

WES PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023 in The Little Theater

PTO Members in Attendance: Emily Marx, Nicole Moore, Tracy Hildebrand, Maureen Hudson, Jennifer Walker, Ann St. Leger, Megan Hand, Leigh Oblack, Jessica Loo, Lauren Schwarz, Emily Summers, Nancy Ferguson, and Brett Thomas,.

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance:

The meeting began at 9:30 AM with a welcome from Co-Presidents Emily Marx and Nicole Moore and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and Approval of Minutes/Welcome New Webmaster:

The November 14, 2022 PTO Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Report

Principal's Report: Nancy Ferguson

- Mrs. Ferguson thanked Mrs. Miguel for organizing a wonderful craft night and Laurie Coplin and Kate Myers for organizing the successful holiday gift card drive to support WES families over the holiday break.
- Schoolwide Positive Update:
 - The climate survey results have been reviewed, and the committee has identified several areas for improvement. The overall responses were very positive.
 - The Rock Paper Scissors tournament was the first school wide assembly since 2019 and an exciting event for the students.
 - Paws for People is continuing on Thursdays, and Mr. Gray's dog continues to visit WES.
- MTSS Round 2 is underway.
- Clearances are required for parents who want to volunteer in the building; and are good for 5 years.
- After school clubs will begin this week.
- Please dress children appropriately for cold weather recess.
- The 5th Grade orchestra and chorus concert is coming up on 1/11.

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Emily Marx & Nicole Moore

- **Coordinating Council Notes (December):** EMILY – NICOLE – I do not have any handwritten notes on this, is there anything you'd like included?
- **Holiday Gift Card Donations:** a quick overview of the successful WES gift card drive was given, the community responded generously to support this effort.
- **Special Teacher Collection Thank Yous:** Letters were read from specialist teachers thanking the PTO for the gift donations.
- **WES Car Magnets:** These are available for sale for \$5, and can be purchased online in link included in WES Press.

Treasurer's Report: Tracy Hildebrand & Maureen Hudson

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

Standing Committee Reports

MLK Day: Mirna Zaragoza

- There is no school for students, district event opportunities are offered.
- Radnor Elementary will host a "Day of Giving" featuring activities for students and families to give back to the community.
- Donations of specific items will also be collected through January 27.

Cultural Arts: Leigh Oblack/Yaz Bakht

- An overview of assemblies for each grade was provided.
- Ideas are still being explored for an all-school assembly, and Mrs. Dahlstrom is bringing in an author later this winter.

Bingo Night: Yaz Bakht

- Bingo night will be held on 1/20 from 6:30-8:30 in the Little Theater.
- There is a Signup Genius on the PTO website for volunteers, more volunteers are needed.
- Reservations are required and tickets and food must be purchased in advance. Reservations close on 1/19.

Multicultural Committee: 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. This is a favorite WES event, any type of food is welcome.
- The Soul Steps assembly will take place as part of International Week.

Nutritional Tastings: Andrea Cooper

- The next nutritional tasting will be hummus and will take place on January 13. There is a Signup Genius for volunteers.
- The apple cider nutritional tasting was a great success and well received by the students.

Talent Show: Heather Gill

- The talent show will take place on March 23 from 6:30-8 PM. It will be just one night this year.
- There is a mandatory preview date of 3/2 for students who wish to perform.
- Online registration will be from 2/1-20, and submissions of music are due on 2/20.

Art Goes to School: Toby Ranck

- This will take place at WES from 3/24-31 during students' art special time. Parents can volunteer to help with this event.
- Training workshop for parent volunteers is on February 8 at 10AM at the Radnor Memorial Library Windsor Room.

5th Grade Committee: Heather Gill

- 5th Grade Movie Night will take place on 2/24 from 6-8:30 PM in The Little Theater.
- A Signup Genius for volunteers will be circulated.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision Vote: The Bylaws Revision was approved by vote, allowing for grant requests to be approved in a more timely manner.

The next WES PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2022 at 9:30 am in The Little Theater.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Hand, PTO Secretary