



Wakefield Elementary School PTA 2020-2021 WES PTA GENERAL Meeting

Date: February 2, 2021
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, Stephanie Sanderoff, Jenni Ellinger, Julie Raftery, Lindsay Sommer, Carey Koenig

- I. Call to order at 4:30PM by Kristen O'Janpa**
- II. Review of January Board Meeting Minutes**
 - A. A motion was made to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Keech. Approved.
- III. President Update: Kristen O'Janpa**
 - A. WCPSS School board is meeting tonight to decide whether or not school will go back in person
 - B. Many thanks to Caroline, Jenni, and Michelle - they've been working so hard to get our fundraiser up and running
 - C. Open Board Positions for next year: Please consider serving on the PTA Board next year
 1. Available positions: President, Secretary, VP of Fundraising, VP of Cultural Arts/Student Services, VP of Membership, VP of Communications, VP of Grant Writing
 2. Please provide nominations to Kristen by March 30th
- IV. VP Grant Writing: Lindsay Sommer**
 - A. Nothing significant to report
- V. VP Membership: Carey Koenig**
 - A. Mrs. Bacon is staff member of the month
 - B. Stephanie Webster is parent of the month
- VI. Treasurer Report: Stephanie Sanderoff**
 - A. Teacher Grant line item in budget: there are teachers who were awarded grants but have not responded
 - B. Lindsay will reach out to these teachers again this week to see if they still want their grants
- VII. VP Events: Julie Raftery**
 - A. Julie is planning a mural to be painted by the students. It'll be 3 large canvas boards with outlines of school, neighborhood houses and Raleigh skyline. Students can sign up to take turns coming by the school to paint portions of the

mural. Also, students can bring any time capsule item that represents this school year.

- B. Attempt to get canvas/paint donated
- C. Timeframe: sometime in May

VIII. VP Student Services/Cultural Arts: Jenni Ellinger

- A. Spirit Wear - Jay has made everything and it's ready to go in the online store, but have not sent out the link yet because waiting on the field trip shirt - waiting for the last community partners to move forward
- B. If kids aren't in school - it's hard to deliver spirit wear items, so waiting to hear about returning to school

IX. VP Fundraising: Caroline Numbers

- A. Spring book fair is April 16-23rd
- B. PDQ brought in \$498.80 - thank you to all who participated
- C. No spirit night in February
- D. Community Partners - 3 partnerships have committed, all at the highest level, Raleigh Orthodontics, Riccobene, and Carolina Pediatric Dentistry.
- E. Caroline will continue to coordinate with Mathnasium and Ivy Reads
- F. Read-A-Thon: Lot of progress made with setting up the system, prizes established, awesome flyer created for teachers to pass out
 - 1. To do: send out reminders, Caroline will create a video to get everyone excited teachers can share with classes
 - 2. Fundraising level thermometers - track school-wide minutes read and donations received; if goals reached, Mrs. Keech will slime Mr. Dolan
 - 3. Idea: School-wide incentive for reaching a goal of school wide minutes read
 - 4. Idea: Grade level challenges

X. VP Communications and Advocacy: Michelle Tomlinson

- A. Michelle is planning to post a new year social media shout out to each community partner - Caroline will reach out to partners see if they want us to incorporate anything in the post
- B. Strawbridge Student Pictures are March 9th and 11th
- C. Bow sales are not continuing, so bows will come off Wakefield Weekly
- D. Recruitment for new positions - what kind of marketing approach we want to use to recruit members
- E. Advocacy - legislation will be voted on next week that will force schools to reopen in either Plan A or Plan B, don't see too much change coming

Stephanie Sanderoff left at 5:30PM

Elizabeth Gilliam joined at 5:35PM

XI. Principal's Report: Mrs. Keech

- A. Announcement: Title 1 Funding - free and reduced applications need to be completed, deadline is March 1st

XII. Teacher Representatives: Mrs. Gilliam & Mrs. Fontenot

A. Mrs. Fontenot thanks and appreciates the PTA for all they do for school and students.

XIII. Closing

A. Next meeting is March 2, 2021

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:08PM