

Action Items ✨



[Connect w/ Ms. Alvarez re posting IB trip/ambassador deadlines via PTO channels](#)

Lauren Okonkwo



[Provide contact info for Fall Fest leads \(Jennifer & Brian\) when ready for volunteer signups](#)

GLRiddick



[Post detailed 2023-2024 budget spreadsheet to PTO website](#)

Catherine Godwin



[Follow up w/ Principal Russell re \\$1.1B budget restoration impact on DCPS/Shepherd](#)

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[Connect Kirubel Haile w/ Michelle Toussaint & Cherie Richardson \(nomination committee\) re PTO board positions](#)

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Meeting Purpose

To provide PTO updates, discuss school events, and share information on Free DC project.

Key Takeaways

- [PTO board positions opening next year: co-president, vice president, two secretary roles](#)
- [New initiatives planned: improved school supply process, international night event](#)
- [\\$180 Fund donations requested to support enrichment programs and fill budget gaps](#)
- [FreeDC project seeking parent involvement to protect DC home rule and push for statehood](#)

Topics

PTO Overview and Updates

- [Current board introduced: Lauren Okonkwo and Guy Riddick as co-presidents](#)
- [Committees seeking volunteers, especially for fundraising/grants and gala planning](#)
- [Room Parent Network almost full; openings in Ms. Dean's kindergarten and Ms. Ripley's 4th grade](#)

Principal's Update

- [Successful start to school year with energetic first weeks](#)
- [Governor of Bangkok visited, impressed by PTO concept](#)

- [Upcoming events: IB Ambassadors Induction, student elections, Hispanic Heritage Month celebration](#)
- [School supply list improvements planned for next year, considering pre-packaged options](#)

IB Corner

- [High interest in IB Ambassador applications for 3rd-5th grades](#)
- [New 5th grade IB trip to Williamsburg on December 5th](#)
- [International Day planned for November 19th, 5-6:30 PM, theme "Taste the World"](#)

Upcoming Events

- [September 21: Donuts with Grown-Ups at 8:40 AM](#)
- [September 25: Family-Faculty Kickball Game at 4 PM](#)
- [October 19: Fall Festival from 12-4 PM on 14th Street](#)
- [October 22: Picture Day](#)
- [October 31: Book-o-Ween](#)

Teacher Appreciation Program (TAP)

- [Monthly \\$200 Wishlist fund bonus for selected teacher](#)
- [Parents encouraged to submit nomination letters](#)

Financial Update

- [2022-2023 actuals: \\$151,624 revenue, \\$146,623 expenses](#)
- [2023-2024 budget: \\$153,050 projected revenue, \\$163,050 projected expenses](#)
- [Increased focus on school spirit, gear sales, and operational support](#)

Guest Speaker: FreeDC Presentation

- [Mission: Restore DC home rule and fight for statehood](#)
- [Seeking 24,500 active participants \(3.5% of population\) for effective movement](#)

- [Ward 4 meeting scheduled for September 30th at Christ Lutheran Church](#)
- [Parents encouraged to join mailing list and attend orientations](#)

Next Steps

- [Volunteer for Fall Festival roles: concessions, games/prizes, volunteer coordinator](#)
- [Sign up for Room Parent positions in open classrooms](#)
- [Consider donating to \\$180 Fund for school enrichment](#)
- [Attend FreeDC Ward 4 meeting on September 30th](#)
- [Next PTO meeting: October 22nd \(replaced by International Night in November\)](#)