

February 7th, 2024

VWES PTO Meeting Minutes

Officers		Committee Chairs	
President/ Social Media	Erin Lospenuso	Community Business Partner (3)	Lauren Clevenger
Vice President/ Fundraising	Beth Harwell	Student Events (5)	Britney Harmon
Treasurer/ Spirit Rock (3)	Danielle Giudice	Membership (3)	Josie Bashford
Secretary	Tiffany Finn	Dine Out Nights (2)	Missy Coulter
Hospitality (9)	Nicole Novack	Spirit Wear (1)	
		Room Parent (6)	Yasmin Gallagher
		Nominating (1)	Tylee Anderson
Teacher Representative	Sydney Cauthen		

Meeting Opened: 7:00pm

President/Social Media Committee- Erin Lospenuso

Thank you all for coming

A Look back

- Monday Lunch Shifts- going great, thank you volunteers! The next dates are Feb 20, and March 11 & 27, We would love to fill the entire week of Staff Appreciation Week Apr 29-May 3:
- Dine Out Nights- Jersey Mike's (day of storm);
- Frosty Fair was another huge success 12/4-12/8, already locked in for vendor for next year
- Dine Out at Super Chix 12/13
- We got to host a fabulous Staff Lunch and provide a beautiful sweatshirt to staff.
- New Volunteer Approval Link-Head to PTO board where it is located.
- New Spirit Wear website/options

Upcoming 30 Days

- Feb 1st-10th: Stock IL Transportation Department
- Feb 1st: K & 4th Grad Yard Sign Sales open (through April 17th)
- Feb 5th: Monday Lunch Shift- *Volunteers needed*
- Feb 5th-15th: Penny Wars
- Feb 7th: School Store 7a-7:30a- Cancelled
- Feb 7th: PTO Meeting
- Feb 7th: PTO Valentine's Day Fundraiser last day
- Feb 15th: Hooked on Science Assembly- 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades
- Feb 15th: Parent Teacher Conference Night- Dr. Ramey providing meal
- Feb 21st: Wednesday Lunch Shift- *Volunteers needed*
- Feb 21st: Dine Out Night: Showmars 2/21

Upcoming 60 Days

- March 6th: School Store 7a-7:30a
- March 11th: Monday Lunch Shift- *Volunteers needed*
- March 13th: Didgeridoo Assembly- all grades
- March 13th: Dine Out Night: Chipotle
- March 18th: Spring Picture Day- *Volunteers Needed*
- March 20th: Boosterthon Kick Off
- March 27th: Wednesday Lunch Shift- *Volunteers needed*
- March 28th: Fun Run- *Volunteers needed*

Upcoming 90 Days

- April 8th: Monday Lunch Shift- *Volunteers needed*
- April 11th: STEAM Showcase/Art Show/4th Grade Wax Museum/Eagles Night- *Volunteers needed*
 - 5-7pm, Book Fair also
 - PTO will have a table set up with snacks
- April 11th: School Store (PM)
- April 17th: Last Day to order Grad Yard Signs
- April 25-26th: Field Days- *Volunteers needed*
 - 4th Grade Shirts
 - Popsicles
 - Obstacle Bounce House
- Apr 29-May 3: Staff Appreciation Week
 - Adding Lunch Shifts for the whole week
- May 1st: PTO Meeting- Vote for incoming Executive Board Positions/Vote to approve 24-25 Budget
- May 20th and 31st: Kinder/4th Grade Grad Celebrations
 - Photo Booth
 - Food Sign ups?
 - Setup *Volunteers needed*
 - *4th Graders voted for the Peace Out 4th Grade shirt*

Vice President/Fundraising Committee- Beth Harwell

- Working on 4th grade shirts- polled 4th graders on which option they liked best
- Looking at doing a School Supply fundraiser again- waiting on supply list- Ashley Dwyer will be heading this up this year.
- Need to cover drains on new concrete- looking at options
- Stocking the Transportation Department- Currently collecting snacks and drinks
- Grad Yard Signs ordering is live until April 17th- will set a pickup date once we have final shipping date
- Admin: Request for a padlock for the fenced area. It's currently open for the public during non-school hours, but people have been bringing dogs and not cleaning up after them. Combo Lock- PTO Ordering
- Purchased play equipment for PreK
- Provided Goodie Bags for Spelling Bee Contestants

Fundraising

- Next/Current Fundraisers:
 - Valentine's Day Fundraiser
 - Penny Wars
 - Boosterthon- March
- Other Fundraising:
 - Freedom Trash Can Cleaning:
 - Sign Gypsies: \$5 can be doubled and put towards a sign for the school or sent via check
- Fundraising Items- form sent out to all staff requesting input:
 - Next Step- put out a vote to membership on what Boosterthon funds should be spent on
- Fundraising Suggestion:

- \$5 Handprints on courtyard walls, beatification ceremony when tables/shades arrive - middle school is currently doing this for 8th grade students

Treasurer/Spirit Rock Committee- Danielle Giudice

- PNL

Secretary- Tiffany Finn

Community Business Partner Committee- Lauren Clevenger

- Corporate Sponsorship Total raised: \$8,254.97; 6 renewed, 7 new

Student Events Committee- Britney Harmon

- Assemblies:
 - Hooked on Science- Feb 15th
 - Didgeridoo Down Under- March 14th
- Not having a Movie Night this year since we had the Dance
- Upcoming:
 - Kinder and 4th Yard Signs
 - Field Days
 - 4th & Kinder Celebrations

Hospitality Committee- Nicole Novak

- Staff Appreciation Week- April 29th-May 3rd-THEME ANNOUNCEMENT

Membership Committee- Josie Bashford

- Total number of members: 110
 - Includes number of Teachers: 18
- Volunteer opportunities go to the Board first, committee chairs second, then PTO membership, and then the general population
 - Monday/Wednesday Lunch Lifts- Sign up is live
 - New District Volunteer Approval Company
 - <https://securevolunteer.com/lancaster-county-volunteer/home>
 - Recommend reapplying if current status is pending
 - So far the turn around rate has been much faster!
- Past Events:
 - Book Fair 10/2-10/6: 30 volunteers
 - Fall Dance 10/14: 18 volunteers
 - Gaga Pit 10/21: 6 families
 - Pies for Teachers 11/21: 51 different families donated pies
 - Frosty Fair 12/4-12/8: 54 volunteers
 - Lunch Take Overs: 41 volunteers
- Upcoming Events:
 - 2024 Lunch Shifts- need more volunteers
 - Spring Pictures?
 - Boosterthon
 - Field Day

Dine Out Night Committee- Missy Coulter

- Pelican Snoballs/Susie Lou total: \$50
- Extreme Ice total: \$65
- October: Panera: Total: \$193

- November: Greek Grill total:\$200
- December: Super Chix: Total:
- January: Jersey Mikes: Total: \$100

Spirit Wear Committee Committee

- Moved spirit wear to Wami Swag- new options, ship directly to customer, free shipping over \$50
- Working on adding Socks and Beanies to Spirit Wear

Room Parent Committee- Yasmin Gallagher

- Working with Carmen to get finalized Room Parent List
- Room Parent Door Contest
- Contest for the most PTO sign-ups

Nominating Committee- Tylee Anderson

- Vote in May for Open Positions

Raffle Winner: PTO Member Brittany Edwards

Class with Highest PTO Meeting Attendance: Ms. Blackmon

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05pm