

# December 2023

## 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: 8:35am**

**President/Social Media Committee- Erin Lospenuso**

**Thank you all for coming**

### **A Look back**

- Monday Lunch Shifts- going great, thank you volunteers! We have added another Dec (12/20) date (We're working hard to get that date filled to alleviate all teachers so they have their staff lunch)and 2024 dates
- School Dance- HUGE Success, thank you volunteers!
- Book Fair- thank you to volunteers for helping
- Charleston Wrap ~\$14,000
  - Headphones for Technology
  - Working on Music Instruments
  - Form sent to staff about their wants/needs
- School Store
- IL Fire Department Assembly
- Dine Out Nights- Panera, Greek Grill
  - Discussed ideas to increase attendance- student coupons, jean day for staff
- New Volunteer Approval Link
- Trail Mix Bar sponsored by Andrew Banks SF/Coffee Bar Sept
- New Spirit Wear website/options
- Pies for Staff
- Police Officer Fundraiser
- Gaga Pit flooring installed (this was from the 2022-2023 Boosterthon funds)
- Outside benches and shades installed (2022-2023 Boosterthon funds)

### **Upcoming 30 Days**

- Dine Out Night- Dec 13 (tonight) Super Chix
- Winter Classroom Celebrations- Dec 19th-Get with your class parents on how and where you are needed

- Winter School Sing-A-Long- Dec 20th
- Staff Lunch/Gifts- Dec 20th

### **Upcoming 60 days**

- School Store- Jan 10th am
- Jan 17th- Santiago Day, wear red
- Dine out Night- Jan- TBD

### **Upcoming 90 Days**

- Penny Wars- Feb
- PTO Meeting Feb 7th
- School Store Feb 7th
- Hooked on Science Assembly- 2nd, 3rd, 4th grades- Feb 15th
  - Do we need volunteers? No
- Didgeradoo Assembly- all grades - March 13th
  - Do we need volunteers? No
- Parent Teacher Conference Night- Feb 15

### **Vice President/Fundraising Committee- Beth Harwell**

- Hospitality Chair has officially been moved from a Committee Chair position to an Executive Board Officer position
- Other Items:
  - Busy Bee Days
  - Looking for a refrigerator for the PTO room
  - PTO sending all kids home with Candy Canes on Dec 20th
  - Need to sign up for a month to provide snacks/drinks to the transportation office- February

### **Fundraising**

- Boosterthon Funds
  - Completed- Gaga Pit Flooring, Concrete, and Benches/Shades installed
- Charleston Wrap
  - Raised: ~\$14,000
  - Purchased Headphones for Technology
- Frosty's Fair
  - Raised \$4,654
- Other Fundraising:
  - Freedom Trash Can Cleaning:
  - Sign Gypsies:
- Fundraising Items- form sent out to all staff requesting input:
  - Music Instruments- 1st priority
  - Thank you to the staff for sharing their wants and needs
- Fundraising Suggestion:
  - \$5 Handprints on courtyard walls, beatification ceremony when tables/shades arrive - middle school is currently doing this for 8th grade students
- Next Fundraisers
  - Penny Wars- February

### **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
- Event Sponsorship Total raised
- Will be reaching out to more at the beginning of the new year when corp budgets start over

### **Student Events Committee- Britney Harmon**

- T-Shirt Contest- need to touch base with Ms. Lyght
- Reading Buddies- Marley Cole and Heather Jackson have connected with volunteers, will reach out to PTO if additional assistance is needed
- Assemblies:
  - Hooked on Science- Feb 15th
  - Didgeridoo Down Under- March 14th
- Earth Day
- Upcoming:
  - Kinder and 4th Yard Signs
  - Need to schedule Movie Night

### **Hospitality Committee- Nicole Novak**

- Staff Christmas Gift/Lunch Dec 20th
- Trail Mix for Staff- October
- Pies for Staff- November

### **Membership Committee- Josie Bashford**

- Total number of members: 109 (up from 79 on 9/18)
  - Includes number of Teachers: 18
- Volunteer opportunities go to the Board first, committee chairs second, then PTO membership, and then the general population
  - Monday 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:
  - Dec 20th and 2024 Lunch Take Overs
  - 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, Dec 13, 4-8p -20 percent comes back to pto

### **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
  - 1 pager with idea suggestions, themes, inspiration
  - Ballot, each grade judge a different grade; prize?
  - Set date
- Contest for the most PTO sign-ups

### **Nominating Committee- Tylee Anderson**

- Vote in Spring for Open Positions

### **Other**

- **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.**

**Raffle Winner: Graham Thomas- Chili's Gift Cards**

**Class with Highest PTO Meeting Attendance: Davenport**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:33am**