

Should I join the PTO board or be a PTO volunteer?

PTO Board Member	Board Buddy/PTO Volunteer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have about 10 hours a week you can regularly devote PTO work (more for when events are happening) • At least some of those available hours are during school hours • You have ideas you want to put into practice that will make school fun for our students • You love details and like to be a leader in organizing events • You have great communication skills in a variety of mediums (in-person, text, email, zoom, etc.) • You like working with a wide range of people • You like getting to know the students, teachers and staff of the school and finding ways to support them • You are ok with being a representative of the school without working for the school • You have skills or knowledge that complement other board members • You are ok with following the code of conduct for board members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You want to give time to the school, but your availability may be limited at other times • You like helping create positive memories for our students, teachers and staff • You are the kind of person that likes to pitch in and help get things done • You are willing to be on a PTO committee • You are ok with following the code of conduct for PTO members

Myths about being on the PTO board (**aka things that won't happen**)

- You get advanced knowledge of everything going on at the school or in your classroom. (The PTO board usually knows information at the same time as the rest of the parents.)
- You will get to work out specific issues/problems with school administration and/or your child's teacher if you are on the board. Specific issues/problems (example: carline problems) are not discussed with the PTO board and these issues/problems should be addressed directly to the appropriate staff member based on the school's communication plan.
- You get special treatment when attending school events. PTO board members and volunteers have the same privileges of any parent when attending these events.
- You can take an extended break from PTO board activities.
- You get a say in the development of school policies. School policies and procedures are set by the school and are not discussed with the PTO board.
- You have to be a stay-at-home parent to be on the PTO board.
- You have to be at the school every day to be on the PTO board.
- You have to be a mom to be on the PTO board.