

PTA Waverly Elementary School

General Membership Meeting

January 9, 2024 6pm

VIRTUAL via Google Meet

Attendance:

Tiffany Tangen
Jennifer Bagdasarian
Vanessa Hong
Heather Depriest
Rachel Edoho-Eket
Raja Devarpalli
Eunice Kim
Amy Crouch
Mercy Debele
Jill Rupe
Cheryl Santoni
Benjamin Bach
Jacqueline Casserly
Mrs. Van Horn
Cathy He

Meeting Agenda

6:00 pm Call to Order (President)

- Review meeting protocol
- Attendance in Chat for meeting (Tiffany to take attendance)

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Update from Dr. Edoho Eket (Principal)

- Welcome back from winter brake and Happy New Year
- 1# school ranked in Howard County
 - #3 state wide!
- January is starting out on a positive note!

Update from Mrs. Santoni (Asst. Principal)

- Thank you for helping make us #1

Update from Mrs. Van Horn

- Can teachers still turn in old reimbursement?
 - We will get back to you!

- Wellness night is tomorrow!

REPORTS FROM EXEC BOARD

Update from PTAHC Rep (Ben Bach)

- Expanding publicly funded public pre-k
 - A lot of talk regarding gaps in the budget and lack of proper funding
 - There has been a lot of growth in the county and student population
- Talking about minimum salary for teachers and other incentives to keep teachers
 - Giving teachers the opportunity to spend more collaborate time with fellow teachers or student training and other student activities
- Re-zoning is coming up
- New acting superintendent announced ...Mr.Barnes... until the nationwide search is completed
 - Will probably take 5-6 months
- https://www.ptachc.org/?page_id=547
 - Legislative update from 1/8/24
 - Law changes proposed included BOE voting and BOE term limits
- HOCO rep
 - 5-6 grade orientation coming up
 - Kindergarten orientation comping up

Update from Jennifer Bagdasarian (President)

- Minutes uploaded to PTA website-any proposed changes? NO
 - Nov and Dec minutes have been approved as written
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the teacher sweets before holidays
- Upcoming activities
 - Tomorrow, January 10, Wellness Night
 - February 16 Winter Snowflake Ball Dance
 - Winter themed
 - Stay tuned for ways to volunteer and assist!
- IA reimbursement
 - Jen + Heather to calculate what we have left in IA funds, and will distribute to team leads
 - More detailed instructions to come!
- April author visit scheduled but looking for more ideas for school enrichment

Update from Heather DePriest (Treasurer)

- End of November balances: \$52306.41 in checking, 20K in savings
- On track for budget this year, slightly over in hospitality
- IA funds about half spent right now
 - Will double check before coming back to teachers and divide the rest of the money

- Need to submit the charities form to the state but am working with the state PTA board to navigate the website

Update from Amy Crouch (VP Fundraising)

- Minted FUNDRAISEWAVERY for 20% off, code does not expire
- In the works for scheduling a February restaurant night
- Will attempt to fundraise at the dance
 - Last year we did teacher experiences

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We will be in need of committee chairs for this upcoming school year!

Beth Cohen-Reflections

- Thank you Beth for coordinating the judging and submissions to county level. All students who participated will receive Certificate of completion and we will announce winners as soon as we have results

Melissa Hokman and Li Zhou Yearbook

- wavesyearbook@gmail.com

Erin Miller, Svitlana Bach and Melissa Hokman School Dance

- 2/16

Sara Scott-Teacher Appreciation Week

- Let us know if interested in helping!

Book Fair -Atousa and Jin Wei-

- Likely April timeframe
- We need more committee members for this!!!!

Theresa Pickett-5th Grade Committee

- -5th grade shirt competition winner selected-PTA to order t-shirts

Backpack Buddies (1st K)-Any updates from Ms. Ruppe/Huntimer

- 4/5 collections

New Business

- We will be recruiting for a new board this Spring
 - Board is a two year term
 - If interested let us know to facilitate a smooth transition!!
 - We must have a President, treasurer, and secretary
- Girls on the Run!
 - Program is hopefully coming to Waverly in the spring!
 - Ms. Ruppe is a registered coach and will have some information available for families tomorrow at wellness night!