



Smith PTSA

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(General Membership Meeting)

&

OPEN HOUSE

March 27, 2025

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SMITH PTSA

General Membership Meeting: **CALL TO ORDER**



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SMITH PTSA

General Membership Meeting: **INTRODUCTION**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED (VOTED)

Co-Presidents: Dipti Agrawal, Sheetal Karva

Treasurer: Dee Krishnan

Secretary: Emily Benedict

VP Communications: Tetiana Nesheva

VP Events: Lin Li

Co-VP Fundraising: Gina Eason, Gisela Laya

MEMBERS AT LARGE (APPOINTED)

Membership Chair: Funda Ozkeskin

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Anu Iyer

Tech Admin: Ahmed Awad Idris

HONORARY

School Principal/AP: Mrs. Guest/Mrs. Ho

SMITH PTSA

General Membership Meeting: **APPROVALS**



JANUARY GMM MINUTES

MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REVIEW

STANDING RULES #46/47

MONEY HANDLING POLICY #37-38:

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

APPROVED

NOT APPROVED



FEB 2025 YTD TREASURER REPORT

Funds Raised	83,980
Funds Brought Fwd	21000
Savings Reserve	21,206
Funds Spent	57,235
Bonus Funds Remaining	**

*** Exact value to be determined by April Board Meeting.*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Type	Number
Family Membership	72 families (144 members)
Individual Membership	49
Staff Membership	26
Total # of Members	219

Last Year's **#317**
To access membership benefits-
 Username: **Membership**
 Password: **2025**



SCHOOL

All PTSA events are run in partnership with the school. Authorization, Guidance, and support from Mrs. Guest, Mrs. Eaton and Mr. Heaviside is crucial for our continuity and success.

LW COUNCIL PTSA *EVERY CHILD. ONE VOICE*

Websites:

- [About Us – Lake Washington PTSA Council 2.8 \(lwptsa.net\)](http://lwptsa.net)
- [Governance \(wastatepta.org\)](http://wastatepta.org)
PTA Leader; Advocate

Weekly Waves Newsletter

- **ROUNTABLES & TRAININGS**
- **ADVOCACY INITIATIVES**
- **DEI, SPED & SUSTAINABILITY**
- **LWSF: LUNCH & LEARNS, PARENT ED TALKS**





EVENTS & CLUBS

Volunteers are the heart of it All!!

PTSA EVENTS	SCHOOL EVENTS	BEFORE/AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
AFTER SCHOOL	FIELD DAY 5 TH GRADE GRADUATION CEREMONY	STAFF SUPPORTED
CLASSROOM	HEALTH SCREENINGS PICTURE DAYS	*VENDOR SUPPORTED
OFF-CAMPUS/VIRTUAL/OFF-LINE	FIELD TRIPS	*PTSA MEMBER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED HERE!!

Volunteer to...

BUILD EMPATHY, BUILD SKILLS, BUILD CONNECTIONS, BUILD COMMUNITY!



ADJOURN!

