

PTA for Beginners

P = Parent

T = Teacher

A = Association

PTSA S = Student

- We are the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the country.
- We provide parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child, while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.
- Working in cooperation with many education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, PTA collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

PCCPTA = Pinellas County Council PTA/PTSA

- General Meetings – third Thursday of each month, except December, during the school year.
- Special Events include – Meet Your Legislator, Health and Safety Fair, Reflections Reception, Awards Banquet
- Your first-line resource for all questions and requests for assistance.

Executive Committee

Elected Officers

President

Vice President(s)

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Board

Executive Committee PLUS

Principal or designee

Any Committee Chairs that the Executive Committee determines should be board positions.

Bylaws – determine structure and provide specific regulations by which affairs are governed. Protect the group from error and guide it to efficient service. Must be reviewed every 3 years.

Budget - Who determines when and how to spend our money?

- Budget is presented to the general membership at the beginning of the school year.
- Once the budget is approved, the board has the authority to spend money specified in each line item.
- Items not in the budget or over the budgeted amount must be presented to the general membership for approval.
- Budget can be amended at any time by a vote of the general membership.

Membership Dues

- ▶ Membership dues are set by your general membership.
- ▶ A portion (\$3.50) of your local dues is sent to the state PTA for each member. \$1.25 state, \$2.25 national.
- ▶ Memberships are individual. There are no family memberships.

Communication – emails, newsletters, website, ConnectEd messages, flyers, social media

Resources

- PCCPTA – www.pccpta.org
- Florida PTA – www.floridapta.org
- National PTA – www.pta.org

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