

## Westridge PTA Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2024

**Attendees:** Courtney Peterson, Jennie Hogan, Keaton Pulver, Nicole Campbell, Jillian Robbins, Jessica Reinert, Kristen Anderson, Ben Irwin, Emily Mayfield, Anne Lind, J.H.

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by President Jennie Hogan at 9:16am.

### **Treasurer's report:** *Keaton Pulver*

#### *Current Account Balances:*

Checking \$33,509.99 • Money Market \$54,143.69 for a total of \$87,653.68

#### *Spending:*

- Teachers continue to get in reimbursements - \$4,363.51 paid out of \$5,000 budget. Teachers can be reimbursed \$125.
- Boo Bash was a success. They spent \$1,560.61 on the event and brought in \$931.00 in food/drink sales. They are thinking about adding another event.

#### *Income:*

- Gear sales were considerably up this year bringing in \$922.65, compared to last years \$406.85
- Fall fundraiser results: Total of \$24,242 • Daily Matches of \$5,500 • Penny Wars \$1,204.58 • Online donations of \$17,537.43 • Donations from 37 states • Penny Wars class winner was 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The first class to reach \$2,500 was 1<sup>st</sup> grade who will enjoy a pizza party. All other grades met their goal, so they each get campout parties.
- Givebacks has an option for Shop to Give where when you spend money at certain places it gives the PTA a little kickback. Minimal, but every bit helps. Will start communicating this in WW prior to holiday season.

### **Principal's report:** *Jody Kerchal and Tyson Heuton*

- FlapJacks and Flannels Friday – Administration is serving pancakes on Fridays in November to keep up teacher spirits
- Conferences have gone well. Goal for teacher is to have 100% in-person, but allow for google meetings or phone calls that can't make it work. If the teacher gets 100% in-person, the teacher gets jeans for a week, if all grade level teams get 100% they get jeans for a month. Great time to celebrate the great things happening in the classroom and with the students
- Awesome PD – Ken Williams – Ruthless Equity ... focus on teachers and showcasing great things they are doing. Joined other district schools at Valley Community Center before returning to Westridge for the remainder of the day.
- Veteran's concert on Monday at 1:45pm
- After hitting our fundraiser goal there will be pies in the face with costumes for the principals next week. Allowing each grade level to participate.
- ISU students have reported back on pick up process and will be rolling it out in phases. Looking forward to seeing the improvement ideas they have in action.
- Praise for Westridge Weekly and conference meals.

### **Teacher's report:** *Jillian Robbins*

- Shared appreciation for meal.
- Kids are excited about upcoming play performance
- Teachers left PD excited and speaker was great timing to uplift teachers during a time that is known to be sluggish.
- Appreciation for all the support during Luke Miller's illness and recent passing. It has been a heavy week, extra counselors have been available for staff and students to help with processing. All has showcased what it means to be the Westridge family. A successful fundraiser was held by former custodian to help the Miller family.

**Secretary's report:** September meeting minutes are available for members to review. Jillian Robbins moved to approve the minutes. Anne Lind seconded.

### **Committee updates:**

*Jennie on behalf of Suyau Woehler --- Book Club* – Runs December through April for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Meet every other week, during lunch, to discuss the book. Need parent volunteers to lead groups.

*Jennie on behalf of Heart Cumpston & Mike Nguyen -- Archery Club* – Season begins on November 19 with T/Th practices at Westridge

*Ben Irwin – Westridge Weekly* – Submitting content is going well. Hoping for items to be in by end of day Monday, but able to be flexible. Increasing content items where gratitude is shown for volunteers and donations. Interested in learning more about updating the format of the weekly so we can see more analytics on newsletter opening and access or have a PTA

website that houses the information like a bulletin board. Need conversations to happen with district administration on what is possible/allowed.

*Jennie on behalf of Hallie Wemmie* – Family Events -- Huge thank you to everyone that participated and donated for Boo Bash. Kids had a blast. Request to upload photos to yearbook link. Email feedback to Hallie to make the event better.

Next event is Skate Night, April 18 at RecPlex from 5-7pm.

*Jennie Hogan* - Gear – Pink Poppy Designs pop-up happening now. Flyers will be sent home with students and information given to Jillian to share with teachers.

**Current business:**

- Jennie brought up her interest in knowing parents' feelings on the number of opportunities/asks for volunteers and donations. Looking at ways to touch base with parents to learn more - possibly sending survey.

**Volunteer needs:**

- Hearing screenings happening and volunteers needed to walk students to and from screening  
\*\*Suggestion made by Kristen Anderson to tie ask for volunteers to actual grade levels rather than blocks of time to see if that improves response from parents
- Lunchroom volunteers can come and help – going well so far
- Teacher Wish lists are still available if looking for holiday gift ideas – can be found on Linktree
- Teacher Cookie Exchange – Friday, December 13, more details to come

**Fundraisers:**

- More restaurant nights will be coming. December 8 - Chipotle
- Spring online auction fundraiser will be March 3-9. Classroom contributions, staff experiences, etc.  
If there is something you want to contribute – donations, baskets, experiences, etc. start thinking now.

**Important dates/upcoming events:**

November 11 – Veteran's Day concert

November 14 – Picture retake day

November 16-17 – Alice in Wonderland, Jr. performances

November 26 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball tournament

November 27-29 – No School

December 8 – Chipotle

December 20 – Winter Classroom Parties

Meeting adjourned without objection at 10:06am