WMES PTO Meeting Minutes-December 1, 2025

WMES Media Center 7:00pm

1. Welcome/Call to order- 7:02pm
2. Introductions
3. Approval of last month's minutes-motion to approve: Nicole/2nd Ivy
4. Mittens of Hope Gift Wrapping- donated items due 12/12- watch for communication for date and time to help wrap
5. GLO Family Night- 12/16 from 4-6pm at WMES. Watch for e-mail to help hang artwork if able, otherwise PTO volunteers are not needed; a night to come with your family
6. Staff Holiday Potluck- 12/17 Appetizers and desserts: sign up genius link will be posted to Facebook and sent out in WMES weekly newsletter for families to sign up
7. Kindergarten Round Up- 1/15/26. PTO to provide cookies, red carpet, balloon arch, Royals sign and items for photo booth. Volunteers needed to lead families around the building
8. Spark STEM Conference- PTO has helped keep the cost of the conference around $25 for families. For Spark and YAYA $2,000 was budgeted; $600 used for Spark attendees
9. Playground shade update: PTO has been in contact with district leaders about splitting the cost of two shade structures for WMES playground. Each 14x14 structure is estimated to cost $20,000. Members present feel this is a good long term investment and an appropriate use of money raised by PTO fundraiser Strides for Students and grant money received by local organizations. More discussion with the district will determine next steps.

Strides for Students:

1. T-shirts from Legends on Main-they will create website where families can order, items delivered to school and sent home; universal Royals design (no date or theme)
2. Overview of committees; sign up genius will be sent out for committee sign up
    a. Silent auction
        i. Item/sponsorship requests, thank you cards after event
        ii. Online site for silent auction: Cheddar Up (upload pictures, item descriptions)
        iii. Organizing items for day of auction, day of auction operations/checkout
    b. Volunteers- coordinate volunteers: students for the trail, more stationed volunteers especially at Crazy hair
    c. Day of Events- Food (Papa D's Italian ice & Squeaky Cow for now, new ideas welcome; would especially like to have coffee and pizza), bounce houses, face painting, tattoos, balloon animals, crazy hair, fire truck/sheriff, maybe a mascot like TC Bear or high school students to sing or play the National Anthem at the start of the walk, new idea: petting zoo/animals
    d. Trail- choosing route, checking conditions, signs/decorations/activities, water
    e. Prizes/assembly fun and decorations (top earner desk/doors, balloon arch)
    f. Communication- student paperwork

Adjourn-8:03pm motion to adjourn: Carrie/2nd Melissa

****NEXT MEETING JANUARY 5TH****