

Westridge PTA Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2025

Attendees: Kelsi Salmon, Courtney Peterson, Ashley Thoreson, Betsy Pratt, Scott Peshak, Anne Lind, Hallie Wemmie, Jennie Hogan, Keaton Pulver, Nicole Campbell, Brodi Duer, Molly Daniel, Emily Mayfield, Tenille Hamilton, Megan Light
Zoom: Amy Borness, Mari Bunney

Call to order: Meeting called to order by President Jennie Hogan at 9:19am

2025-26 Budget vote

Discussion:

School supplies – question asked around the need for additional packs vs bulk purchasing. Referred to discussion last month that teachers do need additional packs when new students join mid-year. Some bulk purchasing, donations may also be helpful.

Proposed changes to budget items –

- Decreased budgeted income from \$30,000 to \$20,000 and removing payroll deduction donations to zero.
- School supply sales – increasing from \$2,000 to \$3,000
- Talking Canvas – moving to inactive
- Hospitality - \$1,500 to \$2,000
- Playground – \$300 for new playground balls
- Band Scholarship – increasing from \$150 to \$180 to cover two scholarships
- Academic Bee – new item, \$150
- Staff bathrooms – new item, \$100
- Staff cookie walk – new item, \$75

Motion to approve by Scott Peshak seconded by Ashley Thoreson

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

Treasurer's report: *Keaton Pulver*

Current Checking Balance: \$19,189.35 Current Money Market Balance: \$69,379.92 Total: \$88,569.27

Spending

- Teacher Reimbursements – \$511.49 left to be spent of the \$5,000. Teachers can be reimbursed up to \$125
- Expected majority of spending this month will be 6th grade activities and field trips

Income

- No income reported

Principal's report: *Jody Kerchal*

- Appreciation for all the Teacher appreciation celebration
- Principals have been attending a number of concerts and performances – lots of improvement, they are doing so great
- Busy three weeks with field trips, park days, activities
- May 30th, last day of school.
- Testing is complete. It went really smoothly. Had great attendance and the kids were ready. Scores will be coming back over the next few months
- Family skate night was enjoyed. Tyson and Jody both enjoyed getting to play and have fun with the kids
- Interviewing for building leadership positions, lots of applicants for open teaching positions
- Lots of learning to get in over the next few weeks
- Grateful for the PTA and staff support over Jody's first year

Teacher's report: *Megan Light*

- Echo thanks for teacher appreciation week
- Last round of screening being done for end of the year

Secretary's report: April meeting minutes are available for members to review. Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Committee updates:

Kelsi Salmon – Booster Paks – able to send full bags both times. Much appreciation

Scott Peshak – Chess Club – currently holding tournament

Open committees needing leaders – Book Fair, Westridge Weekly, community education, fundraising

Discussion around advertising these open positions and PTA use of talking points. It gets translated.

Current business:

Class photos are going to be ready soon. Store is being set up now. Digital copies will be available for \$25 and formatted for 8x10 printing.

Ashley Thoreson – Indian Hills Committee for Parent Involvement. General overview of information around the school and differences you may see coming from elementary. Confident the school is a soft-landing spot and great place to launch to next level. New administration coming – encouraged by meeting with the new administrator.

Emily Mayfield will be 8th grade chair and Kelsi Salmon 7th grade chair. Recommendation to get the binder system available to the students through the school supply order.

Jennie shared her appreciation for everyone's help and support throughout the year.

Important Upcoming Dates:

May 26 – Memorial Day, No School

May 27 – Field Day

May 30 – Last Day of School for students

May 30 – Clap out for 6th Graders

Meeting adjourned without objection at 10:07 am.