

## February 2026 PTA Meeting Minutes

- **Principal's Update- Principal McGinness**
  - "THE People" GEMS/GISE team is going to the state tournament this Sunday for robotics!!
  - 2026-2027 Budget time
    - i. We do not expect extra Title 1 funding (for meeting requirement of percentage of students on free or reduced lunch.) WP does not quite meet the threshold.
    - ii. Budget comes out on the 17th and is due March 6.
    - iii. Principal McGinness will present at Site Council and staff on Feb. 20 at 8 a.m. with a virtual option. All are welcome PTA board is on Site Council. Feedback will be due the following Tuesday.
    - iv. Principal McGinness will present final budget on March 4 at 8 a.m. (virtual option) to staff and Site Council.
- **Parks and Rec update- Anthony B**
  - Summer programs open for registration next Wednesday at noon.
  - Youth sports: Baseball, track field, sand volleyball, softball
  - Rec Plus: Summer reg is open. Closes when full. Dates are June 22-Aug 28 M-F, Friday July 3 closed for holiday.
  - The park held a community conversation about immigration enforcement on Jan 29. Over 125 people attended. The community shared resources and updates.
- **WP Sanctuary School**
  - Mutual aid and patrols are ongoing. Thank you to everyone who is helping out! Huge thank you to the leaders and organizers.
  - Announcement for draw down from Governor Walz today. Lots of damage done. We are going to see how it goes in the coming weeks.
  - There were grocery drops on Jan 22 and Feb 6, lots of help from caregivers, community members, and WP staff.
  - Will continue aid for at least the next four weeks.
  - When this is all over we are going to have a meet up and keep this community connection going.
  - Need more people to write thank you cards to donors.
- **Treasurer's Update**
  - Received another \$500 from Give to the Max from company matching.
  - Paid out a few grants (see below).
- **Book Fair**
  - Book fair is tomorrow 8:30a-3:30p
  - More novels for older kids.
  - A portion of all sales goes back to school.
  - Stocking classroom libraries with some of the Scholastic dollars.

- **Glow Run March 26!**
  - Glow up for Glow Run funds. Funds will be going to anything across the school that staff and students want to do for improving the school environment (hooks for cafeteria, trophy case). There will be voting for staff and students to identify priorities. Money will also continue to fund all PTA activities such as field trips, grants, teacher appreciation, etc.
  - Not ready for volunteers yet. We will distribute the sign up when ready via Friday email.
  - All student receive a shirt. It's a surprise.
- **Grants**
  - We still have a lot of money.
  - Caregivers are partnering with teachers to help complete grant form.
  - Recent grants included:
    - i. Headphones
    - ii. Sensory wobble stools
    - iii. Gems Gise t shirts
    - iv. Flashlights
- **Every Meal-** We have a team with space at WP who is sending food home with students who need it.
- **Staff Appreciation**
  - Camping display in the library for "I love to read" month.
  - Food for conferences- Chimborazo
- **Timberwolves game was postponed. We will choose another game and another date in the future. Maybe the Lynx!!**
- **Next PTA meeting: March 12 virtual 6:30p**