

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020 at 8:15 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:15 am on February 11, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

Executive Board Attendees: Carli, Nelly, Beth, Stephanie, Valerie, MaryBeth, Nicole, Geri, Mike, and Tamara.

General PTA Meeting

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting and minutes from the last meeting were posted online. Geri motioned to approve the minutes. Valerie 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Financial Report: Beth provided the financial report. The report was posted on the website prior to the meeting. We recently transferred money from the online account into the main account. This month, we made \$1,040 in Box Tops. We have \$12,512 in Scholastic Dollars. We paid the invoice for the holiday store. Geri motioned to approve the financial statement. Valerie 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Principal's Report: Ms. Goodman provided the report.

- BSA Testing has ended.
- Kindergarten Roundup will be on Friday, February 28th.
- Friday is early release. Students are working on service projects on that day.
- Volunteer logs are due by spring break. The Golden School Award is given to schools that have twice the amount of volunteer hours as student population (i.e. 1200 students = 2400 service hours). If an individual has over 200 hours, they are entitled to an award.
- Vehicle Day is on March 18th.
- Career Day is on March 19th. Marybeth will be contacting our partners to come in and be involved.

Mr. Cecil presented information about Sawgrass Springs Middle and promoted Elective Showcase Night on February 25th.

Security Update: Officer Weber provided the update. Coral Springs Police Department has a social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, etc. Residents can sign up for alerts from the city.

Committee Updates:

Yearbook and Pictures: Carli provided the update. Yearbooks are still for sale online. There is no more ad space available. Extra yearbooks will be sold after FSA testing is completed. Picture Day will be on February 26th for grades K-4 and 5th grade will have their pictures taken on February 27th. We need volunteers for Picture Days.

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Reflections: Carli provided the update. Three students won at the county level and are moving on to the state competition. The winners of the state competition will be announced on March 31st.

Fifth Grade Committee: The next two meetings will be on February 27th at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm.

Title I Update: Geri provided the update. Geri would like the PTA calendar updated to include Title I meetings.

Kids of Character: The character trait of the month is honesty. The awards will be presented on February 25th.

Book Fair: Setup will be on February 27th. The book fair will run from March 2-6. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the book fair, contact Nelly. We will be open for SEL night/afternoon.

Scholastic Dollars: Currently, we have about \$13,000 in Scholastic Dollars to use.

- Ms. Hameister and Ms. Fox requested Scholastic News for K-1 and StoryWorks for grades 2-5. There is also a Spanish component available to purchase. The magazines would cost approximately \$10,000 for the entire school for the whole school year.
- Ms. Geraine has asked that we purchase culturally diverse books for the classrooms using Scholastic Dollars. We can request someone from Scholastic to present diversity packs that are available.
- We would like to give a book to each incoming kindergartener that attends Kindergarten Roundup.
- MaryBeth proposed using some Scholastic Dollars to provide teachers with manipulatives to use in the classrooms.

Geri motioned to use Scholastic dollars to purchase the magazines, the diversity books, the Kindergarten books, manipulatives for teachers, and teacher appreciation. Mike 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Library: The Media Center is getting walls. We need to go through 16,000 books and get rid of 3,400 books and every book that remains needs to be organized and boxed. We have set dates for volunteers starting next week: February 18, 20, 24, and 26, March 9, 11, 13, and 18. Sign up to volunteer online.

Supply Packs: There was a discussion about whether to do supply packs again for the next school year. There was concern that some teachers don't use all of the supplies in the packs. Team leaders come up with the general supply list that is distributed to everyone and those are the supplies that are included in the packs.

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We don't make much profit from it, but it's an option for parents. Nicole motioned to continue with the supply packs. Val 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Read Across Broward: Valerie provided the update. They get a medal and a certificate for participating. This year we have school accountability funds from SAC to help boost the program, possibly an assembly or awards program to get more students involved. Students can track the books they've read through Beanstack. Parents of grades K-2 can access the books their children have read in RazzKids. Ms. Hameister will create a flyer.

Westchester Shirts: We will not be offering these again this school year.

Upcoming Dates:

February 14th: Early Release

February 17th: No School

February 25th: Kids of Character Awards

February 25th: SAC Meeting at 2:15 pm in the Media Center

February 26th: Class Pictures, Grades K-4

February 27th: Fifth Grade Committee Meetings at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm

February 27th: Class Pictures, Grade 5

February 27th: Book Fair Setup

February 28th: Kindergarten Roundup

March 2-6: Book Fair

March 4th: SEL Night, time TBD

March 10th: PTA General Meeting at 8:15 am.

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:43 am.