

WES PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 19, 2022 in The Little Theater

PTO Members in Attendance: No formal attendance was taken at this meeting.

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance:

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with a welcome from Co-Presidents Emily Marx and Nicole Moore and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kick Off by Ken Batchelor

- The start of the school year has been wonderful – there was an in-person convocation for staff.
- Long term capital plan for district is coming – it will include accessibility and parking improvements for WES.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

The June 8, 2022 PTO Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

Principal's Report: Nancy Ferguson

- Mrs. Ferguson discussed the new staff and long-term substitutes at the school this year, including a new Building Secretary.
- She gave an overview of the school-wide positive behavior program and the new t-shirts provided by the PTO. Additionally, expectation stations are being run by Specialists during the beginning of the school year.
- The MAP testing will be replaced by Renaissance Star testing.
- Clearances are required for parents who want to volunteer in the building, and are good for 5 years.

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Emily Marx & Nicole Moore

- The Co-Presidents urged parents to sign up for Membership Toolkit to receive communications from the PTO.
- The PTO will continue to work towards going green and operating as paperless.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Hildebrand & Maureen Hudson

- The Income and Expense Summary for July 2022-June 2023 was circulated and reviewed.

- The 2022-2023 Budget was approved at the June meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

5th Grade Committee: Amy Epstein

- 5th grade field day will be held on 10/7 and volunteers are needed.
- A fun spring event is in the works, details will be forthcoming.

Book Fair Committee: Lauren Schwarz

- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of 10/24 in The Little Theater.
- A Signup Genius will go out for volunteers.

Trunk or Treat: Cheri Fiory

- The Trunk or Treat will be held on 10/28.
- Around 40 trunks are needed, as well as candy donations and several volunteers for the event.

WES Running Bee 5k: Jennifer Walker

- The run will be held on 11/13.
- The committee is meeting with the Township this week and will be sending out sign ups and more information soon.

Giving Fridays/Community Outreach Committee: Kate Myers

- There will be bins outside of the main entrance on Fridays to collect nonperishable food items. There is a Signup Genius to take food to the pantries.
- There will be a Halloween Candy collection.
- There will be a craft night table for the committee.
- There will be a holiday break collection as well, details will be forthcoming.

Pretzel Fridays: Amy Epstein

- Pretzel Fridays will begin on 10/7. Orders are due this Friday.
- Volunteers are needed for bagging on Friday mornings, a Signup Genius will be circulated.

Radnor Educational Foundation: Laurie Ellis

- Laurie is the liaison from REF to the PTOs.
- REF grants are initiated by parents, in the amount of \$71,000 last school year.

- Laurie discussed the RHS Scholarship Foundation, which provides need-based scholarships for college.

Spirit Gear

- New vendor is Silver Linings.
- 10-12 items are on the website. Link will be provided in the WES Press monthly.

Nominating Committee: Tejal Patel

- Tejal will reach out to potential volunteers to slot them into the appropriate committee.

Library Volunteers: Jocelyn Gilmour

- So far the Committee has 18 volunteers.
- If less frequent volunteering is desired (not weekly), reach out to the committee.

Parent Socials: Yaz Bakht

- All Parent Socials are scheduled for this fall.

New Business

Grant Request Process Overview: Maureen Hudson

- The Executive Board has previously voted to set aside \$25,000 for grants this school year.

Grant Request – Ms. Peleaz

- Ms. Peleaz submitted a request for \$375 for a new classroom rug.
- The request will be voted on at the next meeting.

The next WES PTO meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 7:00 in The Little Theater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Megan Hand, PTO Secretary