

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
10/18/22 @8:30a

Call to order: Noelle Cheresnick called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:32a. Meeting adjourned at 9:18a.

Ms. Krouch's class (1st grade) : Pledge of allegiance by Daniel, Chase and Ella. Olivia, Victoria, Melody and Luca presented their bat research project. Ms. Krouch also spoke about their community outreach project. Students each make a patch that is then sewn together to make a quilt and sent to the Bahamas for people in need.

Agenda and Minutes: The agenda for the current meeting was posted online prior to the meeting. Minutes from the last meeting on 9/13/22 were posted online. Lisa motioned to approve the minutes. Tina 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Financial Report: The September financial report was posted online for review prior to the meeting. Noelle provided the update. Carli motioned to approve the financial report. Jennifer 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Fundraising and Budget News:

- Tijuana Taxi: Made just over \$400
- Chipotle Night: \$458.45
- Burger Fi: \$335
- Fundraising money is being used to enrich playgrounds and recess areas around the school. (Benches, picnic tables, and recess equipment (jump ropes, hula hoops)

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

- Aiming to do more community outreach projects like that of Ms. Krouch's class.
- Over enrolled, will be hiring 2 new teachers for 1st and 5th.
- Volunteers encouraged to keep log of volunteer hours. School has 1100 students, need 2200 volunteer hours logged. Volunteer work done at home for school can be logged as well.
- Clubs at school need a teacher sponsor along with parent volunteers. Clubs ongoing at the moment: Coding, chess, chorus, art, Safe, speech and debate and cheer club. Science and nature program for after care.
- SAFE club – Ms. Knight: received donation of 65 shirts, soil and flowers for area behind 400 building. Working on collaboration with other elementary schools.
- Speech and debate team (4th and 5th grade) received 7 medals at tournament.
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Safety Update: Ms. Geraine provided the update.

- For parade and party day 10/31, only banded parents will be allowed back into the building. All Volunteers will still need to check in at the front as usual.

Committee Updates:

- Scholastic book fair had record sales. Hart students.

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- Media center committee will be meeting this week. Noelle will be in touch with those who signed up.
- Social- trunk or treat 10/28 6-8pm free event. Will have food for sale (pizza, water, donut \$4) and free trick or treat bags. Have 20 businesses trunks, all grade levels have a trunk, PTA, Ms. Geraine and front office staff. Need volunteers, sign up on Westchester PTA website.
- Title 1 family engagement workshop 11/17 7-8:30p, topic is math. Email PTA with questions. Geri is committee chair.
- Yearbooks are on sale now. Purchase 10/1-12/1 name stamp. Geri and Mike are yearbook chairs. Send pics to westchesteryearbookpics@gmail.com
- Reflections: Theme: Show your voice. Deadline 11/18/22. Deborah is the chair. Note: Explanation of artwork is judged more heavily than the artwork itself.

Upcoming Dates:

10/18- Izone Meeting at Coral Glades 6p
10/19- Honoring kid of character students – responsibility
10/20- Early release day
10/20- Crumbl cookie fundraiser – all day
10/21- No school
10/22- Dads challenge title 1 event.
10/24-10/28- Red ribbon week
10/28- Trunk or treat 6-8p
10/31- Fall parade-wear costumes to school. No masks.
11/2 – SAC meeting 2:30p
11/3-Rroom parent meeting 8:30a
11/3-11/4- Rescheduled picture day. Volunteers needed.
11/8- Early release
11/11 -No school
11/10 -Report cards
11/15 -Next PTA meeting

Meeting adjourned by Noelle at 9:18a.