**PTA Waverly Elementary School**

General Membership Meeting

November 14, 2023 6pm

VIRTUAL via Google Meet

Attendance:

Tiffany Tangen

Heather DePriest

Benjamin Bach

Jennifer Bagdasarian

Rachel Edoho-Eket

Teresa Neerdter

Rohitesh Prakash

Seyon Jothi Prakash

Amy Crouch

Kelly Van Horn

Priya Abraham

Cheryl Santoni

Li Zhou

Bernard Toney

Shari Haddaway

Jill Ruppe

Mercy Debele

Jacqueline Casserly

Kester Fernandez

Nordia Williams

Vanessa Hong

Ashley Hopper

**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)

* So close to Thanksgiving Holiday!
* Awesome Q1 Club Day, visiting different classroom and having fun activities
* Trunk or treat was amazing, Thank you!
* Report cards just came out, directions to download are available from the Wavery Wire
* Conferences!! We have had technical difficulties, we apologize
  + Closing Friday at noon
  + If unable to schedule you need to call the school directly after NOON FRIDAY 11/17
* Thank you for providing Dinner on Monday 11/20 for the teachers
* Thank you Veterans for your service!

Update from Mrs. Santoni (Asst. Principal)

* Tomorrow is ESP day, encourage children to thank paraeducators and support staff in the building!

Update from Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liaison)

* Looking forward to Turkey Trot
* Kids are excited to see parents during AEW!
* Are teams still getting $499?
  + Yes, Jennifer will formalize the amount in an email
  + Question from Jill Ruppe:
    - Is there a certain way we need to use the money
      * For educational materials (Per Dr. Edoho-Eket)

REPORTS FROM EXEC BOARD

Update from PTAHC Rep (Ben Bach)

* Long convo about transportation changes
  + Will be a public hearing on 11/16 regarding the bus cuts
  + Motion adopted was statement against policy changes that take away services without public involvement
* Safety committee had a big review (PTACHC website has more information)
  + Recommendations
    - Training for parents and students with crucial info regarding how to deal with incidents and communication with children
    - Cellphone use during lockdowns
    - Improve reunification process after lockdown
* 12/5 public hearing 2025/26 school calendar
* Dec 12th there will be a career academy
* PTACHC implemented mini meetings that they will hold once a month before the PTACHC general meetings, which are open to the public
  + Dec 4th regarding communications with members, social media, etc, best practices
  + Jan 8th: grant writing

Update from Jennifer Bagdasarian (President)

* Are there any proposed changes to the minutes from the October meeting?
  + Minutes approved as written
* Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Trunk or Treat event this year, looked like everyone had a blast!
* Present Ashley Hopper as new Communications Secretary-vote
  + Vote passed, all for, none against.
* Need volunteers this week for American Education Week- please arrive 10 minutes prior to the block to assist with checking in
* Turkey Trot-this Saturday!
  + Still need volunteers for checking families in
  + Thank you Cathy He and Julia Chan!!
  + Will be taking walk ins day of event
  + Shirts available day of event for purchase as well
* International Day-need AV assistance
  + Nov 29th
  + Any parents technically inclined? Need assistance with this.
  + Volunteers in general
    - 940-1015 for assembly
    - 240-325 for assembly
  + Looking for one more professional performer
* Parent Teacher conference dinner (volunteers needed)-catered by Zen Garden and PTA sponsored-need volunteers
  + 1 hr of your time for set up and clean up
  + Sign up genius sent out via email

Update from Heather DePriest (Treasurer)

* Several schools in our district do not have PTAs, we are going to make a recommendation to donate a small amount to assist in starting PTAs
  + Will present numbers at December meeting
* Balances checking $56093.16 (end of October)
* Savings $20147
* Trainings have been taken with the state PTA and one for general treasurers
  + One form needs to be submitted by Dec 1st that hasn’t been completed in the past
* PTA council of Howard county reached out with respect to reimbursing Howard county staff directly for classroom needs. There will be changes to the procedural part of how the money gets reimbursed, but we are still trying to figure that out and asking for additional feedback.
* Any suggestions on how to spend funds is open to the community!
  + Submitted form for new sign
  + New wildcat costume!
  + Picnic tables near blacktop
  + RECC could use a shed for outdoor motor development items
  + Contribute to assemblies for each grade
  + More ways to make school sustainable

Update VP Membership

* 230 members

Update from Amy Crouch (VP Fundraising)

* Earnings from Restaurant Nights
  + $223 from Ledo night
  + $150 from bagel bin
* Jaqueline Casserly-Spiritwear update
  + $215 raised
* Minted fundraiser is onging through the end of the year
  + FUNDRAISEWAVERLY
  + 20% off order
  + 15% gets donated back to us!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Beth Cohen-Reflections

* Reflections Update
* What is Reflections: The Reflections Program allows our students to express themselves through their gifts & talents in the ARTS!!  Each year Maryland students participate in Reflections and produce amazing entries in all six Reflections arts areas, including the following: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. Each of the six art categories then has its own divisions: Primary includes preschool to 2nd grade; intermediate includes grades 3-5.
* Students may submit entries beginning October 16th, with all entries due NO LATER THAN Friday, November 17th.
* [bethcohen124@gmail.com](mailto:bethcohen124@gmail.com)
* Awards ceremony will be January 18, Raindate January 25
* Need committee members for Reflections please contact me or Beth Cohen with questions

Jin Wei and Priya Abraham-International Day and Cultural Diversity

* Two assemblies one for Primary one for Secondary
* Looking for professional performers if you know of any-in particular Salsa dancers

Julia Zucco, Cathy He and Christina Frederick-Turkey Trot

Melissa Hokman and Li Zhou Yearbook

* Email wavesyearbook@gmail.com

Erin Miller and Melissa Hokman School Dance

* Date TBD

Sara Scott-Teacher Appreciation Week

Book Fair -Atousa and Jin Wei

Theresa Pickett-5th Grade Committee

* -5th grade shirt competition is finishing up
* Mr. George is collecting submissions

New Business

* Jill Ruppe: thank you for bringing in more backpack buddies donations!
  + Next is 1st grade and Kindergarten