



PTA General Body Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Welcome – Arlissa Williams-Jennings and Nicole Rijo (Co-Presidents)

- Meeting was called to order by Arlissa Williams-Jennings. The Drew chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner (beautifully).

PTA Financial Update – Tully Fletcher (Treasurer)

- The budget was presented, and it will also be available on the PTA website.
- Total expected revenue is around \$43K – most funding (\$28K) comes from Drew CARES (formerly the Drew Opportunity Fund)
- The PTA started the year with approximately \$9K, and we anticipate breaking even at the end of the year.
- Parents were encouraged to send donations to Drew CARES. Some fundraising directly supports the PTA like the Drew Dads event coming up.
- The PTA budget was approved unanimously. Then we heard Golden by Ms. Harris and Mr. Peay, followed by Stand Up for Love by the EA Chorus. Amazing performances!

Drew CARES Update – Arlissa Williams-Jennings

- Drew CARES is our new process for fundraising for Drew, and it replaces activity fees.
- Use QR code and link (www.drewcharterschool.org-drew-cares) to donate.
- Goal is to raise \$750,000.
- Upcoming calendar of events
 - September – launching parent campaign – emails have been sent; reaching out to businesses
 - November and December – boosterthon fun run and Eagle Giving/year end campaign
 - March – mini golf fundraiser and design-o-rama
 - April – 25th anniversary party
- 6th and 7th grade chorus sang All the Stars. WOW!

Head of School – Peter McKnight

- Noted the exciting partnership with the PTA. Added support for Drew CARES. Encouraged folks to engage and support this bold campaign.
- Hosting conversations with the Head of School. There are some additional times available. If not, reach out, and he will schedule separately. These meetings are opportunities to talk about challenges, experiences, ideas.

Drew Strategic Plan Update – Charisse Richardson (Drew Chief of Staff)

- Created a new five year plan with Bellwether.
- Drew Graduate Profile is designed for our scholars – a statement/vision of the things we want students to have when they finish 12th grade, starting with preK. It includes basic skills, habits, and mindsets. Want at least 75% of students to embody the graduate profile (hopefully closer to 100%).
- Five year intended impact – by 2030, Drew's intended impact will focus on the community, students, staff, and families. Goal is to engage with families, including the Villages of East Lake and the broader community.
- Four strategic priority areas include vision of school culture that fosters a consistent experience of belonging and excellence; clarify academic program design, expectations, and accountability; intentionally engage caregivers and community; and, codify a talent strategy focused on recruitment, retention, and effectiveness.
- Drew has initiated a survey to get information on key competencies to create Drew's Graduate Profile. Please complete the survey at <https://bit.ly/DrewGradProfile>. All family/caregiver input is welcome.
- We heard the 8th grade chorus sing Thinking Bout You. Incredible!!

Parent Equity and Parent Advisory Committee Updates – Sherrie Charles (Drew Family Liaison)

- Volunteer applications are sitting in queue because 2 states have been down since August. Cannot move forward with the sex offender registry while any state is offline. Working on an alternative process. Level 3 clearance is paid for by Drew CARES.
- Please attend Drew Dads events, cultural events, music events, and send ideas and suggestions to sherrie.charles@drewcharterschool.org.
- SA 1B chorus sang Yellow and SA 2B chorus sang Best Part. Beautiful!

Upcoming Events – Arlissa Williams-Jennings

- 9/19 Kirkwood Wine Stroll (PTA will have a tent, please stop by!)
- 9/25 Drew Dads 25 on the 25th – slots are still available to sign up at the PTA website. Hope to do this monthly and get a t-shirt!
- 9/26 Drew Board of Directors Meeting – meeting can be attended in person or via streaming
- 10/4 PTA Screen on the Green and Pumpkin Patch – will include petting zoo, face painting, music, games, pumpkin patch, food trucks, photos
 - Pumpkins are available for presale only at <https://www.drewcharterschoolpta.com/shop>.

Please email ptadrew@gmail.com for questions, comments, concerns, ideas.

The entire chorus wrapped up the meeting singing Ho Hey!!!

What a fun meeting and our chorus is so talented!!! Thanks to the teachers and students who made this Tiny Desk Concert happen during our PTA meeting.

The meeting adjourned around 7:05 but who was counting?!?!?!?