***TRANSITION TO OPEN SESSION
PRESENTATION***



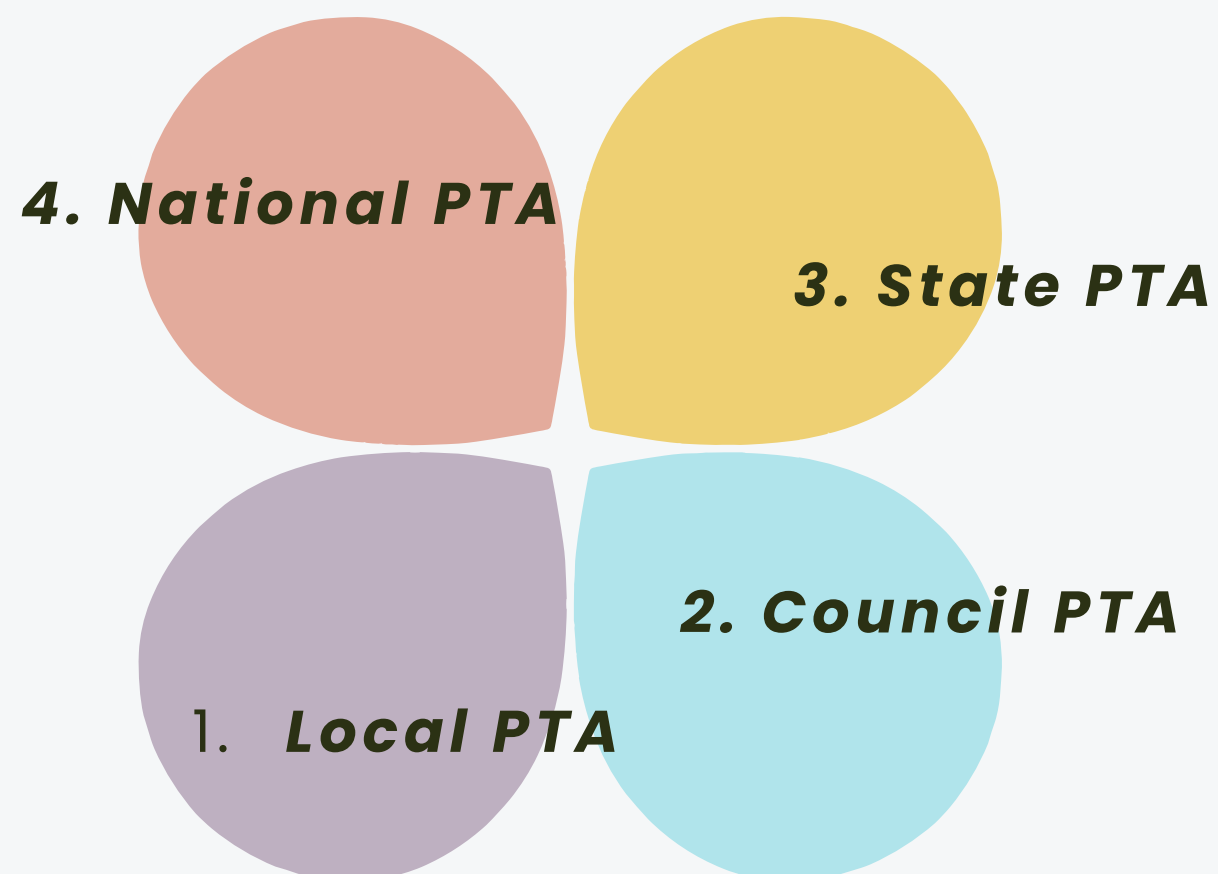
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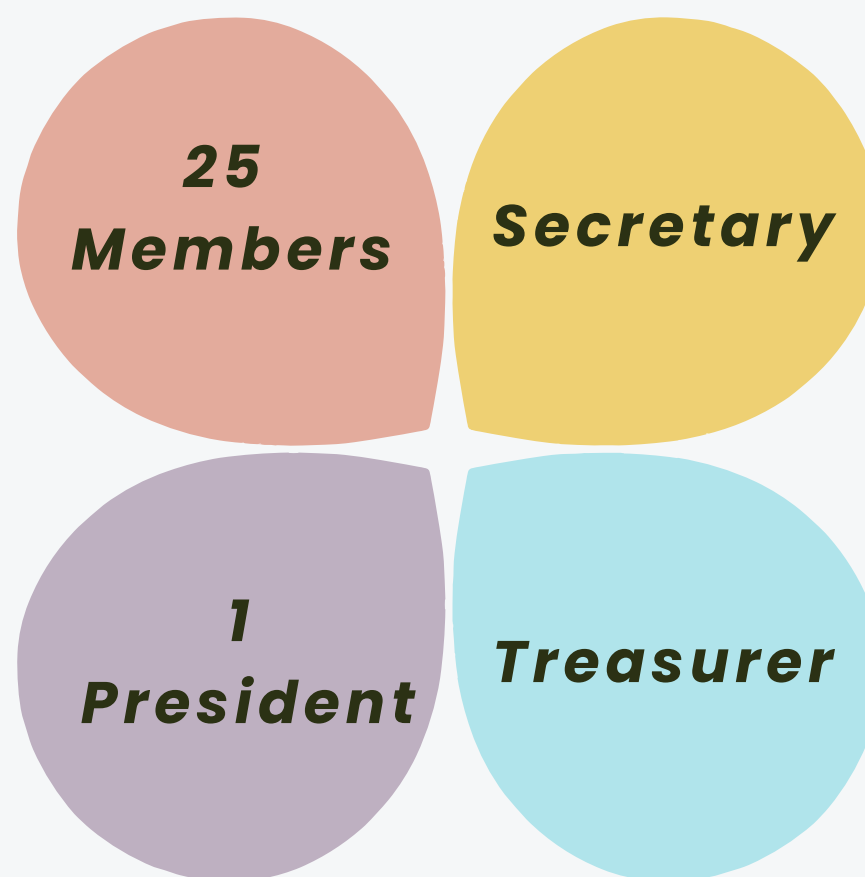
A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION WITH EIN # 91-1419729

We are ALL volunteers! Funds are only used for supplies and fees. Volunteer recognition is done through an end of Year Awards ceremony, kudos and token gifts!

