

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
08/23/2022 @ 8:35am

Call to order: Noelle Cheresnick called to order the General PTA Meeting on August 23rd, 2022 at 8:35am. Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.

Agenda and Minutes: The agenda for the current meeting was posted online prior to the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting, May, 2022 were posted online. Geri Newman motioned to approve the minutes. Kristin Lester 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Proposed Budget and Changes to Standing Rules for 2022/2023 school year was posted online and printed out today. Veronica Cadiz motioned to approve. Christina Brandel 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Financial Report: The financial report was posted online for review prior to the meeting. Noelle provided the update for the May 2022 Financial Report. Yara motioned to approve the report. Melanie 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

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

- Ms. Knight is new guidance counselor.
- 1115 students in school. Attendance is over by 33 students, therefore school is rejected for 1070.
- Ms. Geraine wants to involve students in PTA meetings. Ex: have a student come and do pledge of allegiance, then have a 4th or 5th grader talk about what they're busy with in class.
- Allison Fox (Testing Coordinator): Testing is now 3x a year vs previous once a year FSA. Testing is designated PM1-PM3 and the last session is used for promotion to next grade.
- Prek -2nd is being tested through Renaissance Star Early Literacy and Star Reading.
- 3-5th is tested through Cambium.
- 1st testing window will be September 30th.
- School received new reading (Benchmark) and math (Envisions on clever app) curriculum.
- Science now completed by teachers and have science lab to their exposal.
- Keyboarding will become key teaching element.

Safety Update: Ms. Geraine provided the update.

- Discussed Drop off/pick up transition to right turn only exiting onto Royal Palm from front of school. SRO has been directing traffic this way with success.

Committee Updates:

- Yearbook Pictures – send email with pictures to westchesteryearbookpics@gmail.com of all things school related (students, events, parties etc.).
- Sign Ups for Committees

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Title I Update- Ms. Condee: Business partners needed to advertise Westchester's Title I events (PFEP). Contact Ms. Condee for information.

Upcoming Dates:

- Open House K-2nd 8/24 6-7p
 - Open House 3-5th 8/31 6-7p
 - SAC meeting 9/7@ 2:30p media center
 - Chipotle fundraising Night 9/7
 - General PTA Meeting 9/13 @ 8:30a
 - 1st Room Parent Meeting 9/15
 - Individual Picture Day 9/28 and 9/29
 - No School Labor Day 9/5 and 9/26 Rosh Hashanah
 - Book fair set up 10/7
 - Book fair 10/10-10/14
- Visit [Westchester.memberhub.com/store](https://westchester.memberhub.com/store) for school apparel starting September.
- Signed consent forms required for students to interact with Zoey, the school therapy dog.

Meeting adjourned by Noelle Cheresnick at 9:28am.