

Westridge PTA Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2025

Attendees: Zoom- Kelsi Salmon, Courtney Peterson, Jennie Hogan, Molly Daniel, Amy Seidelman, Jillian Robbins, Mary Ellerbroek, Tess Egly, Anne Lind, Hallie Wemmie, Jessica Reinert, Sarah Ann Harsch, Brodi Duer, Keaton Pulver, Scott Peshak, Ben Irwin, Tenille Hamilton, Emily Mayfield, Nicole Campbell

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Jennie Hogan at 9:21am

2025-26 Executive Board vote

Hallie Wemmie (President)

OPEN (President-elect)

Courtney Peterson (Secretary)

Molly Daniel (Treasurer)

Jennie Hogan (At Large)

PTA Members in attendance voted in favor of the proposed board.

Treasurer's report: *Keaton Pulver*

Current Checking Balance: \$19,863.49 Current Money Market Balance: \$69,337.18 Total: \$89,200.67

Spending

- Teacher Reimbursements – Paid out \$4,488.51 of \$5,000 budget. Teachers can be reimbursed up to \$125
- Renewed insurance for \$175
- 6th grade activities have completed their gift to the school (a neon sign hung in the library), the gift to the students (blankets), and the ice cream party. They have \$2,571.41 left to spend of their \$5,060 budget.

Income

- Spring Silent Auction Fundraiser was a success bringing in \$17,768. Thank you Betsy and Dana for all of your hard work. We have been reimbursing the staff for their experiences. Please get Keaton receipts.
- Reminder to use Givebacks, Shop to Give

Principal's report: *Jody Kerchal*

- National Asst. Principal Week – all about celebrating Tyson. Sticky notes from each student and staff
- Enjoyed an underground dress up week – Tyson dressed up as Jody.
- State testing begins next week – Holding parade today – littles will have ribbon sticks and signs to cheer on the bigs
- HMH Literacy program – two weeks ago – virtual meeting with coach. Coach was in-person for teach backs yesterday.
- Next month – Westridge will host other principals to take a look at our literacy program.

Teacher's report: *Jillian Robbins*

- Testing encouragement will also include locker tags from younger kids.
- Masked Reader videos of teachers – unveiling in an assembly. Staff are dressing up in inflatable costumes and reading a book to students.
- Family engagement morning success – always nice to show off classrooms and work.
- Field trips coming up throughout the spring.
- 6th grade March Mammal Madness project
- 5th grade working on poetry
- Auction items happening – staff and students have enjoyed the time together.

Secretary's report: February meeting minutes are available for members to review. Jillian Robbins moved to approve the minutes. Nicole Campbell seconds.

Committee updates:

Emily Mayfield - The Play – still working on next year's play considerations

WDMCS Foundation – Staff recognition – rented indoor/outdoor spaces at SmashPark. Red carpet for retiring staff, milestones honored. Funded through the community. Fundraising push begins on Monday. Messages for staff will be scrolling on the screens at Smashpark left during the fundraising campaign.

Tenille Hamilton – School Supplies – looking at needing more supplies. 34 brand new students came in without supplies. Most came in after winter break. Highest need are move-ins, families from other countries and families that need assistance with extra supplies. Discussion occurred around how to come up with additional supplies. Additional budget, add-on packs when families order their own, or business sponsored. It was also brought up around hosting a class drive for specific supplies or purchasing individual supplies in bulk. Tenille was going to look into options with the supply company.

Jody Kerchal on behalf of Suyau Woehler - Teacher Appreciation – Working together to host a full week of meals and treats. Our Flock Rocks. Flamingo theme including fun lunches and a visit from the Dole Whip truck.

Hallie Wemmie – Family night at RecPlex for SkateNight. Looking for volunteers to help keep an eye on areas.

Volunteers needed for re-shelving books in the library.

Current business:

Jillian Robbins -- Academic Bee – History, Geography, Science topics. Proposing doing it similar to the old Geography Bee. Study sessions, qualifying test for all students interested in participating. Asked that PTA sponsor the top 3 qualifiers. Cost is \$50 per student per topic.

Mary Ellerbroek – Mary has personally taken care of stocking staff bathroom support, looking for someone else to do it and asking for financial support from PTA.

Ben Irwin – looking for another spotlight in Westridge Weekly

Jennie Hogan - Looking at committee leaders for next year. Still need Book Fair, Fall Fundraiser, Westridge Weekly.

Important Upcoming Dates:

April 18 – No School

April 18 – Westridge Skate Night at Rec Plex 5-7pm

May 5-9 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9 – PTA Meeting 9:15am

Meeting adjourned without objection at 10:20 am.