

Westside Elementary, PTA General Meeting Minutes

Date: November 4, 2020

Time: 9:30am

In attendance: Sarah Judd, Rebecca Youngberg, Marilyn Boucher, Janelle Christensen, Sarah Liechty, Lori Nielsen

Total volunteer hours recorded: 13

I. Call Meeting to Order—Lori Nielsen at 9:35am

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

A. Motion to approve—Janelle

B. Seconded—Marilyn

C. Passed

IV. Reports

A. Treasurer's Report (Janelle)

1. Second wave of t-shirts had a lot of orders. Let's do two rounds again next year
2. Got a few more donations and memberships

B. President's Report (Sarah)

1. Nomination committee

- a) Let's just take this off the agenda for a while...maybe each board member is in charge of finding their own replacement?
- b) Rebecca received an email from someone asking about the nominating committee; she will follow up on that.

2. Sanitization parent helpers

- a) We need a new signup for Term 2; Rebecca will get that made
- b) Rebecca will follow up with Laurie about posting a video that shows the procedure for volunteers

3. Teacher Supply Drive

- a) We had positive feedback from teachers about doing it in February instead of December. Let's plan on keeping it in February.
- b) How can we make sure all teachers receive items? Last year some teachers got everything they asked for, and others didn't get anything.
 - (1) Should we pool it all?—Make one big list from teachers' requests, then teachers can get what they want from the supplies brought in?
 - (2) What about teachers who have specific requests? Would that still be put on the general list, and that teacher gets first dibs on the item?
- c) Mrs. Liechty suggested doing a questionnaire with each teacher to find out their favorites (drink, treat, restaurant, place to shop, etc.) Then if parents want to get Christmas gifts, etc. for teachers, they can get ideas from the list.
 - (1) Sarah Judd will check with Megan Hess to see if this is something she might like to spearhead as part of Teacher Appreciation.
 - (2) If we got these done, how would we get them to parents? Post somewhere in the school? (PTA doesn't have a bulletin board this year...) Send home fliers with students? Should be posted online, too.

d) Val-o-grams

- (1) This is the next project we will be heading up. We will revisit it in January.

C. Principal's Report (Ms. Nielsen)

1. Halloween was calm in a good way.

- a) Was it too much stress for teachers who didn't have parent helpers?
- b) Should we do a parade next year? Some parents are relieved to get to skip it, some miss it.

2. The music teacher is teaching the kids the meaning of the words to The National Anthem this week.

D. Teacher Report (Sara Liechty)—Teachers loved the meal provided during SEPs. Apparently there was an amazing caramel sauce, recipe pending...

V. Reports from Committee Chairs

- A. T-Shirts (Heather)—Second round of t-shirts not delivered yet.
- B. Spelling Bee (Kristie)
 - 1. School bee will be November 19 at 9:30
 - 2. Marilyn will be running the microphone
 - 3. Should they stream it? Then teachers could watch the parts they want to without committing to the whole thing and still support their students.
- C. Box Tops (Krissa)—We only got about 1/4 of what we usually do.
- D. Book Fair (Marci)
 - 1. Turnout has not been amazing, but orders don't update until they ship so we don't have final numbers yet.
 - 2. We did a fall fair so that we can do the BOGO fair in the spring.
 - 3. Let's try to find ways to get kids more excited next time...maybe set up books in a way that kids can look at them without touching them?

VI. Unfinished Business

VII. New Business

A. Santa Visit

- 1. The Santa we use did his last visit last year, so there won't be a Santa visit this year
- 2. PTA will still provide candy canes
- 3. Let's try to find a fun way to distribute the candy canes—someone could dress as the Grinch or an elf.

Dismiss at 10:00am, next meeting December 6.

Calendar

November 19, 9:30am, School spelling bee

November 25-27, No school—Thanksgiving break

December 2, 9:30am, PTA Meeting

December 18, Santa Visit?

December 21-January 1, No school—Christmas break

January 4, School back in session

January 6, 9:30am, PTA meeting