

Westchester Elementary PTA Meeting

August 29, 2023 / 8:30 AM / PTA Room

Call to Order

Noelle called to Order the General PTA Meeting at 8:36a. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Sponsor guest speaker: I9 Sports-Justin Cheresnick

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the current meeting was posted online prior. Minutes from the last meeting on May 11th, 2023 , were posted online. Veronica motioned to approve the minutes. Rachel 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Financial Report

The May financial report was posted online for review prior to meeting. Noelle provided an update. *Maria motioned to approve the financial report. Lacy 2nd. June statement listed online, Rachel motioned to approve and Maria 2nd , July statement listed online Stephanie motioned to approve, Lacy 2nd. All approve. None oppose.*

- Budget changes and adjustments made. *Lisa motioned to approve, Lacy 2nd. All approve. None oppose.*
- \$22,000 scholastic dollars, \$11,000 go to school for magazines, the true amount is \$10,000 for books.

Principal's Report

Ms. Gerraine provided the update.

- Open House K-2 Aug 30th 6-7p and Open House 3-5 Sept. 6th 6-7p
- Emergency dismissal forms are urgently required (signatures missing) as well as nickname, health services consent forms are also required in order for children to be seen in school clinic.
- Sept 14th - district guidance counselor training video taking place at Westchester.
- SAC (School Advisory Council): first meeting of the year taking place Sept 13th. All parents are welcome to attend.
- Would like to get Safety Committee back up - Need privacy fence at side of school. Fundraiser from PTA.
- Katie Jeffrey - 754-322-8904 School Secretary and Office Manager- reach out if you need help reaching Ms. Geraine.

Committee Updates

Noelle provided the update.

- Introduction of Board and PTA Chairs
- SRO- Officer Pesicek introduction-watch kids on social media - biggest concern right now. Kids apps containing inappropriate material.
- Ms. Knight - one of our school guidance counselors. Ms. Brahms and Zoey are part of the team as well. Ms. Knight is our HEART (families in transition with housing) liason - get transportation, clothes, books, snacks, things that the child will need. These identifiers usually take place at time the child is registered. PTA is more than just volunteering, we can help these families as well, and this shows the importance of joining PTA and supporting your community.
- Suggestions - need Spanish Speaking PTA Committee
- Bylaws (PTA rules) and Standing Rules (rules pertaining to Westchester)- on the PTA website
- Committee sign ups available.
- Title 1 - additional funds allotted to school due to demographics. One of handouts include pre-assigned dates with meetings and workshops coming up for Title 1.
- Volunteers need clearance through broward county website.
- Fun Run fundraiser coming up - child gets bids from family and friends to do x amount of laps or obstacles. Will also donate to the Anthony rizzo fund. Children need to be enrolled to participate. Part of the money fundraised will also go to the privacy screen at the side of school.
- ***Theme of school - learning is an adventure.***
- Reflections -Theme: I am Hopeful Because ... Natl. PTA program, kids compete at school level, winners advance to county and those winners to state and national level. It encourages the arts within the school community. Reach out to program chair Deb with questions.
- Field Trip shirts now on sale until Oct. 1st. Orders placed by 9/3 will ship by Sept 5, orders after 9/3 will ship after 10/1.
- Spirit t-Shirts finally in. They will be sold online exclusively. First sale ends Sept. 10th, then another sale will go on with a different style.
- Will sell vintage t-shirts and hoodies at open house
- Working on School swag. Scrunchies, bows, stickers, socks, more to come. Croc pins.
- Kid of Character: Every month the teacher picks a child that shows a particular character trait. They get a donut and a certificate. First is cooperation (September) and next is responsibility (October).
- Candy Drive for trunk or treat - Grade that has the most candy will get an ice cream party.
- New yearbook email to send pictures to is westchesterpta.yearbook@gmail.com

- Ms. Condee first faculty member to sign up for PTA, Ms. Drivas first teacher, Katherine Vargas first PTA parent/guardian to sign up. First faculty team to sign up will get lunch this Friday. Goal this year is 200 members. Will do a contest for classrooms to sign up for PTA - class that gets highest participation in PTA will win an ice cream party.

Upcoming Dates

Aug. 30th- 6-7p Open House pre-k-2nd

Sept 1st - Yearbook sales begin. Graduated price increase

Sept 6- 6-7p Open house grades 3-5

Sept 4th- No School

Sept 13th- SAC Meeting 2:30p

Sept 19th- Next General PTA Meeting 8:30a

Sept. 19th- Kid of Character Cooperation

Sept 22nd - Fun Run Fundraiser

Sept 25th- No School

Field trip shirts on sale now until Oct. 1st

Oct- 8-13th - Book Fair - volunteers needed.

Oct. 9th- Fall Pictures - will need volunteers

Oct. 2nd - Oct. 20th - Candy Drive for trunk or treat.

10/27- Trunk or Treat - volunteer sign ups begin 10/1

Meeting Adjourned by Noelle by 10:21am.