

Westchester Elementary PTA Meeting

November 14, 2023 / 8:30 AM / PTA Room

Call to Order

Noelle called to Order the General PTA Meeting at 8:32a. Meeting adjourned at 9:31am.

Westchester Sponsor Highlight: Heather Zardus - Family Law and Estate Planning. Westchester families receive free 30 minute consultation.

Celebrating Grandparents Day

Agenda and Minutes

The agenda for the current meeting was posted online prior. Minutes from the last meeting on October 17, 2023, were posted online. Ashley motioned to approve the minutes. Rachel 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Financial Report

The October financial report was posted online for review prior to meeting. Noelle provided an update. Lacy motioned to approve the financial report. Gianna 2nd. All approve. None oppose.

Principal's Report

Ms. Geraine, Ms. Goodman and Mr. Hartner provided the update

- ***Grandparents celebrated at today's PTA meeting. Grandparents were also encouraged to join PTA as members.***
- School is currently adding clubs, but sponsors and funding is needed.
- As new clubs are created within the school, Ms. Geraine will work with the coaches and Noelle will help to communicate.
- Currently - Math club (Ms. Stewart), Drama club (Ms. Krouch), Chorus (Mr. Ugarte), Speech and Debate (Ms. Silcox), SAVE (Ms. Knight).
- There will be another club update after new years.
- Parents are encouraged to co-sponsor a club, if interested reach out to Noelle. Chess club found a parent to help out, Ms. Geraine found the teacher to run the club.
- Suggestion to have a committee head for "clubs/after school activities" - will brainstorm ideas for this.

Committee Updates

Noelle provided the update.

- **SRO Report** - Officer Pasicek introduced himself to grandparents and parents. 17 years in the force, 3 years in school - everyone encouraged to call if they see anything suspicious.
- Scholastic Book Fair earned a record \$22,630.15. Our Reading Night helped with this number.
- Goal is to provide each student a free book during spring book fair
- **Noelle motions to transfer money earned from book fair to scholastic dollars. Stephanie approves, Rachel 2nd. All approve. None approve.**
- Trunk or Treat was a huge success as over a 1000 lbs of candy was raised and given out that night.
- 3rd grade were the class winners with a pizza party.
- Warm up for a Cause has begun. This is a fundraiser to raise money for our school improvement projects such as the privacy fence on the side of Westchester facing the sportsplex.
- There will be a celebration in December for the fundraiser - "Snow Day" - which will include snow cones, relay races etc.
- The school gets 100% of the donations from the fundraiser. Handouts were sent home, registration links available on both social media platforms.
- Holiday Shop is coming up. All 5th grade parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer as some of the proceeds go to 5th grade graduation events.
- There is a Martin Luther King art contest through the city - see Noelle for more information.
- This month's Kid of Character is Citizenship.
- Smoothie King giveback night raised \$207
- Giving Tree for December - School's Heart families will benefit from this. A Parent suggested filling a shoe box with basic necessities such as hair brush, toothpaste, deodorant etc.
- Ms. Knight suggests that kids mostly want clothing. (giving tree)
- Zoey at the NW branch library for Bones to Books event 11/18 1-2p - practice reading in a no judgment zone.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 9-Dec. 3 - Warm Up for a Cause

Nov. 18 1-2p - Bones to Books

Dec. Kindergarten seeing Nutcracker

Dec. 2nd- Holiday shop set up.

Dec. 4-8th - Holiday shop

Dec. 12 - Next PTA meeting 8:30a

Dec. 13th - Fun Run Celebration day - relay races

Dec. 23- Bones to Books Zoey 1-2p at NW library

Meeting adjourned at 9:3a.