WMES PTO Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2026

WMES Media Center 7:00pm

1. Call to order- 7:01pm
2. Welcome/Introductions
3. Secretary Report- motion to approve last month's minutes: Melissa/2nd Nicole
4. Treasurer Report/Update- GLOW night was the largest expense this month (about $1400); current balance is $29,294.62
5. Public Relations Report-sharing events like Kindergarten roundup, DQ Art Nights; sharing sign–up link for Strides committees
6. Old Business
    a. GLOW-highly attended, smoother than last year. May consider blocking off 1st grade pod so the event is more contained
    b. Holiday Luncheon- good variety of food; earlier, clear deadline for dropping off food next year (10:00am)
    c. Mittens of Hope-provided gifts for 24 families (54 children, 160 gifts) from our school
7. New Business
    a. Kindergarten roundup (Jan 15)-29 RSVPs so far; PTO volunteers will lead groups around the building and blow up balloons/set up balloon arch
    b. I Love to Read Month (Feb)-$4500 budget to provide each student a book and decorations
    c. Playground shade update
        i. Grants will be requested from Mayer Lions, Mayer Baseball, Watertown Lions, and City of Watertown; goal of $6,000-$8,000 in grant money to go towards playground shade structure
        ii. Other potential funding available from the district for Elementary and Community Learning Center shade structures. Potential to apply for a grant from a dermatology association?
    d. Strides update-can start booking day of event vendors- Squeaky Cow, Papa D's, a coffee option and a pizza option for variety. K9 demonstration, horses? Hot air balloon landing on site?
    e. Future Leadership Opportunities- Public Relations position open
8. Adjourn-8:04pm motion to adjourn: Ivy/2nd Nicole

****NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 2nd***