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GOVERNANCE





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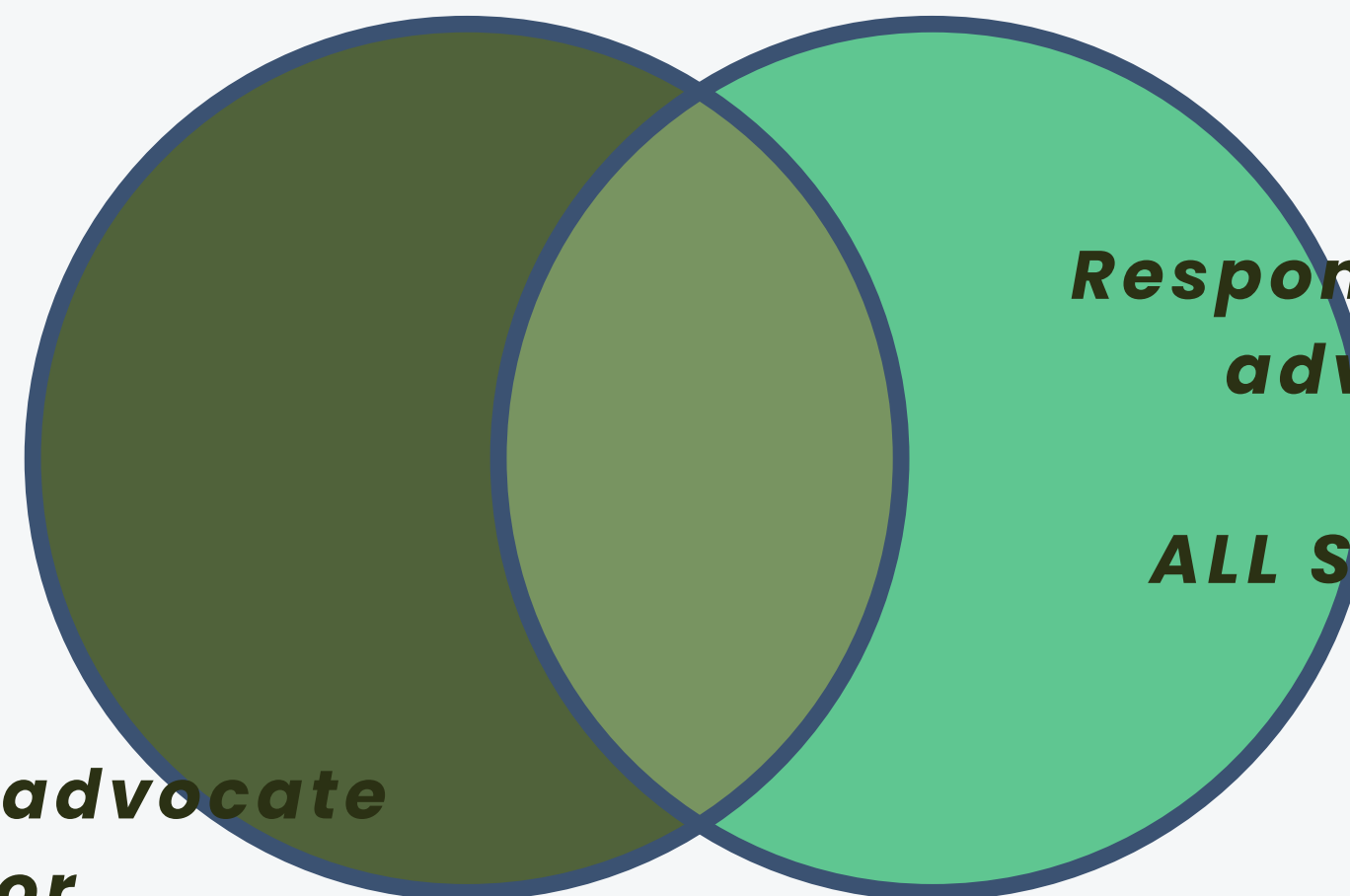
MEMBERSHIP

ITS ABOUT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES...

