

Westridge PTA meeting minutes – October 20, 2023

Members present: Kelsi Salmon, Keaton Pulver, Jillian Robbins, Jennifer Drucker, Jennie Hogan, Sally Crowley, Tyson Heuton, Hallie Wemmie, Amy Seidelman. Online: Emily Mayfield, Nicole Campbell, Courtney Peterson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm.

Treasurer's report: Keaton Pulver provided financial report with checking balance at \$12,761.03 in checking and \$43,700.88 in the money market for a total of \$56,461.91. \$4,000 of this is from 6th grade activities and about \$5,000 from the play fees so the account currently looks higher than it realistically will be. Westridge gear closed sales and brought in \$406, slightly down from last year. \$1,761 in payroll deductions have been brought in this year. Keaton asks people to consider checking if your employer has a match program. Teacher reimbursements have already been paid out little over \$4,000 of the \$6,000 available for the year.

Principal's report: Mr. Heuton is here to provide updates for the PTA. Parent-teacher conferences are coming up Nov. 6 and Nov. 9. Yesterday was a teacher work day there was training on dyslexia, classroom time and other professional development opportunities for staff. Early reading and math screenings were completed for fall scores and CogATs are in progress. Some Fall field trips also underway. Fall parties were a good success for the kids and overall, there are a lot of fun things happening!

Teacher's report: Jillian Robbins provided an update to members. Literacy night was a good event and a lot of fun. The students are currently working on "Wow words" which has been a fun way to help students with literacy skills. Leadership jobs for students have also started up for the year.

Secretary's report: September meeting minutes were provided to members. Jillian Robbins motions to approve minutes, seconded by Keaton Pulver. Minutes are approved.

Current business:

Westridge Gear: The fall sale has closed and brought in \$406 which is a little lower than usual, so they are looking at the possibility of another sale later in the year.

Hospitality: Coming up, PTA will be providing conference dinners for teachers. A sign up for supplementary donations will be sent out soon.

Outdoor classroom update: Feedback is that the tables are working well for the school - Will solicit teacher recommendations for ideas on how to spend additional available funds.

Talking canvas – Now is the Westridge Reads program – will work on promoting that a bit more soon, as Olivia Meuret is still on maternity leave. There is a question on what to do with existing Talking Canvas materials such as books, prints etc.

Playground equipment – an update that Westridge is slated for new playground equipment this summer. We won't know more details on this topic until January.

Fundraiser – All Fun, No Fuss fundraiser will run October 16-27 and mimics what was done last year. This will all be done online. PTA currently has six companies who have agreed to be a daily match for funds raised by families on that particular day. There will be grade specific incentives a school wide incentive to be announced.

PTA is also likely to run "Penny Wars" with the winning grade getting a donut party with Mrs. Tjeerdsma.

Important dates/upcoming events:

October 16 – 27 Westridge Fall Fundraiser

October 20 – Westridge Boo Bash 6-8 pm

October 31 – Picture retakes

November 3-5 Aladdin Jr. performances

November 6 – No school; conferences 8:15am-8:15 pm

November 9 – Conferences 4:15-8:15pm

November 10 – Westridge PTA meeting 9: 15 am

November 22-24 No School

December 21 – Winter classroom parties

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.