

**Winnona Park ES PTA  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2022**

**Opening Remarks:** The regular meeting of the Winnona Park ES PTA Board of Directors was held via Google Meet – Wednesday 8/17/2022.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Courtney Sollie.

**Present:**

Courtney Sollie, President  
Samantha Koller, Vice President  
Isaac Husseini, Treasurer  
Yara Haddad, Secretary  
Kanika Sims, Communications Chair  
Greg Wiseman, Principle  
Alexis Werner  
Celina Beaver  
Adriana Lowery  
Jessica Stuart  
Jeanie Duque Dizon  
Jessica Hall  
Ashley Greuel  
Nikki Llewellyn  
Nicole Guidotti-Hernandez

**Principal Report:** Greg

- Great start to the new school year and great to be back at WPES
- It's been busy with semester pre-planning and facilities upkeep for the school
- Arrival and dismissal have been working well and all parents filled out dismissal plans for the first days of school and beyond making the transition easy.

**President Report:** Courtney

- PTA has provided welcome gift to all incoming K students including a T-shirt, wrapped up with flyer about PTA and information to join
- Flyers about passive fundraiser were sent home in student folders for all grades \
- PTA gifted \$200 for FT teachers and \$100 for PT teachers as a new school year stipend.

- PTA purchased spirit wear in advance this year and will be selling spirit wear at in-person events and online.
- PTA hosted kindergarten popsicle social / king of pops for all rising K students before school start (sponsored by Sarah Mosser)
- We provided donuts and coffee for all parents during 1<sup>st</sup> day of school
- For teacher appreciation – PTA supported a lunch during pre-planning sessions as well as popcorn for teachers in the teacher lounge.
- Today was the fist walk and roll to school day with coffee hour for parents.
- Upcoming events include the Food Truck Fridays starting 9/9/2022. It will be from 5:30-7:30 as a community building event. Families can purchase food and King of pops while on the field.
  - Greg added there's a high school football game and admission is free for ES school if wearing spirit wear.
  - Ellen Narain is contact person for fall social events.
- First book fair for the year will be in October – dates to be advertised later.

#### **Treasurer report: Isaac**

- Budget is based on previous years with some modifications
- Big sources of income
  - membership budgeted at \$2300 (37% gets paid to GA PTA)
  - Readathon budgeted at \$16,000
  - Others: passive fundraising, auction replacement (Spring Social and Fall parent night out), and spirit wear.
- Big sources of expenses
  - Teacher stipends (mostly paid) – earmarked for \$5400
  - Teacher and parent grants
  - Field trips for all students (lower budget this year since we expect to use less bussing)
  - Yearbooks for all students
  - Admin expenses such as PayPal and credit card fees expected at \$1500
  - Fundraising expenses at \$8,000.
- We started the year with \$48 K and expect to end it in a similar position to pass on to next board.
- Motion to approve budget by Alexis
- Second by Yara
- Vote by hands (or yay-s on phone) – motion passed.

#### **Garden committee: Jessica Hall**

- Committee met to plan projects for the year
- Able to obtain benches for free that will be placed in the native garden

- Options include painting or decorating project with kids, pulling weeds from veggie and butterfly garden (plan to have 1-2 workdays in the fall over weekends inviting parents and students)  
→ from Greg – Gill tree services left woodchips near Inman drive that can be used by garden committee if needed.

**DEI committee:** Nicole and Jeanie

- Met today with the 12 members of the committee
- Plan to continue celebrating federally acknowledged heritage months
- 1<sup>st</sup> will be Hispanic Heritage then November Native American.
- They will continue monthly book club (Ms. Zeff offered to liaison with staff as needed for books in classrooms)
- They will continue collaborating with larger ES DEI committee for community wide events like last year.

**Read-a-thon committee:** Ashley (Laura not available today)

- Planned for week of Oct 3-7 for students to read and log
- Kick-off event is planned for Friday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at Charis books and more.  
→ King of pops will be there on the lawn
- Goal is to raise \$16,000 and budget is \$150 for supplies.

**Auction fundraising committee:** Adriana

- Plan is to replace an auction with 2 events – Fall parent night out and Spring Fling
- Idea is to build community and tie with fundraising
- For fall event – looking for something local and easily accessible like Scouts. Mid November time frame. More to come once the venue is secured.  
→ there will be a silent auction component  
→ plan for 150-200 standing reception

**Communication chair report:** Kanika

- Request to send Kanika flyers and information about upcoming events at least 1 week prior to event to ensure ability to post on social media and PTA webpages
- Please post information to e-blast directly for any posts to be distributed through the school's weekly newsletter.

**Membership report:** Yara

- Currently at 90 members paid (through in-person events and sign ups online)
- Last year we had 211 members.
- We are expecting to reach 230 members this year.
- Need to promote joining the PTA to new parents (and returning parents to rejoin)

Room parent coordinator report: Celina

- All teachers have at least 2 room parents assigned
- Held introductory meeting yesterday that went well and shared all required documents with room parents.
- Will plan to start the stock up the pantry and breakfast events starting in September.

Next meeting is September 28 at 7:00 pm. Google Meet and In-person.

Minutes Submitted by: Yara Haddad

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