - comes in many forms
  - c. Your House and Senate Representatives want to hear your story to best service
- H. Call to Action Next Steps
- a. Your voice is needed to support DMPS
    - i. Like CLAT Facebook page for future action items
    - ii. Join CLAT email list to stay informed
  - b. Commit to attend CLAT Event
    - i. February 13th, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Virtual Coffee
      - 1. Learn about English Language Learner (ELL)
    - ii. Engage your Legislator

**Question:** School Goals - are they tracked so that they can show progress?  
Yes, there is a public facing dashboard. COVID hit and has delayed

**Question:** Where is the money going? Our legislators are generally frustrated that funding is being cut. They would like

**Question:** What is the commitment level like? Try to meet you where you are at. Send letters, e-mails. Feel free to reach out to [dmepsCLAT@gmail.com](mailto:dmepsCLAT@gmail.com)  
<https://www.dmschools.org/community-legislative-action-team/>

<https://www.facebook.com/DMCLAT/>

Registration for 2/13 Coffee:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-usrjsrHNJ3XTrVHMX3YyLSFdLoO8d4>

## II. Principal Burnett

Check the Falcon File!

Return to 5 day a week -

5 - 6s and 9 - 10s are most similar to current levels

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Kindergarten Registration - Get in contact with Mrs. Deb

Ensure kids are dressing appropriately for the weather

Picture Day is still happening -

CLAT - helps people learn about what is happening

Calendar changes - any remaining "yellow" days are now normal days.

**QUESTION:** Elementary using lunch as make-up time? Social Emotional Learning likely will have some component

**QUESTION:** Picture day - have a three-year-old, is it alright for them to come in too? Will have the door that can reach the auditorium ready. Will ask that everyone wears a mask.

**QUESTION:** Virtual the rest of the year. Any change in teachers?

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If teachers are getting overworked or there are issues, they may have to shift things around.

February All School Sing - Friday 26th - 8:00 AM

2021-2022 Calendar - Check it out - many breaks spread throughout the year. Start August 25th going into June 15th.

**QUESTION:** How different is the rest of the district's calendar?

They are going into the second week of June. Several opportunities for long weekends.

**QUESTION:** Is virtual going to be an option in the fall? Brief talk about expanding elementary level virtual - already virtual options for middle school and high school. Still a lot would need to be figured out.

As of today, all teachers that wanted their first vaccination, have their first shot. By the end of February, all that want to be vaccinated will be. Nurse Kristen was dogged in finding appointments wherever possible

**QUESTION:** After school care? Not this year. Next year is promising.

**QUESTION:** What are the mitigation protocols as we go back? Masks, no parents in building, distancing, cleaning, may try smaller pods within each classroom to try to get more interaction while keeping a whole classroom from having to quarantine if an exposure comes up.

**QUESTION:** Change in pick-up? Dismissal may take a little longer with kids and weather but will try to keep it to 15 - 20 minutes. Will change pick-up arrangements if it starts taking too long.

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**Join us for upcoming meetings via Google Meet: May 12th**