



**General Membership Meeting
November 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm
DIS Media Center**

Call meeting to order at 7:05 PM by Samantha Harriger.

Meeting was attended by: Samantha Harriger, Diane Metzger, Tiffany Garcia, Helen Bridge, Erin Kollar, Sarah Hughes, Julia Knotek, Elyse Moore, Tina Sivori, Evy Tidwell, Laurie Abadie, Katie Krueger

Officer Reports

- President (Samantha Harriger)
 - Star Player this month is Diane Metzger! You've done an amazing job with the Reading Challenge Fundraiser!
- 1st VP (Katie Krueger)
 - Nominating Committee update! The following are the parents for the committee:
 - 5th Grade parents: Janelle Marple, Sarah Riley, Reagan DeLuca
 - 6th Grade parents: Becca Levet, Tina Sivori, Hillary Nemecek
 - Katie: "I move to approve the nominating committee as read." Julia Knotek seconded. All In Favor, No Opposed.
- Fundraising (Diane Metzger)
 - Just over \$10,600 raised - only need to pay a little over \$600 for credit card fees, so our take away is around \$10,000!
 - There were 3 sponsors at the gold level: Health Express Urgent Care, Time Warp Bar, Porter Public Library - Thank you to our sponsors, please support them!
 - 188 students were registered to participate. 16 student prizes, 4 staff prizes - all were donated!
 - Celebrating tomorrow with a movie and pajama day, Monday students who raised at least \$5 will receive bags of candy to hand out to their class.
 - Top fundraisers for each grade will each get to be principal for the day - we have 2 front runners from the 5th graders, we'll reward the one who is the 2nd runner up with Asst. Principal for the day.
 - Raffle Winner for the Jersey was drawn from all students who raised at least \$1 - Noah Mustafa
- Recording Secretary (Erin Kollar)
 - Please sign in and record any volunteer hours for PTA (Dover Depot, Halloween Party, etc.) for October!
 - We are going to start sending out the meeting notes in the E-Blast following the meeting, and hosting them on the [website](#)!
 - You can record your volunteer hours if you do not attend meetings [here](#)!
- Treasurer (Allyson Mears)
- Council Delegates (Lauren Larkin/Tina Sivori)
 - "Clue" the Musical is happening this weekend at WHS - You can purchase tickets online.
 - The school district will be distributing muffins in the morning for breakfast until the stock of what the schools have runs out.
 - Ballers for Scholars in planning - event will be on March 13, 2026
 - Founders Day in planning - event will be on 2/26/26 at the Champagne Ballroom at La Centre and will be a plated dinner - \$40 per ticket - Award Ceremony will be during dinner, dinner and fun afterwards.
 - The Westlake Educational Foundation received the donated car from Serpentine for the annual raffle!
 - The annual Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser at Dean's for Council is currently happening. You can purchase [online](#) through 11/29 (pick-up is 12/13) or walk-in and purchase at Dean's by mentioning Westlake Council of PTAs through 12/24.
 - The W Shop at the High School is having a Holiday Shopping Open House from 9am-1pm on 12/13 to buy Westlake gear.

