



Greetings, PTA leaders! Here are highlights from our November 21 general membership meeting. (PTA presidents: Just a reminder to send a designee in your place if you are unable to attend, and feel free to invite your board members.) **Our next membership meeting will be on Monday, January 23, 2023. Happy Holidays - and thank you** for all that you are doing in our school communities!

Julie Wolff and Heather Segars, Co-Presidents
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 10: Holiday Baskets at the Dale Turner YMCA** - see below
- **January 11: Reflections Reception** - More details are coming!
- **January 23: Council General Membership (GM) meeting**
- **February 20-24 (Focus Day - Feb. 20): WSPTA Advocacy Week**
- **February 28: WSPTA Awards of Excellence (AOE) application deadline**

Gift Card and Toy Drive

Donate online : [Click here](https://www.seattleyymca.org/donate)
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(please note Holiday Baskets)

We are also in need of:

- New, unwrapped toys
- Gift cards (Amazon, Target, & Fred Meyer are popular)- \$25 preferred
- Unused gift wrap!

ALL donations can be dropped off at
Dale Turner YMCA in Shoreline.
By December 9th!

**DONATIONS AND GIFT CARDS WILL
SUPPORT SHORELINE STUDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Holiday Baskets

the Y

HOLIDAY BASKETS - Gift Card & Toy Drive 2022

Make a difference for Shoreline students and their families this holiday season! Join community partners (Dale Turner YMCA, Shoreline Fire Department, City of Shoreline, Hopelink, LFP Rotary, Shoreline PTA Council) in this annual effort. How can you help?

Donate a teen gift card or a new unwrapped toy for a child who is age 10 or under. You may also [donate online through the YMCA](#) (please note both "Dale Turner YMCA" and "Holiday Baskets"). Or consider a gift of your time by [signing up](#) for a volunteer shift on the day of the event at the **Dale Turner YMCA (Saturday, December 10)**. All donations can be made through Dec. 9 at the Dale Turner Y.

GUEST PRESENTERS

Dr. Rebeca Rivera and Dr. Sarah Cohen, [Shoreline School Board directors](#)



- The district is currently experiencing a 10% reduction in student enrollment plus higher expenditures than originally forecasted last spring; \$14M in expenditure cuts are being considered for 2023-24 in order to balance the budget
 - School funding is complicated and restricted by state law and contracts; issues with the prototypical funding model are known and are being worked on at the state level; (regionalization factors - which help with retaining educators in high property value regions from 2017 & 2018 legislative actions - have also been reduced in recent years and will be ending in 2022-23); need to advocate for sustainable funding sources with our legislators in the upcoming 2023 legislative session
- A number of district staff positions are not fully funded by the state but instead are supported by our voter-approved levies
- School building budgets have been cut by 25%; this may be an area where PTAs can help support; check with your principal about gaps
- Community members are encouraged to follow the [Budget Advisory Team's \(BAT\)](#) discussions, attend their meetings at the Shoreline Center (which are being streamed separately into the Board Room for those attending), watch prerecorded [district](#) and [school board](#) sessions on budget matters, and offer input via upcoming surveys

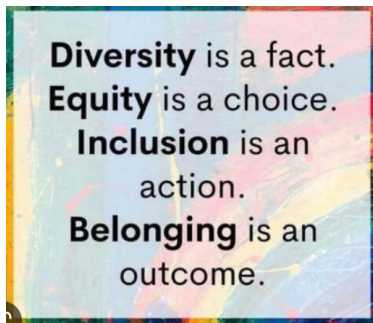
Cindy Pridemore, [Shoreline Public Schools Foundation \(SPSF\)](#)

- SPSF is celebrating its 30th year
- SPSF provides [grants](#) at both school and districtwide levels twice a year.
- Ms. Pridemore shared a list of 2021-22 grants and also 2022-23 grants to date (books, scholarships, college prep workshops, supplies for family engagement events, equipment, curriculum support, etc.) provided to Shoreline classrooms and in the form of districtwide educational programs. She also addressed questions regarding grant cycles and how funds are processed through the system.
- SPSF is offering opportunities for new board membership.
- March 30, 2023 will be the date of the annual fundraising luncheon.



Many thanks to Director Rivera, Director Cohen, and Ms. Pridemore for stopping by our meeting! More Council notes on the next page . . .

**"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"
- Martin Luther King Jr.**



FACE/DEI

Our FACE/DEI team is eager to support local PTA boards and assist with listening sessions. Mini grants are available throughout the year. A listening session provides a great opportunity to build authentic relationships and hear from currently underrepresented families.

Next office hours will be on Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Watch for details! Contact Michelle Harris or Susie Moore at FACE@shorelinepta.org with questions.

Is your PTA looking for ways to honor and uplift Indigenous communities beyond simple Land Acknowledgements? [Seattle Repertory Theater](#) has an incredible resource page to learn about local Indigenous tribes and to find actionable ways your PTA can show allyship.

Upcoming WSPTA training: "Making Your PTA More DEI" on November 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

Google Workspace for Nonprofits

Focus on Google Drive

"JD PRESENTS . . ."

Many thanks to our treasurer, JD Wallace, for sharing his knowledge regarding the benefits of Google Workspace for PTAs! [Here](#) is a link to JD's slide presentation. If your PTA isn't already using Google

Workspace, learn about the benefits today. They include:

- Team content collaboration and password protocol as individual users change
- Group ownership of files through shared drives (can have multiple drive managers)
- Free to non-profit organizations

Questions? Contact JD at treasurer@shorelinepta.org.

JOIN THE COUNCIL TEAM!

We have great opportunities for involvement, leadership and continued growth as a PTA leader!

- Nominating committee members*
- Co-President
- Advocacy
- Membership



****We need to elect a team of three members for our nominating committee during our January 23 meeting. Can you lend us a hand? Each volunteer must have been a PTA member for at least 15 days prior to their election. Let us know at president@shorelinepta.org. We are eager to hear from you!***