

PTA Agenda 1/11/24

Tonight's Agenda

★ Principal's Update:

Not too many updates today. Waite Park will be at a school fair this Saturday from 10am-3pm at Minneapolis College. Winter testing is finishing up this week, and next week interventions groups will be rearranged. Next month is planning the budget for next year. Tours are going currently.

★ Parks Update—none

★ Community Ed Update—Musical Theater performance is next Tuesday. GEMS/GISE lego exhibition is January 20th at Ashinashbe School. Winter session starts in two weeks, so sign up is now for that upcoming session through January 20th. It's ok to split and do only one day of GEMS/GISE and do one day of after school programming.

★ PTA Update—Next event is coming up is the Glow Run on February 9th. We have t-shirts ordered for all staff and students, it's an ORANGE t-shirt, very exciting. It funds everything we do for the rest of the year. We are going to be focusing more on class prizes such as pajama day and less on toys/trinkets. January 18th is the kick-off for the fundraising, and more information will be coming soon.

—Our goal for last year's Glow Run was to hire a muralist, that is going to be started soon. The design has been finalized and will go up shortly.

—We would like to do another family service night in late February/March with our beneficiary this time being the North Minneapolis Pet Resource Center. We are looking at doing a pet food drive, and make some cat toys or dog blankets. Anika and Amy S. are leading that event.

—In March, we will start looking for nominations for next year's board. If you're interested in serving on the PTA board next year, we'd love to chat with you about it! Email us at waiteparkpta1@gmail.com

★ Grants Committee—There are a lot of funds left. PTA asked if we can help facilitate more field trips. Principal McGinness said that transportation is the main stumbling block and there were just some new guidelines released by MPS that need to be reviewed. 10am-1pm is the only hours we can have busses and we can't contract independently with any bus companies that already have contracts with MPS.

★ Yearbook Committee formation - Volunteer to help us create Waite Park's yearbook! We are using Adobe InDesign. We have a couple of volunteers already.

★ Spring Carnival Committee formation - Volunteer to help us host the Spring Carnival! Potential date is May 31st. Amy Softitch will help out with the hot dog stand. CasiAnna will do the food trucks, Anika will do the bounce houses, and Tam will do the Tap. Bridget is our contact for the arborist to lead some tree climbing. Carmen will contact the Edison Drumline. Katy would like to have a Northeast Football Club table. The Carnival committee should meet in March.

★ Volunteer coordinating for the Glow Run: Carmen will create the volunteer sign up. February 7th is the next PTA meeting and will be virtual from 6:30pm-7:30pm. We are determining if February 8th we can decorate the gym the night before.