Standing Committee Reports

- **Administration (Mr. Miller):**
 - First PBIS assembly on 10/29 - went great!
 - Several clubs just kicking off, table top game club (Monopoly, Battleship, Uno), ski club, drone club
 - Awesome Veteran's Day Celebration - used pictures from Veteran's matched up with PBIS values.
 - Book Fair is going on - Finishes up tomorrow at Noon - give feedback re: Litterati!
 - CogAt - Gifted tested screening - only for kids who were not tested in 4th grade, new to the district.
 - On 12/5 - fundraiser - He and Mr. Headings are going to get taped to the wall & maybe have eyebrows shaved off? This is to raise money for the Dover Depot! Choir Concert on 12/6 at the PAC
 - Iowa test for 6th graders on 12/9 - Science 12/11 - Social Studies
 - 12/9 - 5th & 6th Grade Choir Concert at the WHS PAC
 - 12/12 -will be picture retake Day
 - 12/16 - 6th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert at the PAC .
- Advocacy/Parliamentarian (Julia Knotek)
- Art Show (Lisa McPeck)
- Audit (Melissa Carlisle)
- Beautification (Helen Bridge)
- **Book Club (Becca Levet)**
 - Had their first meeting last month and made bookmarks! The books are "Front Desk" by Kelly Yang and "War & Millie McConigle" by Karen Cushman. Happy to have kids join!
- **Book Fair (Amy Hoy/Elyse Moore)**
 - This year they used Literati instead of Scholastic. The feedback that Elyse has picked up on is that Scholastic had only younger kid books and that the books from Literati are more age-appropriate. There is something for every type of reader and every level of reader. Elyse is not sure what the income percentage is for Literati v. Scholastic, but the kids have been very generous in donating books to the library and teachers and rounding up their change to donate. The parent shopping night tonight has been EXTREMELY successful!
- **Community Service - Food and Toiletry Drive (Clarissa Miguel)**
 - It was a blast - don't have all the numbers yet. May Dugan Center has told other groups that Westlake City Schools is responsible for the largest donations that they receive all year long.
- Fall Fest (Tomoka Sasinka)
- Field Day (Jessica Wells)
- Founders' Day (Elyse Moore)
 - As usual, the party was so fun!
- **Halloween Party (Emily Emmerich/Katie Krueger)**
 - As usual, the party was so fun! Thank you to everyone who donated anything and volunteered to set-up and help at the party, and to our administrators who buy food for the custodians to keep them coming to work!
- Health and Safety (Sarah Hughes)
- **Hospitality (Jennifer Brogan)**
 - Conference Dinners were served today and will be served on Monday. Sandwiches, etc. from D'Italia Catering. People were able to sign up to donate items and submit monetary donations, and we received \$180 in Monetary Donations, which was fantastic! Thank you to everyone for the donations!
- I.D.E.A. (open)
- **Membership (Samantha Harriger)**
 - Katie Krueger wants to shout out that at the Council Meeting, it was announced that DIS is actually 10% above our membership level from last year, while all the other PTA units are either stable or below! Great job Samantha!!!
- **PBIS (Betsey Burkey)**
 - The first PBIS reception was a success! Having them back-to-back was a little more challenging, but overall, it went well!

- **Reading Programs (Tomoka Sasinka)**
 - Students who participated this summer were able to use the \$10 they earned at the Book Fair - every kid used theirs - there were 23!
- **Reflections (Hillary Nemecek)**
 - **Samantha is SO excited about what a great job Hillary did breathing new life into this program!**
 - We had 12 submissions! 3 visual arts, 5 literary arts, 1 music composition, and 3 dance choreography!
 - Entries will be displayed at Porter Public Library in December (Dates TBA). Judging will take place at that time. (Judges will be able to judge in person or virtually)
 - The awards ceremony will likely be held in the Spring at WES.
- Scholarships (Evy Tidwell)
- **Service Club (D.I.S.C.) (Tiffany Logan/Samantha Harriger)**
 - Encouraging the members to take ownership of the club. They have selected a motto: "Be the Voice. Be the Helper. Be the Change"
- Sixth Grade Recognition (Jennifer Brogan)
- Social Media (Tina Sivori)
- Staff Appreciation (Lauren Kaplafka)
- **Staff Grants (Sherry Sanfilippo)**
 - Several Staff Grants have been awarded:
 - A 3D printer for Project Lead The Way
 - A Wooden Peg Puzzle Board and Light Therapy Lamp for the Library
 - Supplies to improve the Native Garden Area
 - Costumes and Props to support the 5th Grade ELA curriculum
- Student Activities-6th (Katie Newton)
- Winter Activity (OPEN)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **Watch for confirmation of location of the meeting next month - tentatively will be at Ironwood on Dover Center at 7pm!**

Meeting adjourned at 7:53.