**PTA Waverly Elementary School**

General Membership Meeting

December 12, 2023 6pm

VIRTUAL via Google Meet

Attendance:

Vanessa Hong

Denis D’Arbela

Paul Cho

Rachael Edoho-Eket,

Banjamin Bach

Jennifer Michels

Jennifer Bagdasarian

Shari Hadaway

Kelly Van Horn

Tiffany Tangen

Cathy He

Svitlana Bach

Amber Taylor

Jacqueline Casserly

Kester Fernandez

Mercy Debele

Hanson Chan

**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)

* Thank you for the incredible International Day, thank you to everyone who made it an amazing day!
* Shout out to orchestra and Band for amazing concerts, chorus is next week!
* Counsil of Elders happened on Monday night! Look for the picture in the Wire
* Excited for spirit week next week! Check the page for more information
* Wellness night coming up on Jan 10th
	+ Any businesses who are interested please contact

Update from Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liason)

* In Kindergarten: Thank you for the popsicle party! Students were surprised and excited
* Thank you for providing the meal for conferences!
* Thank you for the IA money!

REPORTS FROM EXEC BOARD

Update from PTAHC Rep (Ben Bach)

* From meeting 12/4
	+ Safety advocacy group, asking for policy change to mandate annual training handouts for parents and children.
	+ Update on general policy
		- <https://www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/12-4-23-Legislative-Report.pdf>
	+ Budget was short last year by $67million
	+ Speaker was the chief admin officer of Howard County
		- Introducing the attendees of the budgeting progress
		- Will be public hearings for public to get involved
		- Already seeing a gap of $92-95 million dollars
			* Will present solutions in 2024
	+ Bus policy public hearing 2/8/24
	+ Update on non-profit efforts
		- Different committees for diverse student body suggested
	+ Howard county superintendent is retiring and a search is underway for replacement
		- Will name a temp replacement during the next board meeting.

Update from Jennifer Bagdasarian (President)

* Are there any proposed changes to the minutes from the November meeting?
	+ Will revisit this next week after they are uploaded.
* Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Turkey Trot-thank you again to Cathy He and Julia Chan for planning this amazing event. We had over 100 students participate.
	+ Kindergarten won the food drive!
* Thank you to the teachers for American Education Week
* Thank you to volunteers for International Day-Priya, Jin Wei and Svitlana as well as all of the parents who volunteered to speak in classes, student performers. We had 2 amazing assemblies, hopefully your children came home to tell you about International Day-PTA sponsored 4 professional performers, 1 ballet, 1 salsa group, 1 TKD group and an Irish dance performance
* Friday-we will be having a Sweet Treats surprise for teachers
	+ sign up posted on FB today, and emailed
* Requested information: Google sheet also to be sent home to families with teacher wish lists and preferences
* Moving forward for IA support-due to the HCPTA bringing to our attention the county policy about reimbursements, moving forward we will still allocate IA funds to teachers however it will need to be provided to us in a list.
	+ The PTA will create a Google sheet for each team to indicate what you would like the PTA to purchase and we will have items sent to school.
	+ Paras and support staff will put in the request to the PTA for their items as well.
	+ Starting January 1st 2024, the teams will need to fill out the new Google sheet for ordering
* The PTA purchased gift cards for bus drivers, lunch/recess monitors, secretaries, and custodians!
* 6 $100 gift cards purchased for families in need at Waverly.
* January author visit scheduled but looking for more ideas for school enrichment

Update from Heather DePriest (Treasurer)

* $52,000 in checking and $20,000 in savings
	+ Waiting on a new sign approval

Update from Amy Crouch (VP Fundraising)

* Upcoming Restaurant Nights:
	+ Zen Garden 11:30-9:30 TOMORROW 12/13/23
	+ Say Wavery at checkout
* Minted FUNDRAISEWAVERY for 20% off, code does not expire

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 and Melissa Hokman School Dance

* Date TBD this winter

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-we will order t-shirts

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

* K and 1 just donated a lot of food!
* Thank you to the girl scout troop for helping to organize the food

New Business

* Feb conferences
	+ Feb 7 and 8th
		- Split: 7th first half in person only in the afternoon
			* 7th evening will be virtual
		- 8th will be all virtual
	+ K-5 will meet with math teacher