

WES PTA Board Meeting

September 7th, 2023 – 4:30pm – WES Media Center

In Attendance: Katelyn Gregory, Caroline Robertson, Kelli Fontenot, Cynthia Keech, Kristen O'Janpa, Naomi Weir, Angela Blanchette, Katie Franklin, Emily Murray, Katy Goers, Veronica LaFemina, Kristie Shytle, Kaila O'Malley, Tiffany Maddox, Claire Olson, Felicia Howard, Taryn Backus, Tori Luduig, Carrie Bumgardner

Emily Murray motioned to approve meeting minutes from June and the motion was seconded by Kelli Fontenot.

Budget

- Not a lot to update on since year is just starting, but year is looking good
- We had our first community partner join- Gladwell Orthodontist
- Veronica would like to increase cultural arts budget to provide more opportunities for the school
 - Katy Goers motioned to approve the increase and the motion was seconded by Emily Murray

Principle/Teacher Updates

- Ms. Keech let us know that the school's EOG scores from last year were amazing and put our school in the top 10 schools with increased scores in Wake County!
- School is fully staffed for the year!

President's Brief

- We had some great back to school events leading up to the new school year! Thank you to everyone who helped out with those.
- We will donate a \$50 gift card to WCPSS for Principal and VP of the Year banquet
- We need to set an audit committee (at least 3 members) to cross check finances with Angie throughout the year.
 - Emily Murray, Felicia Howard and Claire Olson offered to join and help
- We also need to look into creating a nomination committee to help identify individuals who could possibly be on the PTA board next year
 - We will look into getting that set up later in the year
- Tiffany Maddox will work on the yearbook for the year
 - She is already working with Strawbridge
 - We need to make sure that teachers and families are uploading pictures that can be included in the book
- Teacher Grant Requests
 - Stephanie Johnson requesting \$131 for scholastic magazine subscription to use throughout the year
 - Approved by board
 - Ms. Simpers (4th grade) requesting \$138 for vocabulary subscription to use with class
 - Approved by board
 - Ms. Baxter requesting \$59 for linktivity subscription
 - Approved by board
 - Ms. Stegner requesting \$129 for brain pop subscription
 - Need to double check that the amount is correct, but still approved by board

Fundraising

- Doing great with community partners!
- Fall fundraiser will be Raise Craze again this year
 - Fundraiser will take place October 5-13
 - Emily and Katy are working together to get everything ready

Membership

- Currently have 111 members
- Officially started our membership drive which will last until October 10th

Events

- First event of the year is Dinner on the Lawn on September 12th
- Marcos Pizza will be coming and bringing the pizzas for the event
- Kona Ice will come at 4:30 for the event
- Keep it simple- use the playground and let kids play and families hang out on the lawn
- Spirit Wear and Membership will set up a table at the event to sell items/allow people to join PTA

Cultural Arts

- Application is due next week...need to finalize the dates before submitting
 - Veronica will confirm dates and get application submitted

School Beautification

- Staff wanted to see if PTA would provide new umbrellas for carpool line
 - We need them to let us know exactly what they want/need and what the price would be

Communications

- Nili has requested to move the newsletter to a different platform that would cost us \$59 a year. The current platform is free but hard to use and the new platform would help us be able to make the updates we need.
 - Board is in agreement with using the new platform

Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear presale is going great! Hoping to close the presale off in a few weeks so that shirts will be in and ready by mid-October

Upcoming September Events

- Dinner on the Lawn- September 12th
- Warrior Tech Spirit Night- September 15th

Our next meeting will be on October 5th at 4:30pm in the WES Media Center