- Annual fee-Individual, Family, Community, Staff
- Renew every year starting August 1
- Majority fee goes to State & National PTA
- Membership not required to volunteer, only district verification.
- BUT Required for All Board Members, Chairs & Vendor Run Club Volunteers (1-2 per club).
- One vote per member at GMMs, LA.
- Member discounts with partner orgs.
- MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS GIVE OUR VOLUNTEER WORK RELEVANCE & GOOD STANDING!

***Right to advocate
for
ALL Students!***

***Responsibility to
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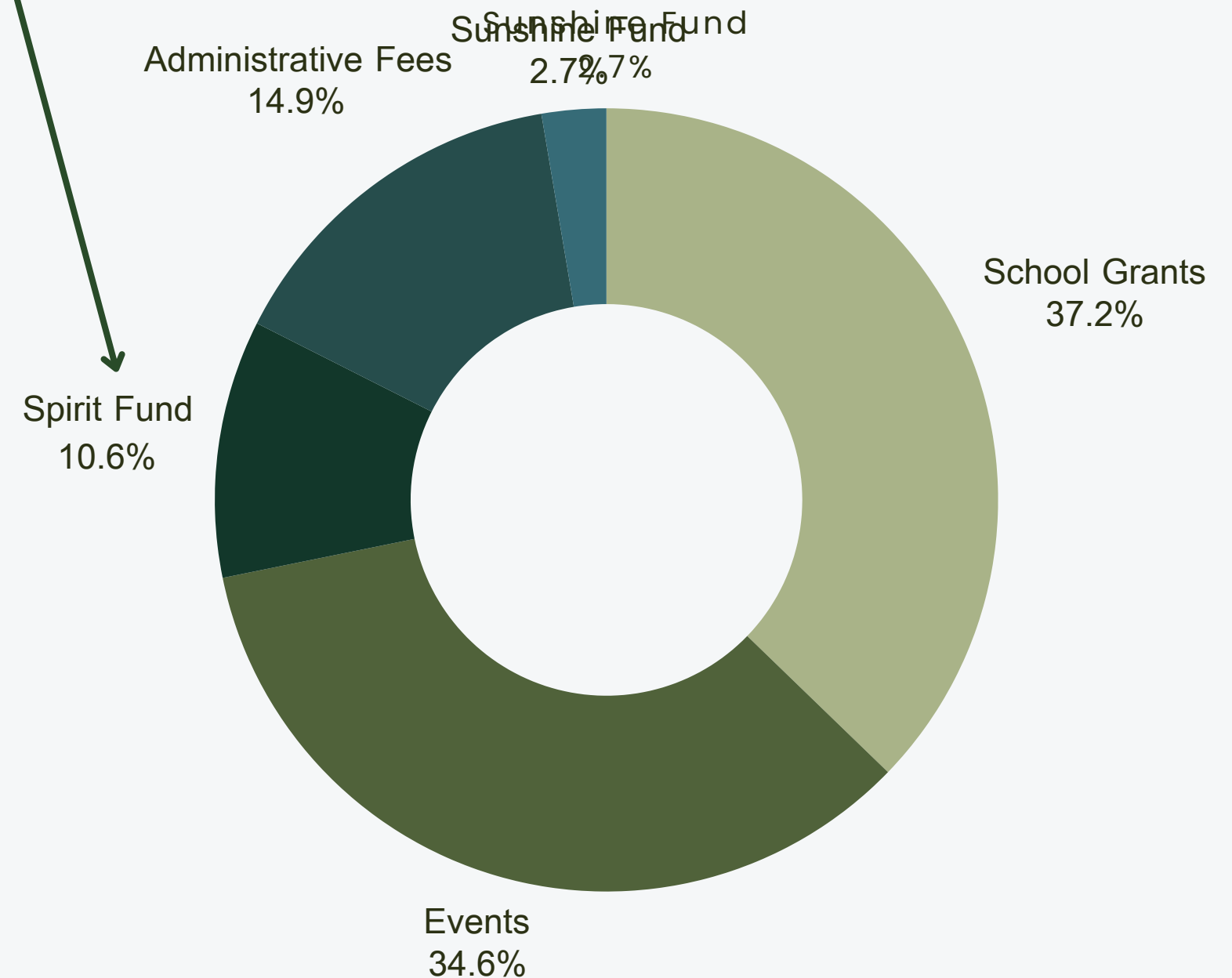
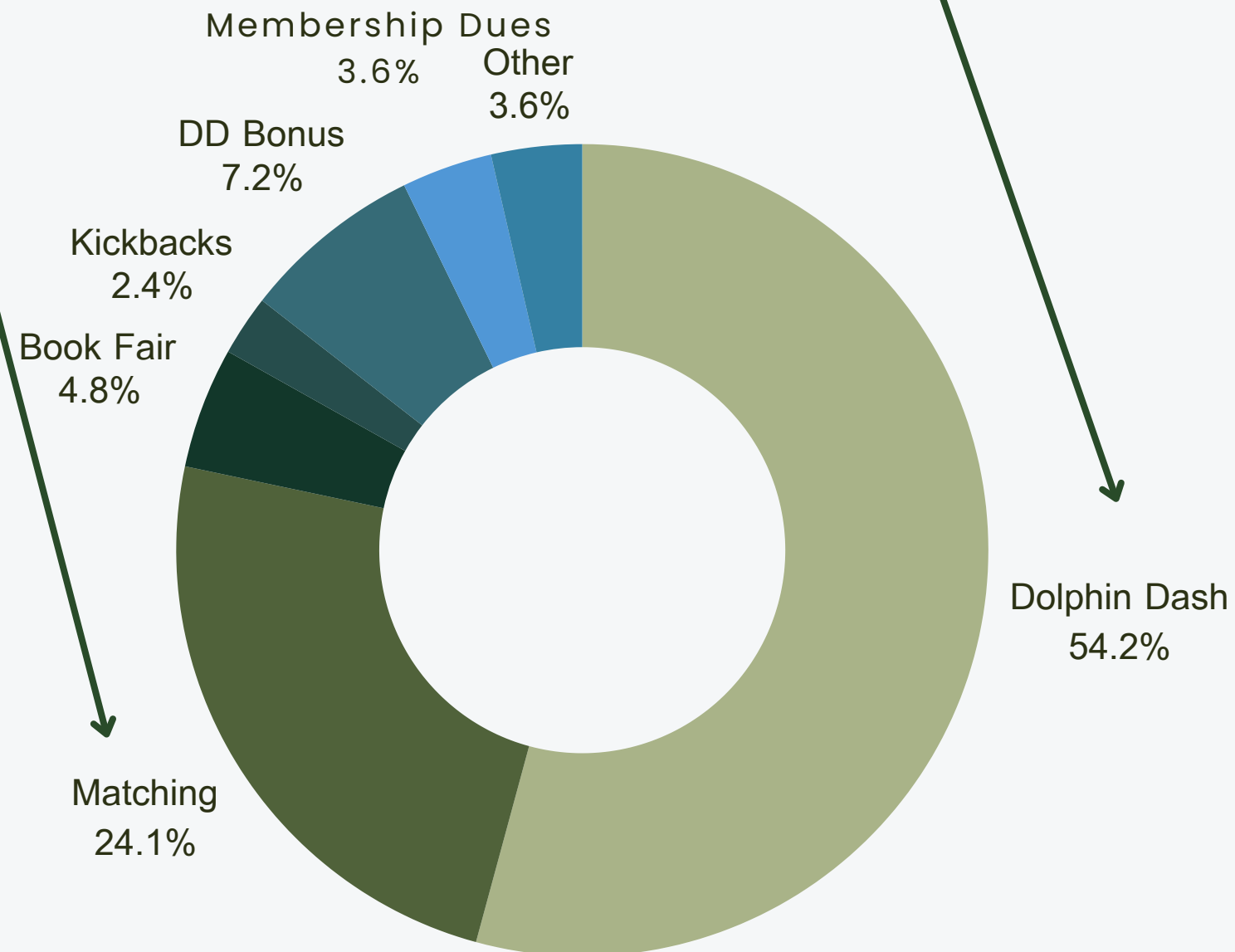
FUNDRAISING & BUDGETING

Go Dolphins!

WHAT COMES IN GOES OUT...

