



Van Wyck Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting – Started at 6:30pm

Board Attendance:

President: Cathy Patrowic
Vice-President: Kathrine Gross
Treasurer: Danielle Guidence
Secretary: Brooke Young
Hospitality: Allyson Fore

Officer's Report: Brooke Young took the minutes at the meeting

Presidents Report given by Cathy Patrowic:

- Cathy welcomed everyone
- **Coupon Book Fundraiser** recap
 - It was the most successful coupon book fundraiser so far at VWES
 - Almost \$6,000 raised
- **Thanksgiving Pies**
 - Every staff member got a pie donated by the parents of VWES
 - Thank you to everyone that donated.
- **Holiday Shop** update
 - We will not be able to have the holiday shop this year because it would have to be virtual again this year.
 - Last year there was a 3rd of the participation compared to years past.
 - Last year it was not fun for the children to do it virtually.
 - PTO did not loose money by cancelling the Holiday Shop because we did not have to put a deposit down.
- **Spirit Rock** update
 - The participation is going well.
 - There were complaints of not receiving emails but they have been going into spam. So please check your spam email.

Treasurers Report given by Danielle Guidice:

- A copy of the financial report was provided to meeting attendees.

Dine Out Night Report given by Kathrine Gross:

- Jersey Mikes night raised \$600. They have been our most successful Dine Out Night.
- We will take December off.
- February and March are still being scheduled.

A few reminders:

- Please remember to link your Harris Teeter vic card to our school.
- When purchasing through Amazon Smile choose Van Wyck Elem as your charity.
- Download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts.
- Download the Shoparoo app.
- This information can be found on the PTO website under support.
- We are always looking for volunteers. This year has been different with Covid restrictions but the PTO has still been active. We can't go into the school but we still have been trying to come up with creative ways to provide support to our VWES staff and students.

Opened floor to any questions or concerns:

- Parent Question: Will there be a father/daughter dance?
 - The decision on which events can be held for the rest of the school year is still being decided. Due to the recent outbreak of COVID cases around Thanksgiving break the decision has been put on hold.
 - If the decision is not made by the end of December, then we will have to say no to the dance due to the time needed to plan the event.
 - Dr. Ramsey reported that the district has asked that all the schools do the same events.
- Parent Question: The ground on the playground area needs resurfacing because it is tearing up. Are there any plans to improve?
 - It was agreed this is needed. We will get pricing. This could be a multi-year fundraiser because resurfacing with the appropriate product is expensive.

There were 31 attendees for the PTO meeting including the PTO board.

Next PTO meeting is February 7th.