

November 2024 PTA Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

2. Principal's Update

- a. Teacher training on the new phonics program UFLI is going well. Teachers attend professional development every Wednesday.
- b.

3. Community Ed Update

- a. Fall session for after school programming is underway and going well. This session goes into mid-January. This gives musical theater more time to work on their production.
- b. Send class ideas/requests to Laura Atchley for winter session.
- c. After school classes will be Tuesday and Thursday for the rest of the year due to schedules.
- d. NE community ed bingo night occurred last week. It was a great success with more than 100 people attending. It was at Edison. Everyone took home books.
- e. There will also be a spring event. Send ideas and feedback to Laura Atchley. Something other than a carnival.

4. Minneapolis Parks Update

- a. Thank you to everyone who made the Halloween soccer event a huge success! There were at least 167 youth attendees and many adults.
- b. Upcoming events at the Waite Park Rec Center:
 - i. Tuesday Nov. 19 6-7p drone event. Children will be supervised and taught how to fly a drone.
 - ii. Build your own robot. Tues Dec. 10 6-7p
- c. Youth basketball registration is open! Ages 6U to 18U through parks and rec. High schoolers must choose high school or parks and rec basketball. This only applies to high school players.
- d. Preschool program will continue this winter–Jan 6 to May 30

5. Treasurer update

- a. Fundraising
 - i. We have already received donations from three local businesses: Rewind, Headwaters Painting, Northeast Tree Care
 - ii. We have received money from a portion of the online gear/swag sales. Keep buying Waite Park gear!
- b. Expenditures
 - i. No-flu-vember- came in well under budget and was a great event.
 - ii. Grants
 - 1. Soccer items
 - 2. Chair Bags
 - iii. Food for teachers during conferences, birthday treats for the year

6. PTA Updates and Events

- a. What's happened/happening
 - i. No-flu-vember was a success- 124 flu shots administered, Nurses appreciated our kindness and organization. We can schedule nurses in the spring for the fall, so we can move the event earlier next year.
 - ii. Book fair- More than \$2000 in Scholastic dollars to WP. We liked the auditorium location.
 - iii. Winter gear swap went well. Leftovers went to the school to go to families who need items and the rest went to Girls on the Run clothing drive.

7. NEMS (Northeast Middle School) PTA updates

- a. Election day bake sale was a huge success.
- b. Doing a push for Give to the Max. They have a match from Larson Dental. This will support a trip to Ted Mann Auditorium for the 8th grade completion ceremony. This will support bussing for 7th and 8th graders. Any money remaining will go to the grants budget which is currently \$1500.
- c. They have a merch store now.
- d. Teacher wish lists starting.

8. What's next

- a. Community service event Dec. 10: Food drive and game night. Students and families can host a game or puzzle for others at a table in the cafeteria.
- b. At this event there will be the opportunity for Waite Park families to learn about NEMS from current NEMS families.
- c. Timberwolves game this Sunday!! 121 people are attending (students and families). 35 WP students will be on the court for the national anthem. Wear blue Waite Park shirts. Let the PTA know if you need one. The game starts at 2:30p and will be aired on the channel formerly known as Bally's. Meet at 2:00p for students who will be on the court. All 121 people can be on the court after the game to shoot free throws.
- d. Brainstorming- How to provide comprehensive information for new families about Waite Park, especially families who start mid-year and may not speak English as a first language.
 - i. Create FAQ and keep it updated on the school website.
 - ii. Better describe events and what to expect, such as the glow run.
 - iii. PTA members act as liaisons at events.
 - iv. Use PTA email as a way for families to ask questions.
 - v. Identify resource families.

Next meeting is Dec. 12 VIRTUAL