

Westridge PTA meeting minutes – February 6, 2024

Members present: Hallie Wemmie, Keaton Pulver, Jennie Hogan, Jennifer Drucker, Amy Seidelman, Emily Mayfield, Nicole Campbell, Ashley Thoreson, Ben Irwin, Jillian Robbins
Online: Courtney Peterson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:16pm.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer, Keaton Pulver provided an update on PTA finances:

\$11,433.12 in checking, \$53,839.81 in money market with a total \$65,272.93. Current allocated budget: \$33,050. Current money spent: \$12,190.25

Chick-fil-A night brought in \$138.75 and Chipotle night coming up on March 5. Teacher reimbursements are almost spent with around \$600 left. Payroll matches have brought in over \$3,000 this year – please consider donating to the PTA if your employer offers a match! Field trip money spent so far: \$1,809.45 out of allocated \$6,000 with what is likely to be a lot of spring class trips in the next few months. \$500 went to WDMCS scholarship fund. Fine arts initiative coming this week at a cost of \$1,500. A member mentioned givebacks return money and we may want to get that into communications.

Principal's report: Mr. Heuton: ISASPS are coming up in April which will test reading, language, writing and math and 5th grade testing also includes science. More information coming out soon. Math screening scores are complete and this data is being used to support students in classrooms. New literacy curriculum – coach in STL meeting with teachers on implementation. Upcoming is the spring family engagement activity at WR before school. PLCs will have out activities for family engagement.

Teacher's report: Jillian Robbins: Everyone is excited for the fine arts initiative. Book fair is coming up with the same vendor as this fall. Orchestra and band concerts have been happening with our students and spring conferences are coming up. 6th graders traveling this week to Indian Hills to visit and assist in their upcoming transition to junior high.

Secretary's report: November 2023 meeting minutes were provided to members. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Minutes are approved to be entered into record.

Current business:

Budget adjustment vote: Proposing using outdoor classroom money to cover \$800 remaining towards offsetting field trips; PTA to re-allocate \$800 in turn to playground, specifically to cover new flooring for the gaga ball pit. (Previously raised funds for the outdoor classroom project have already been spent and there are no additional identified needs for this project.) Motion to approve by Ben Irwin and seconded by Ashley Thorenson.

Committee updates: Planning for 2024-2025 committee chairs is taking place and we have several committees that currently need leadership for next year. Anyone interested in encouraged to contact the PTA executive team.

ARCHERY – Five archers recently qualified for state and the last tournament is this weekend, they are looking for a few volunteers to assist.

BOOSTER PAK – winter break collection was a success. Info coming out soon for food item requests and always taking volunteers.

FAMILY EVENTS: Upcoming WR Family Skate Night and volunteers are needed to help during the event, setting up and cleaning up. Contact Hallie Wemmie.

Current volunteer opportunities: Previously listed above.

Fundraiser update: The discussed Bingo night is being tabled in favor of a silent auction in March. We are looking for as many donations of goods, service, experiences etc. as possible from parents and community donors. Please contact the executive team if you are willing to donate an item to be sold. Teachers and leadership will also be donating experiences to be auctioned off. Fundraiser will be primarily online.

New principal update: Hoping to have a meet and greet type event at a PTA event and school wide in near future.

Important dates/upcoming events:

Feb 16/19 Professional development day and conferences. No school for students

Feb 22: more conferences

March 5: chipotle fundraiser night 4-8 pm

March 7: 3:00-3:45 Spring parties

March 8: Spring Break starts

March 20: WR family engagement event

March 29: Westridge Family Skate Night, 5:30-7:30 pm, RecPlex

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.