

Westchester PTA  
General PTA Meeting Minutes  
August 31, 2021 at 8:15 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:20 am on August 31, 2021. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting and minutes from the last meeting were posted online and distributed at the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting will be approved at the September meeting.

Updates:

- Open house is tomorrow. Anyone interested in becoming a room parent can sign up there.
- Committee signups will be available at next meeting.

Budget: The budget was posted online for review and paper copies were available at the meeting. Carli presented the budget. Geri motioned to approve budget as is. Thelma Velez 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. None oppose.

Principal's Report: Ms. Geraine provided the update.

- Open house is tomorrow and is administration asks that only one parent per household attend. The teachers' slideshow presentations will be available upon request for those who can't make it. Masks are required.
- Student registration is at approximately 1,100, which is above the initial projection.
- They are hiring two new teachers and an additional guidance counselor.
- The media center will open once furniture is delivered and installed. All grades will get an opportunity to visit when it's open.
- If a student is quarantined at home, technology will be provided for them to do their coursework. There are not enough working computers to give to everyone. Askria is a site available through Broward schools for students to ask questions if they don't understand a lesson.
- Covid – Students sit in “pods.” If one student in the pod tests positive then the pod will be quarantined, but not necessarily the whole class. If student has symptoms, they will be sent to the nurse's office and possibly home for a doctor's note. If your child has been exposed and you are willing to test your child, do so five days after exposure. Administration will accept rapid tests or results from Walgreens. If the test is negative after five days, they can go back to school. If test results are pending, students should stay home until they get a negative result. In September, there will be testing available in the school, but there will be no testing without parental consent. If parents do not consent to a Covid test for their child, that child must quarantine for 10 days before returning.
- Back to school paperwork is online – there is a link on the webpage.
- Volunteers will be on site, but not as many as before, as they have to keep track of everyone in the classroom – even volunteers – for contact tracing.

Upcoming dates:

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September 1<sup>st</sup>: 6:00 – 6:45 pm Pre-K, K, 1, and 2 Open House

September 6<sup>th</sup>: No school

September 7<sup>th</sup>: No school

September 8<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 – 6:45 pm Grades 3, 4, 5 Open House

September 14<sup>th</sup>: 8:15 am PTA Meeting in cafeteria

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:02 am.