

Westside Elementary, PTA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2020

Time: 9:30am

In attendance: Sarah Judd, Rebecca Youngberg, Joanna Warburton, Shannon Arroyo, Laurie Millar, Janelle Christensen, Sara Liechty, Lori Nielsen

Total volunteer hours recorded: 14

I. Call Meeting to Order—Sarah Judd at 9:33am

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. **Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes**

A. Motion to approve—Laurie

B. Seconded—Sarah

C. Passed

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report (Janelle)

1. Received three more memberships
2. Bought spelling bee trophies
3. SEP dinners

B. President's Report (Sarah)

1. Sanitization parent helpers
 - a) Helping the kindergarten teachers is so fast and easy! But we're just not getting any helpers.
 - b) Sra. Jensen had a technician, but she doesn't anymore.
 - c) Ms. Nielsen said don't worry about advertising anymore; hasn't made a difference
2. Teacher supply drive
 - a) Let's keep it in February
 - b) We will have donations go into a big bin to distribute to individual teachers. Teachers can still make a wish list of supplies.
3. Favorite things questionnaires have been distributed; Sarah is waiting to receive a few back. She will post them by each teacher's classroom door, and on the PTA page by next week.
4. Candy cane purchase and distribution
 - a) PTA will purchase candy canes (just need total number) and have them to the school by Monday, December 14.
 - b) School will be in charge of distributing
5. PTA Honor Roll nominees—Sarah will get a form if anyone wants to nominate an outstanding PTA member for the PTA Honor Roll

C. Principal's Report (Ms. Nielsen)—Nothing to report

D. Teacher Report (Mrs. Liechty)—Nothing to report

E. Legislative Report (Ellen)—Not present

V. Reports from Committee Chairs

A. Spelling Bee—The spelling bee went well without classes in the auditorium. Let's keep doing it that way in the future.

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

A. Remote learning communication

1. Joanna Warburton has agreed to be a contact for parents of distance learning students, especially dual immersion
2. She has found tons of resources that she is happy to share. The difficult part is finding the time for kids to use these resources on top of their regular schoolwork.
3. It would be nice if families had a way to connect and communicate share ideas and ask questions.
4. Many ideas were discussed as resources for these families
 - a) Learning A to Z (Razz kids). We have plenty of licenses; Ms. Nielsen can include that in an email to distance learners so they can get access to it.
 - b) Extra worksheets from Spanish teachers that they have prepared for in-person students to use
 - c) iReady is NOT available in Spanish. Imagine Learning is, but we no longer have it.

- d) Sra. Diaz mentioned doing her literacy portion over Zoom; Ms. Nielsen will have a meeting with all Spanish teachers and see what they think about doing something like that.
- e) Ask remote teachers if students can do some of their assignments in Spanish instead of English.
- f) Joanna is willing to set up a Facebook page to connect remote-learner families. If she will share that with Ms. Nielsen, she will sent it out to applicable families so they can join. Just make sure to keep things positive—not a place to complain, etc.

Calendar

December 18, Elf/Grinch Visit?

December 21-January 1, No school—Christmas break

January 4, School back in session

January 6, 9:30am, PTA meeting

January 14, Term 2 ends

January 14, DDD, No school

January 18, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No school

February 3, 9:30am, PTA meeting