



Wakefield Elementary School PTA 2020-2021 WES PTA GENERAL Meeting

Date: September 1, 2020
Meeting called by: WES PTA
Facilitator: Kristen O'Janpa
Minutes: Lindsay Sommer

Time: 4:30 pm
Type of Meeting: General
Timekeeper: Kristen O'Janpa
Location: Zoom call

Attendees: Kristen O'Janpa, Cindy Keech, Michelle Tomlinson, Kelli Fontenot, Caroline Numbers, Elizabeth Gilliam, Carey Koenig, Stephanie Sanderoff, Jenni Ellinger, Julie Raftery, Lindsay Sommer, Parent: Colette Meador, Parent: Felicia Howard, Parent: Joni Rezac

Absentees: None

- I. Call to order at 4:33 PM by Kristen O'Janpa
 - II. Review August minutes
 - A. A motion was made to accept the August 4th Planning meeting minutes.
Seconded. Approved.
 - B. A motion was made to accept the August 25th Budget/General meeting minutes.
Seconded. Approved
 - III. President Update: Kristen O'Janpa
 - A. Board openings - Grant writing position is currently open
 - B. Upcoming PTA Conference Training - Wake County PTA Virtual Leadership Training is Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 9AM - 2PM
 1. Training is free
 2. Slides will be available on their website if you cannot attend
 - IV. VP Student Services/Cultural Arts: Jenni Ellinger
 - A. Staff breakfast went well
 - B. School store - working on masks, socks and WES Eagle stuffed toy
 - C. Welcome walk line item was used to purchase WES pencils for students' packets
 1. There is a credit available with the company toward a future order
 - V. VP Grant Writing: Lindsay Sommer
 - A. No teacher grant requests at this time
 - B. Update from previous grant submission: unfortunately, we did not receive the SAS buddy bench grant applied for
- Julie Raftery arrived at 4:45PM
- VI. VP Fundraising: Caroline Numbers
 - A. Spirit Nights - Dairy Depot, Bad Daddy's October 13, 2020, from 11AM-9PM, WES PTA will receive 20% of sales
 - B. BINGO night has been paused at this time
 1. Learned that BINGO is a form of gambling in the state of NC, therefore, we need to purchase a permit from NC ALE

2. Permit is \$200 and can be used several times throughout the year
 3. There is an option for a temporary permit, at no cost
 4. Currently, we are waiting to hear back from NC ALE to see if we can get the temporary permit for this event
 5. Kristen took a preliminary vote to see how the board was feeling about this - if we do not get the temporary license, who votes to pay the \$200 to purchase the permit? 6 members voted yes.
 6. Board discussed issues that may arise with the cost of the permit
 7. Reminded everyone that goal here is not fundraising, but also having families reconnect and have some fun during this unprecedented time
 8. Once information is received from NC ALE, an email will be distributed
- VII. VP Events: Julie Rafferty
- A. Pumpkin Contest in October - students design a pumpkin based on their favorite book, submit a photo with their pumpkin, panel of judges will vote, 2 winners per grade, winners receive scholastic dollars - discussed the best way we can have students submit their pumpkin photos
- VIII. VP Membership: Carey Koenig
- A. 43 PTA members at this time
 - B. New incentives - no volunteer drawings right now due to pandemic, a parent drawing every month was suggested
 - C. Winners for September were:
 1. Kristina Goodman - parent
 2. Julie Coveleski - staff
 - D. Discussed several ideas regarding how to get more parents involved/join the PTA (i.e. maybe a video to show parents who PTA is and what the PTA does)
- IX. Treasurer Report: Stephanie Sanderoff
- A. No budget update at this time
- X. VP Communications and Advocacy: Michelle Tomlinson
- A. Wakefield Weekly - items intended to be included in future Wakefield Weekly's need to be submitted to Michelle by Friday the week prior
 - B. Communications - encouraged everyone to educate themselves on candidates running in the upcoming important elections
 - C. Town Hall - there will be a peaceful protest on Thursday, protesting against Wake Prep Academy
- XI. Principal's Report: Mrs. Keech
- A. Still working on figuring out school numbers
 - B. Discussed YMCA program that helping struggling families
- XII. Teacher Representatives - shared their gratitude of parent assistance during this unprecedented remote learning time
- XIII. Closing

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:51