

# Westside Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 5, 2022**

**Time: 9:30am**

In attendance: Laurie Millar, Rebecca Youngberg, Teruko Biddulph, Megan Hess, Lindsay Cayton, Jenny Transtrum, Kristie Bowers, Lori Nielsen, Sara Liechty, Ellen Meeks, Sarah Garcia, Maida Rasmussen, Ali Allen  
Total volunteer hours recorded:

I. Call meeting to order—Laurie at 9:32am

II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Approval of December Board Meeting Minutes

**A. Motion to approve—Megan**

**B. Seconded—Jenny**

**C. Passed**

### IV. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report (Janelle)

1. December Expenses: Volunteer appreciation, art show, candy canes
2. We forgot to budget for candy canes, but we were able to move money from literacy

B. President's Report (Laurie)

1. Val-o-grams
  - a) February 10-11
  - b) The Kindness Squad will run this, we just need to be present to handle the money
  - c) Ms. Nielsen will check with Kindness Squad about the details
2. Teacher Supply Drive
  - a) February 14-18
  - b) Did the way we did it last year work well? Mrs. Liechty says it did. (Have teacher check off items from a predetermined list with the option to add other items. Then send out a signup to parents with a general list, not specific for each teacher. That way each teacher gets a bag of supplies with a similar amount of items.)
  - c) Let's plan on the same thing this year, but make sure to follow up with teachers who don't submit a list. Last year we had some teachers who tried to submit a list, but it didn't go through.
  - d) Rebecca will contact teachers and create a signup for parents. Megan will post it on social media when it's time.

C. Principal's Report (Ms. Nielsen)

1. Penny Wars—is it too much to do it in February on top of everything else going on? We think it will ok, the supply drive doesn't take up much time.
2. Clothing store
  - a) Thank you for donations!
  - b) They were able to get a lot of food packages, boots, coats, etc. to families before Christmas break.
3. The store accepts donations of new or gently used items.

D. Teacher's Report (Mrs. Liechty)—nothing to report

E. Legislative Report (Ellen)—nothing new in January

### V. Committee Chair/Special Events Reports

A. SEP Dinner (Teruko)

1. January 13
2. The menu is ready: soups, salads, and desserts
3. Paola is creating a signup, it should be ready later today.

B. Art Show (Maida)

1. January 13
2. Entries due January 3-7
3. Theme: Together We Rise. Next year we will make the theme broader and less abstract so kids have an easier time relating to it.
4. Categories:
  - a) Photography
  - b) 2D art

- c) 3D art
- d) Poetry

- 5. One winner per category per grade will be selected. Judges will decide on winners by Wednesday so winners can be announced Thursday morning.
- 6. Art will be displayed in the gym
- 7. We can't set up the day before because there is city basketball that night. We will set up on the morning of January 13 at the start of school.

#### VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Current status of clothing store in the portables
  - 1. There are still a lot of donations.
  - 2. A lot has been given away already; people have been very grateful.
  - 3. They are ok on most items, can always use socks and will take any donations offered.

#### VII. New Business

- A. PTA Leadership
  - 1. If you don't want to continue in your current position next year, let Laurie know.
  - 2. We need a president-elect next year. If you know anyone interested, let Laurie know. (The president-elect trains for a whole year with the current president and becomes the president the year after.)
- B. The snow on the sidewalk behind the school is packed down and icy. Can we get that taken care of? Ms. Nielsen will let the custodian know so he can take care of it.
- C. Kindness Day—Lindsay is wondering if we might have a kindness day. Kids could all wear white shirts, do other activities to promote friendship. She will look into details from other schools that have done it and get back to us next month. The PTA is interested in participating in something like that.

#### VIII. Meeting dismissed—9:57

January 3-7, Collect Art Show Entries

January 13, Term 2 ends

January 13, SEPs

January 13, Art Show "Together We Rise"

January 14, District Development Day—NO SCHOOL

January 17, Martin Luther King Day—NO SCHOOL

February 2, PTA Meeting, 9:30

February 10-11, Val-o-grams

February 14-18, Teacher supply drive

February 21, Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL

March 2, PTA Meeting, 9:30

February 28-March 4, Dr. Seuss Week

March 7-11, White Ribbon Week

March 9, Staff Development Day—NO SCHOOL

March 17, Term 3 ends

March 17, SEPs

March 18, P/C Comp Day—NO SCHOOL

March 30, First Grade Field Trip to Thanksgiving Point