

Westview PTO Meeting Minutes

The Westview PTO is committed to providing the best educational and social experience for Westview students and their families. We exist to provide financial and volunteer support, bring the community together through events, build morale with staff appreciation, and enhance the quality of Westview students' learning experiences.

Date:	Monday, 04.20.2026
Time:	6-7:15 pm
Location:	Westview Library

1. Welcome
2. Event Recaps
 - a. Read-A-Thon We raised a little over \$16K. Short of our goal, but seems to be in line with what other schools are reporting regarding fundraising levels. Top readers' breakfast went well. No feedback from teachers yet. Prize cart was disruptive
 - b. Dine and Donate No numbers received from the restaurants for the last few. The last one of the year is Famous Dave's
3. Upcoming
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Sunshine committee is doing a Friends theme. PTO doing breakfast – reached out for cinnamon rolls donation and checking on coffee donation.
 - b. Carnival - need more late shift volunteers
 - c. WV scholarship Wesview has a \$1,000 scholarship for graduating Senior. Change this year because of the change to Bulldog Strong. Have a couple applicants with the old format and none with the new. Need to be a Westview alumni
 - d. Kindergarten night 4/23 5 - 6pm Angie can't attend, Rebecca will go and meet the families and encourage attending the carnival
 - e. Fun run - due to budget and time constraints pto will purchase freezies that have been purchased in the past. Checked into pricing, typically spend \$60 and budget for \$100. Alternative is outside the budget. Looking for a volunteer to explore options to get an alternative donated for next year
 - i. Looking for volunteers to cut open freezies time of event. Jamie can help. BYO-scissors. Teacher asked about canopy.
 - f. May 21 Famous Dave's - Dine and Donate

- g. Future of outdoor classroom at WV 3 year PTO project. Come to our attention that teachers don't use it because of bees and mice. Jamie reached out to Sandy who is in charge of BOLT team team of teachers for facilities and grounds). Start with that group about what to do with the area. Do they use it, if not, why not. What would they like to have back there. Need to cut down the dead stuff. Maintenance only done twice a year. Need volunteers for ongoing maintenance. All wildflowers need to be trimmed. Benches need to be repainted. Need to identify a date. Looking for grants for shade structures. How much do shade units cost. Running into a number of snags with different grant opportunities.
 - i. Near future need - sand/paint benches - summer? Jim has paint
 - ii. Cut down dead stuff soon?
- 4. Other Business
 - a. Budget for 2026-2027 (approval in May) Will vote on the budget in the May meeting.
 - i. Adjusted fundraisers consistent with previous trend of earning less each year.
 - ii. Cost of read-a-thon was higher because of the purchase of inflatable costumes.
 - iii. Adjustments will be made to Art Adventure based on costs this year. Jamie reviewed the budget recommendation for next year.
 - iv. Will discontinue the 1st grade celebration budget as not equitable across grades.
 - v. Teacher budget will be updated to \$75. Beautification budget includes seeds and dirt. Outdoor classroom at the end of the three year contract. Adjusted the budget to account for expected volunteer participation. Will look into a consultation for mice.
 - vi. Playground – new balls and equipment. Donzell would like to get new soccer nets and is looking into those.
 - vii. No longer paying for storage. Our contract with Public Storage has been discontinued. Everything is currently in Rebecca's garage.
 - viii. Price of budget software has gone up, budget adjusted for that.
 - ix. No questions raised during meeting.
 - b. Officers for 2026-2027 - Nominations (elections in May) Nominations in April, current officers agreed to continue next year) and elect in May.

- c. Storage - toss/donate/use (SLIDES) reviewed items from storage and made decisions on what to do with them.
 - d. Open Leads Reminder of open positions
 - i. Welcome Tables
 - ii. Kindergarten Mentor Coordinator
 - iii. School beautification
 - iv. Carnival ticket lead
 - v. Student directory
 - vi. Read-A-Thon Maggie volunteered and Teagan considering
 - vii. WV Scholarship Maggie volunteered
 - e. Parent meeting - social media/tech/bussing (SLIDES)
 - i. Maggie reviewed a couple slides from parent meeting. Feeling safe at school – on an upward trend. Cyber bullying trend. Social media use survey. Screen time between midnight and 5am. Provide slides? School adding something to prevent apps being added. Conversations being had about consistency across district about iPads – screen time, sending iPads home as well as discussions about helping parents address screen time.
 - ii. No Phones group available. Book Kids Brains and Screens is a good resource. Community Ed class available as well.
 - iii. Busing announcements came out – details reviewed at the parent meeting.
 - f. Art Adventure – need to know when we are going to do it. Will connect with the art teacher and see if there is a preferred time.
5. Principal Updates No update this time.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2026
Connect with us at www.tinyurl.com/WVEPTO

Note from Landbridge Ecological:

Early Spring/Late Fall usually involves a dormant mow. It's just one season or the other. Most people do this in the spring. Doing it in the spring leaves habitat resources for critters in the winter. But some people find it easier or preferable to do it at the end of the growing season so as not to worry about it in the spring. A dormant mow is just a cutting of the material, trying to chop it up into finer pieces that will lay as flat on the ground and encourage decomposition. A dormant mow isn't really necessary for ecology, but it promotes faster green-up, more visibility of flowers, and better aesthetics. Alternatively, material can be collected, bagged, and hauled off

the project area. This isn't strictly necessary to take this extra step, but it could be desired for aesthetics or to prevent thatch buildup. After the dormant mow, it should just be maintaining the bed with weed control and replacing any plant gaps in the bed with new plants over time.

Species have varying lifespans, so it can be normal to see some fade away and require replacing after some years.

Teacher Appreciation Week Committee

Help organize and plan for teacher appreciation week in May.

Please email mterrytutoring@gmail.com if you can help!

Spring carnival volunteer sign up

