

Westchester PTA
General PTA Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020 at 8:15 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:17 am on March 10, 2020. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Executive Board Attendees: Carli, Beth, Stephanie, Nelly, MaryBeth, Nicole, Mike, and Tamara.

General PTA Meeting

Agenda: The agenda for the current meeting and minutes from the last meeting were posted online. Laura motioned to approve the minutes. Heather 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Financial Report: Beth provided the financial report. The report was posted on the website prior to the meeting. We transferred money from the online sales account to our bank account. We received a payment from Amazon Smile. We had budgeted \$1,000 for movie night and we made about \$1,700. We purchased a Cricut for the PTA. Christina motioned to approve the updated financial report. MaryBeth 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Principal's Report: Mr. Hartmann provided the update.

- SEL Night was a success.
- Spring Break is coming up.
- Administration is working hard to sanitize the school as much as possible and they are encouraging students to use good hygiene in light of the coronavirus.
- FSA testing is starting soon.
- Field Trips: Parents are not able to chaperone overnight field trips. This is a rule for the school, not the county. The administration is looking to have more outside field trips with emphasis on experiential learning. Parents have been contacted for suggestions for future trips.
- They are trying to do more in-school shows/assemblies that all students can participate in. A few months ago they offered the ProKids show and yesterday there was the EcoChallenge show.

Reflections: Carli provided the update. Two kids placed in the state competition: Lauren Hargreaves placed 1st at the state competition and goes on to the national competition. Sienna Fazio placed second in the state competition.

Book Fair: Nelly provided the update. We made a little over \$15,000 at this book fair. For comparison, the fall book fair made over \$17,000. If we were to take all Scholastic Dollars, we would receive \$7,870. Cynthia motioned to take all book fair profits in Scholastic Dollars. Nicole 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

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FSA Testing: Testing starts the week after spring break. We need 10 proctors for April 1st and 28 for April 2nd. Proctors cannot volunteer for their own child's classroom. You cannot use your phone or read a book.

Kids of Character: The character trait of the month is self-control. The awards will be presented on March 31st.

Nominating Committee: We need at least three people on the nominating committee. They will be responsible for coming up with nominations for the elected PTA officials. Nominations need to be made 30 days before the elections, which would be at the April meeting. Nicole Morst, Christina Brandel, and Veronica Cadiz will make the nominating committee. Carli assigned Veronica as the pro tem, responsible for scheduling the meeting. Beth motioned to approve the nominating committee. Diane Mendez 2nd. All in favor. None oppose.

Library: The Media Center is getting walls. We need to go through 16,000 books and get rid of 3,400 books and every book that remains needs to be organized and boxed. We have set dates for volunteers: March 9, 11, 13, and 18. Sign up to volunteer online.

Volunteer Logs: These are due to Ms. Goodman by spring break. The Golden School Award is given to schools that have twice the amount of volunteer hours as student population (i.e. 1200 students = 2400 service hours). If an individual has over 200 hours, they are entitled to an award.

Yearbook and Pictures: The last day to order yearbooks in March 21st. Extra yearbooks will be sold after FSA testing is completed.

Night of the Arts: We are looking for donations to raffle off. Anything art or music related would be appreciated.

Upcoming Dates:

March 17th: No School

March 18th: Fifth Grade Committee Meeting at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

March 19th: Early Release

March 20th: No School

March 21st. Last day to order yearbooks online

March 30th: Classes Resume

March 31st: Kids of Character Assembly – Self Control

March 31st: SAC/SAF Meeting at 2:15 pm in the Media Center

April 1st: FSA Testing begins

April 3rd. Room Parent meeting at 8:15 am

April 9th: Early Release

April 10th: No School

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April 14th: PTA Meeting at 8:15 am
April 15th: Report Card Night at Larry's from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
April 23rd: Night of the Arts

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 9:08 am.