

September 2024 PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions
2. Principal's Update
 - a. Class sizes:
 - i. Still some movement in class size at the beginning of the year, but don't expect fluctuation of greater than +/-2 per class.
 - ii. K 25/26
 - iii. 1st 24/21
 - iv. 2nd 29
 - v. 3rd 29
 - vi. 2-3rd split 29
 - vii. 4th 26
 - viii. 5th 26
 - ix. 4-5th split 30
 - b. Do not expect additions or subtractions of staff.
 - c. New phonics program UFLI
 - d. Started testing this week: 1:1 testing K and 1st, FAST testing for 2nd-5th
 - e. Site council at beginning of next PTA meeting at 6 p.m., presentation of school improvement plan. This is the third year of 3 year plan. We met goals last year! When we review school budget or do other Site Council activities, we will add to beginning of PTA meeting.
 - f. New staff:
 - i. Mr. Klein 2nd grade.
 - ii. New OT one day per week
 - iii. Music on Mondays: music once every other week for each class, students have phy ed and art on the other days.
 - iv. New band teacher here on Fridays shared with Marcy and Bancroft. Adding strings.
 - v. Desiree from GEMS and GISE is the Media teacher here Tue/Th and every other Friday. Students visit the Media Center once per week with access to go throughout the week. There will be Media Center updates in the Friday newsletter.
 - vi. Ms. Laura returns as Special Ed assistant.
 - vii. Ms. Allison returns as interventionist and other duties as assigned.
 - g. Waite is doing well with percentages of students at or above grade level expectations in math and literacy.
 - h. 73% math, 66% reading proficient, both are above state averages.
3. Community Ed / Minneapolis Parks Update
 - a. Anthony is the Waite Park leader for the park/community center side.
 - b. Laura A returns as the leader for community ed/after school activities. Please send her ideas for after school classes and let her know if you are willing to help teach or facilitate a class.
 - c. GEMS/GISE flyers due!
 - i. Need more 3-5 graders to sign up to move forward.
 - ii. Have enough 1-2 graders to move forward.
 - d.
4. PTA Updates
 - a. Treasurer Report / Review Budget

- i. Glow Run will be in March. It's our one big fundraiser for the year. 72% of donations come from non-parent guardians (other family, friends, community members, etc.)
 - ii. Expenses for glow run include 25% of the proceeds to the Glow Run company plus purchase of t-shirts for all kids (some sponsorship for this.)
 - iii. Tyler moved to pass the budget, Laura seconded, motion carried.
 - b. Fundraising / Grants / Traffic Safety
 - i. Send us fundraising ideas!
 - ii. We have WP parents with kids at NEMS attending both PTA meetings. We continue to partner with the NEMS PTA. Please let us know if you'd like to get involved with this.
 - iii. Traffic safety: Last year we created a committee, drafted letters to the traffic safety committee for Public Works, Elliot Payne, and Abdul Abdi, but have not heard back from Public Works.
- 5. PTA Events
 - a. What's happened / happening
 - i. We need people to sign up to help plan events. You don't have to lead if you don't want to, but we need more brains.
 - ii. Events include family service nights, luminary, sledding, play dates, grants committee, book fair, flu shot clinic, spring carnival, staff appreciation, fundraising, Glow Run, etc.
 - b. What's next / volunteer sign up
 - c. Next PTA meeting: Thursday, Oct. 10, 6p (always the second Thursday of the month). Site council at 6p followed by PTA meeting at 6:30p. **Enter through the Community Center door by the playground.**
 - d. Nov. 7 flu shot clinic, taco truck, probably the book fair.
- 6. Upcoming Waite Park Community Center events/activities:

55+ adult volleyball- Is set to start here at Waite Park- through Community Ed programming

Monday's

September 23 – Nov 25- 7:30pm – 9pm

Adult's Pottery class

Tuesday's- Oct 1 – Nov. 19- 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Wednesday s- Oct 2 – Nov. 20 – 6:30 – 8:30pm

Adult Badminton

Thursday s- Oct. 3 – Dec 19 – 7:30 – 8:45pm

Adult yoga

Saturdays- October 26 – Dec 21(No Nov 30) 11:15am – 12:15pm

Adult fitness

Saturday s- Sept 21 – Oct 26 10am – 11am

Soccer Skills clinic at Cavell Park

Thursdays- Sept 5 – Nov 14 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Pokémon League

Thursdays – Sept 12 – Nov 7 – 6:15 – 8:15pm

Toddler Parent Indoor playtime

Fridays- Oct 4 – Nov 22- 6 – 8pm

Halloween Costume Swap

Saturday- October 5 – 3pm – 5pm