General Meeting Minutes 01/15

01/15/25 / 6:00 PM / Wescott LMC

Meeting called by:	Soyang Kwon & Maria Milicevic
Attendees:	All PTO members invited

AGENDA

Welcome from Soyang & Maria and introductions from all Exec Board members

- Jungmi unable to attend.

A message from Dr. Tammaru - Update on where we are in this school year

- Added social workers to all three schools this year! They help with mental health, self awareness, decision making skills, social awareness and general support for our students. Have seen a huge positive impact for the kids!
    - Social workers will be featured at the next Conversations with the Community on February 12.
- Wescott and Willowbrook both added special education teachers so that students are working with highly qualified staff and are able to be better integrated with their peers. Hopefully adding one next year at Maple, too.
- New ELA resources for students have started and will be fully implemented in the 2025-2026 school year. Unified and consistent across grade levels.
- Currently in the process of doing a fully comprehensive safety audit with an outside source. Some findings will be presented at the Board Meeting on Thursday. There will be updated facilities, updated practices, aligned practices for staff and updated crisis management materials for our schools.

A message from Dr. Brown and Ms. Keller

- Important upcoming dates

    - Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 26 and 27.
    - In-person conferences are an option!!
    - January 21 - Orchestra Concert
    - January 23 - 5th Grade Show
    - February 14 - Valentine's Day parties starting at 2:15pm
    - MAP, IAR, ISA, Access testing season coming up!
    - April 23 - Lighted Schoolhouse
- 5th grade student feedback at Principal's Advisory
    - Fixing sinks, making the lunchroom more accommodating to all students, how to behave in the bathrooms, added menstrual products to 4/5th grade bathrooms, new beanbags in the music room!
- Weather reminders
    - Indoor recess or straight into the building occurs when the "feels like" is 13° degrees or below.
    - Supervision starts at 8:30am before school and ends at 3:30pm after school.
- Two student teachers this year from University of Illinois.
- New bathrooms are being updated in the kindergarten and 1st grade hallway.

Budget Report

- Fundraising Highlights
    - Walk for Wescott - $19,741
    - Membership/General Donations -
    - Book Fair - $6,256
    - Birthday Signs - $3,775
    - Birthday Book Club -
    - Spiritwear -
    - Special Lunch - $1,111
    - Fall Fest - $963

Highlights of fall

- Fall Fest and Walk for Wescott were a success!
- Bought almost 2,000 books at the Book Fair. The move from November to December was a success.

- Our “Dine-Out Night” at Grill House made $200.
- Welcome process is in effect to welcome new families to Wescott! We’ve had three new families so far this year.
- The Teacher Fund Request Form has been hugely successful!
    - Teachers/staff can reach out to PTO directly for items that would enhance the classroom, improve kids’ lives, help teachers teach!
    - Have granted 14 requests so far this year!
- Staff Gold Stars has been very well received as well, as have the birthday treats and monthly Teachers’ Lounge goodies.

Overview of the spring calendar

Jan 7, 2025 – Wescott Madness Parent Party Sign Ups

- NEED PARTIES FOR KINDERGARTEN, 3RD GRADE AND 5TH GRADE!

February 21, 2025 - Wescott Madness Raffle Opens

February 28, 2025 – Wescott Madness Party Sign Ups Open

April 10, 2025 – Parent Social

May 16, 2025 – One Big Family Picnic

May 17, 2025 – Lew Blond Run

May 22, 2025 – 5th Grade Luncheon

May 30, 2025 – Field Day

June 5, 2025 – Last Day of School

Open PTO Executive Board positions for the 2025-2026 School Year

- Two Co-VPs of Fundraising
- One Co-President
- One Co-Treasurer
- One Co-Secretary

By-Laws Updates

- Fixed spelling errors, fixed formatting items, modernized with appropriate current language (i.e. Zelle) and increased dollar amounts due to inflation.
- Improved clarity and accuracy to reflect the Board as it is today.
- By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting, provided notice was given at the previous meeting.

- Vote will occur during the 2025 Fall General PTO Meeting.

CO-PRESIDENT SIGNATURES



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Soyang Kwon

_1/20/2025_____
Date



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Maria Milicevic

_1/16/2025_____
Date