

Westchester Elementary PTA Meeting

“50 Years of Kindness”

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 / 8:30 AM / PTA Room

Call to Order

Danielle called to Order the General PTA Meeting at 8:31 am.

Agenda & Minutes

The agenda for the current meeting was posted online before this meeting. The minutes from the last meeting on August 20th, were posted online. Stephanie motioned to approve the minutes and Jackie 2nd. All approve, and none oppose.

Financial Report

The August financial report was posted online for review prior to the meeting. Rachel commented on money coming in from banners and apparel, and overspending on Welcome Back Breakfast for the Teachers. Stephanie motioned to approve the financial report and Alicia 2nd. All approve, and none oppose.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Goodman

- Start of the school has gone pretty smoothly but a concern is enrollment
 - If enrollment is too low we will lose teacher/staff/Assistant Principal
 - Need 1,000 students to keep both APs

SRO Report: Officer Pesicek

- Remind students that helmets are to be worn until 16 years old
 - Concern is for the students crossing at 123rd street because of the traffic
- Speak with child(ren) about appropriate school language, especially content
 - Terminology is changing, especially with social media
 - Small problems turn into big problems, so before an issue becomes too big contact teacher/school
- Lockdowns are being practiced and being scheduled at different times of the day so that students know what to do

Committee Updates

Danielle provided the update:

- First Family night raised \$350 (Wings Plus - \$250 and Magic Cow - \$100)
- Fundraisers are all being used to raise money for the 50th Celebration (Carnival style) and some beautification projects
 - 50th Celebration is tentatively scheduled for February and is still in the planning process. The goal is to make it FREE for participants.
 - Zen Den is still in the process of being updated and will be used as a calming room and a class reward room
 - Mrs. Field's Cookie Fundraiser is VIRTUAL for the entire month of September and purchases will be shipped (frozen) directly to the buyers. The PTA will receive 50% back of all sales. Flyers will be going home today.
 - There will be grade-level tracking in the cafeteria and we are still coming up with incentives to help motivate the kids/families. We plan to do rewards by individual students.

- Apparel: Spirit wear sale ended Sunday and shirts will be sent home with students in the next couple of weeks. Class shirts will begin next week and will be online only and delivered to the students at school.
- Membership is currently at 152 members and the goal is over 200 members.
 - The top three classes with the greatest percentage of membership sign ups will receive an ice cream party
- **Book Fair is October 7th-11th VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
 - Teachers are currently signing up for “shopping” slots so that parents can be notified early when their child(ren) are attending. This is to hopefully increase the number of volunteers.
 - Volunteers will be needed all week for assisting students and restocking in between classes/sessions
 - **Literacy Night is October 9th from 6-8pm.** The Book Fair will be open for shopping, there will be pizza and treats sold, as well as activities in the classroom/cafeteria
- Trunk-or-Treat (3rd Annual) is in the planning process (**date TBD due to scheduling**) with our sponsors and community businesses as the trunks. There are about 30-35 trunks.
 - Volunteers will be needed to plan, prep, count candy, etc. (join the committee on the PTA website)
- Candy Drive (contest by weight) for Trunk-or-Treat will begin about two weeks prior to the event. As much PEANUT FREE candy as possible, but trinkets may be brought in as well.
- If you signed up for a committee, the committee head(s) will reach out to you during the planning process. If you would like to view and sign up for any committee(s) please go to the PTA website (GET INVOLVED) and fill out the electronic form.
- At the May 10, 2024 PTA Meeting Rachel Poor was approved to be the 2024-2025 Treasurer, but it was not stated in the posted minutes, therefore there needs to be a reapproval for Rachel to be added as a Board Member.
 - Jackie motioned to reapprove the May 2024 minutes and Stephanie 2nd. All approve, and none oppose.

Upcoming Dates

- 9/11: SAC at 2:30pm in Media Center
- 10/2: Individual pictures with Fox Mar (make-up date will be announced)
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- **10/3: NO SCHOOL**
- 10/7-10/11: Book Fair
- 10/9: Literacy Night (6pm-8pm)
- **10/14: NO SCHOOL**
- 10/15: General PTA Meeting at 8:3am in PTA Room
- 10/16: Kid of Character “responsibility” Recognition
- Candy Drive TBD
- Trunk-or-Treat TBD
- 10/31: Fall Parade (and most likely class parties)

Danielle adjourned the meeting at 9:03am.