

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2021 at 8:30 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:35 am on December 8, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Attendees: Carli Suarez, Tamara Alvarez, Celine, Geri Newman, MaryBeth Gebbia, Angela George, Cynthia Justiniano, Deb Ferrara, Elischeba Vilamar, Ingrid, Kavita, Kristin Lester, Nelly Gibilterra, Deanna Whoriskey, Sandra Hernandez, Shameka Johnson, Stephanie Stewart, Stephen Gross, Tarnisha Beecher, Tina Brandel, Vanessa Cutrufo, Veronica Cadiz, Angelica Morales, Missy Geraine, and Luce.

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

Financial Report: Angela George provided the financial statement. We received income from AmazonSmile and donations from partnerships and banners. We had expenses for Reflections and the website. Geri Newman motioned to approve the financial statement. MaryBeth Gebbia 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

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

- There are 178 students returning to in person classes tomorrow, for a total of 483 students. Most classes are either solely online or in-person with only a few remaining with the hybrid model. The front car loop is the only drop-off/pickup location. There will be minimal schedule changes. Another lunch session was added to keep students separated. The specials schedule may need to be adjusted.
- Students are allowed to bring in their own computers or tablets.
- If a student tests positive for COVID and they're well enough to learn, they will attend a virtual class, even if it's not their own teacher.

Committee Updates:

Book Fair: The virtual book fair will be from February 25th – March 6th. In the last book fair, we made a little over \$2,500. Usually, we bring in over \$15,000.

Reflections: Deborah provided the update. The theme was "I Matter Because." The due date for submission was November 13th and they were judged on November 18th. Three entries will go on to the next level.

Yearbook: Geri provided the update. Sales have continued. The date has changed for free embossing to January 29th. The last day to order online is March 30th. After that date, sales will only be in person. Individual school pictures will be on February 25th. They are trying to make it available in the afternoon/early evening for working parents with kids at home.

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Cookbooks: Cookbooks are available at Memberhub for \$15 each.

Community Nights: We have Larry's night on Report Card Day. The suggestion was made to give a free scoop to students with straight As on their report card. Carli will look into it.

Lunch Distribution: Westchester isn't a distribution site anymore. Lunches are being distributed at Coral Glades from 9:00 – 10:00 am, Coral Springs Middle from 10:30 – 11:00 am, and Maplewood from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

January 18th: No School

January 29th: Last day to purchase yearbooks

February 3rd: Report Cards

February 25th: Individual school picture day

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:38 am.