

Webster Elementary School PTA
32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152



PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 14 2020 7:00 pm

Present: Chris Chmura, Valerie Jackson, Monique Cadoret, Annie Wilk, Karlee Kerr, Lora Boka, Olivia Bixler, Jason Rodriguez, Cecilia Morelli, Jill Misenar, Tracey Schenk, Jamie Phelan, Liz Biddle, Erin Vanhala Piper, Christa Huber, Nicole Mehelich, Evan Lyons, Paige Young, Stacia Shaw, Charity Bugosh, Patti Vassas, Jackie Vine, Fumi Ichizawa, David Zyczynski

- I. Call to order, welcome and introductions (Chris Chmura) - 7:01pm
- II. Principal's report (Mrs. Boka)
 - A. It was impressive to see everything come together and how hard all of the staff worked in transitioning many of our students back to face-to-face last week.
 - B. New staff:
 1. Olivia Bixler (Family 2) - recently engaged, classroom is getting Mrs. Frame's pet guinea pig, Twinkle.
 2. Paige Young (Family 2) - 7th year teaching, has a 10-month old daughter.
 3. Jill Misenar (Family 3) - previously worked at charter schools in varying roles - happy to be back in the classroom, wedding plans were cancelled due to COVID - planning a wedding for possibly February.
 - C. There is a Michigan state order that requires each school to report their COVID case numbers. There is a link on the Webster website that shows daily and cumulative cases.
 - D. An issue of Dialogue will come out soon with information about the Wayne County Schools millage renewal.
 - E. Blue Ribbon Award - Mrs. Boka had to fill out an application after being notified that Webster was going to receive the award. She listed the PTA as one of the reasons Webster is such an amazing school. A recognition ceremony will be held on October 26.
 - F. Mrs. Boka would like feedback about how math is going, as well as about pick up and drop off.
 - G. Thank you for the staff buttons.
- III. Review and approval of meeting minutes (All)
 - A. Monique Cadoret made a motion to approve; Cecilia Morelli seconded. The minutes are approved.
- IV. Budget update (Monique Cadoret)
 - A. We received checks for community rewards from Kroger and Amazon Smile.
 - B. Our big expense for the month was insurance.
 - C. Student magazines are still included in the budget under student periodicals.
 - D. Classroom allowances will be handed out the week of October 26.
 1. This is the last year that we will be handing out checks without requiring receipts.
- V. Membership update (Monique Cadoret)
 - A. We currently have 122 members.
 - B. If we get about 30 more, we can enter a membership contest.
- VI. Dine Outs (Annie Wilk)
 - A. Newburgh Station - Thursday, October 29, 4-8pm. We will receive 10% of all orders that

mention Webster - carryout or curbside pick up, can order by phone or online (just put "Webster" in the order notes).

- VII. Spiritwear (Valerie Jackson)
 - A. Our online spirit wear store is up and running. The link is included in Mrs. Boka's weekly emails, in posts on our Facebook page, and on the website.
 - B. The PTA is ordering t-shirts for all staff members through the spirit wear company (exclusive design for staff).
- VIII. Halloween Scavenger Hunt Spirit Week & Thanksgiving (Chris Chmura)
 - A. Fall Fest is a long-standing tradition, but we will be unable to do it as we have in the past.
 - B. Instead, the PTA will host a Scavenger Hunt Spirit Week during the week leading up to Halloween.
 - 1. Families can post pictures relating to the day's theme to Facebook or submit them to the PTA email address.
 - 2. Themes: Pumpkin, Fall Tree (colors or decorated), Favorite Fall/Halloween Decoration, Something Spooky, Costume.
 - 3. A winner will be randomly selected daily from participants to receive a \$10 gift card.
 - 4. Karlee Kerr is creating a flyer.
 - C. Halloween Parade: face-to-face students will parade around the track in their cohorts and virtual students can send in photos. We will create a slideshow of photos to share with families.
 - D. Thanksgiving -we will ask students to submit reasons they are grateful for Webster and then compile them to share with the staff and families. Everyone who participates will be entered to win a raffle prize (one prize for each Family and program).
- IX. General discussion
 - A. Comic Club started and had 28 participants - run by students.
 - B. Mrs. Boka would like to have more virtual clubs - Mrs. Zubarev is trying to continue lunch with the librarian and Mrs. Lakatos would like to continue art club. A parent sponsor is required, and should be in attendance at club meetings run by students.
 - C. Lunch is now 35 minutes long.
 - D. Reflections - entries (submitted virtually) are due to Monique Cadoret by November 13. Theme: "I Matter Because . . ."
- X. Adjournment - 7:43pm