- Every Year 50% of our students contribute towards the Dolphin Dash Annual Fundraiser which (along with matching) helps fund 80% of our budget.
- Fundraiser contributions show up in October but the remaining 40% of our funds come in over the next three- four months.

- The Board is required to put in all efforts to spend down the collected money during the year but many factors play a role in meeting this goal completely-
 - 1.Unexpected bonus collections (Read ahead).
 - 2.Unspent/unclaimed budgeted line item.
 - 3.Absence of equitable avenues to spend on.





HIGHLIGHTS

Go Dolphins!

PTSA MISSION: BE EQUITABLE, DIVERSE, & INCLUSIVE...

PTSA CLUBS & EVENTS-

CLUBS!

#Art #Drama #Gymnastics #Chess
#Running #Choir #Math is Cool #MOEMS
#Public Speaking #3D Printing #Coding & Lego

FITNESS EVENTS!

#Dolphin Dash #Dance Week #Dolphin Glow Bash

STEM EVENTS!

#Stem Night #Science Olympiad #math challenge

LITERARY EVENTS!

#Spelling Bee #Book fair #The Weekly Dive (school newspaper) #Yearbook #Author Visit

ART EVENTS!

#ArtWalk #Explore Art #Reflections #5th Grade Legacy Project

GRANTS TO SCHOOL!

Magazine subscriptions #field trips #nature vision #Toy maker #teacher stipends

ADVOCAY & SAFETY EVENTS!

#5th grade Promotion #5th grade Overnight Camp #VoW #Emergency Prep #Campus Beautification & Green team

Family & Community Engagement Events!

#Back to School Social #Winter Wonderland #International Night
#Classroom Parties #Valentines with grandparents #class parties #Staff Appreciation Week #Volunteer Appreciation #Kinder Summer Playdates

AND MORE...

Bonus collections from our fundraiser are spent on our 'wish list' items after surveying staff and families keeping in line with our guidance to SPEND DOWN.

BONUS PURCHASES OVER 7 YEARS-

- Laptops for 5th Grade
- Playground Upgrade
- Climbing Wall
- 2 Gaga Pits
- Savings A/C Reserve
- Classroom Libraries
- Sensory Equipment
- New Kiln
- Staff Refrigerator
- Variquest Die Cut Machine
- Library Tables
- PTSA Cupboards
- Digging Garden
- Staff Stipends for Clubs
- Portable Sound System
- Staff Trainings
- 5TH Grade Away Camp
- Gym Mats





**GO DOLPHINS!
CONNECT WITH US!**

CONNECTIONS

HOW CAN YOU BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH SMITH FAMILIES, STAFF AND KIDS?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Build Family connections through-

- Our Facebook Page and Group
- WhatsApp groups

PTSA NEWSLETTER & CALENDAR: DOLPHIN SWIM

Never miss our PTSA Events-

- Subscribe to our weekly newsletter and digital events calendar.

ROOM PARENT & EXPLORE ART PROGRAMS

Connect with your kids and teacher-

- Volunteer as a Room Parent for your classroom
- Be an Explore Art lead for your classroom





Ask Us Anything...

GO DOLPHINS!

Q & A During this session...

The Role of Nom Com?

- An impartial committee that is tasked to recruit next year's Board.

Why can't presidents serve on Nom Com or vice versa?

- To keep presidents/nom-com from exerting undue influence on board decisions by selecting their favorites.

What is a Reimbursement?

- Chairs & their event volunteers spend money against their allotted budget and claim after the event by submitting a filled form and invoices.

How do we appreciate Teachers?

- We sponsor Teacher trainings, Issue Club Stipends, Class funds, organize monthly staff lunches, host Staff Appreciation Week, encourage parents to volunteer as Room parents and Explore Art Leads for their classroom. Teachers are always invited to be PTSA members, to our events and many actively participate. We recognize outstanding contribution in education by nominating and voting for the Golden Apple Award.

Membership promotion early on...

- Now that we have recovered from transition to Givebacks, we will promote Membership pre-emptively next year.

Can one PTSA Volunteer cover two simultaneous clubs?

- Only if they are in the same room. Since its before-after school, we expect parents to make time and volunteer for one hour once in a session. This is an excellent way to get volunteers to match their time and get extra funds allocated to their clubs. Also, with classes in portables, it is not safe for volunteers to be floating between classes and risk missing a student.



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK?
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