

WES PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2022 in The WES Library

PTO Members in Attendance: Emily Marx, Nicole Moore, Tracy Hildebrand, Maureen Hudson, Jennifer Walker, Ann St. Leger, Megan Hand, Leigh Oblack, Christina Burke, Ammara Rashid, Nancy Ferguson, Brett Thomas, Paz Alvarez, Lictza Lopez. Mar Torres, Tracy Tracy, Jessica Loo, Lauren Schwarz, and Elyse Salek.

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.

Special Guest Speaker – Sarah Steiner, English Language Development Program

- Ms. Steiner gave a brief presentation.

Reading and Approval of Minutes/Welcome New Webmaster:

The September 19, 2022 PTO Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved. Jessica Loo was introduced as the new WES PTO Webmaster.

Principal's Report

Principal's Report: Nancy Ferguson

- Mrs. Ferguson thanked Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Schwarz, Mrs. Luta, the 5th Grade Ambassadors and Mrs. Fiory for their work on the successful October events (Book Fair, Trunk or Treat) at the school, as well as Mrs. Holiday and Mrs. Salek for their work on the 5k.
- Mrs. Ferguson shared photos of the new swing set on the secondary playground.
- Schoolwide Positive:
 - The climate survey was just completed, and Mrs. Tracy explained how the results are used.
 - The District just conducted a similar staff-wide survey.
 - The spring survey of grades 3-5 aligns with the rest of the district's survey.
 - Mr. Fry's Mystery Box has been a fun incentive for K-2.
- Right At School Winter registration opens on 12/12/22, and after school programs will start in January.
- Clearances are required for parents who want to volunteer in the building; and are good for 5 years.

- The first week in December, parents will receive “Evergreen Plans” for virtual day programming should there be a loss of power.

Officer’s Reports

President’s Report: Emily Marx & Nicole Moore

- Bylaws Revision: A revision was reviewed to expedite the process of appropriations, so that teachers can receive their grant money more quickly.
- Class Party Reminders: Criteria for class parties were reviewed, including:
 - Food must be nut free, store bought, and in packaging that displays ingredients;
 - Parents at parties must check that food meets the criteria before setting it out at the party;
 - Clearances are required to attend class parties.

Treasurer’s Report: Tracy Hildebrand & Maureen Hudson

- The Income and Expense Summary for July 2022-June 2023 was circulated and reviewed. Changes include an increase in 5th Grade Committee budget, due to parent contributions for 5th grade specific events.
 - The Book Fair came in on budget.

Standing Committee Reports

WES 5k: Elyse Salek

- The run took place yesterday. There were 325 registrants, 8 sponsors, and prizes were awarded to age group winners.
- There is discussion about raising the registration fee next year due to the increased cost of t-shirts.

Staff Appreciation: Jennifer Walker

- Last week, treats were delivered to the teachers on Election Day. A new vendor (Au Petit Delices in Wayne) was used.
- This came in under budget, and the excess funds will be used in the spring during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Craft Night: Emily Marx for Toni Miguel

- Craft Night will be held on 12/14.
- There is a Signup Genius on the PTO website for volunteers.

Multicultural Committee: Emily Marx for Geeta Kapadia, Akhila Krishna

- International Week will be held the week of 1/23/23. South Africa will be the country of focus. The Potluck Dinner will take place on Friday, 1/27 and volunteers are needed to help.

Nutritional Tasting: Emily Marx for Andrea Cooper

- There will be a Nutritional Tasting this Friday – apple cider.
- Volunteers are needed to facilitate the tastings during lunch periods, and an email will go out from Homeroom Parents for this.

Spirit Wear: Emily Marx for Emily Summers

- Tomorrow, 11/15, is the last day to place your order for guaranteed holiday delivery.

Book Fair: Lauren Schwarz

- The book fair was very successful this year, and extra proceeds were rolled into Scholastic Dollars.

Cultural Arts: Leigh Oblack

- Leigh provided an overview of assemblies for each grade. Ideas are still being explored for an all-school assembly, and Mrs. Dahlstrom is bringing in an author soon.

Bingo Night: Jennifer Walker

- Bingo Night will take place on 1/20/23 at WES, following 2 years of virtual bingo.

Old Business

Grant Request – Ms. Peleaz

- Ms. Peleaz submitted a request for \$375 for a new classroom rug which was presented at the last PTO meeting.
- Vote: The grant was voted on and unanimously approved.

The next WES PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2022 at 9:30 am in The Little Theater.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Hand, PTO Secretary