

PTA Waverly Elementary School

General Membership Meeting

December 13, 2022 6pm

VIRTUAL via Google Meet

Attendance

Rachel Edoho-Eket
Jennifer Bagdasarian
Mercy Debele
Rukshana
Whitney Deal
Mihret Debele
Amy Crouch
Harini Nagarjuna
Heather DePriest
Ashley Melone
Vanessa Hong
Cheryl Santoni
Cathy He
Diaz Abe
Shari Haddaway
Abraham Kim
Deepa Chenna
Kester Fernandez
Zerayohanes Girma
Taisook Parshall
Sanjeev Sawhney

Meeting Agenda

6:00 pm Call to Order (Jennifer Bagdasarian – President)

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

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Update from Dr. Edoho-Eket (Principal)

- Band concert tonight at 7pm
- Spirit week is going well! Tomorrow is hat day/kindness
- Looking forward to sweet treats day

- Chorus concert on 12/21, 4th and 5th graders
- Wishing everyone a safe winter break!

Update from Mrs. Santoni (Asst. Principal)

- Outdoor dining
 - When its chilly out, kids will be mostly eating inside
 - We encourage parents to still come and volunteer if weather isn't great as they can help in the cafeteria
 - If you can't come, call the front office to alert them

Update from Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liason)

- Thank you for the teacher wishlists!
- Thank you for the upcoming sweet treats!

REPORTS FROM EXEC BOARD

Minutes from 11/15 meeting-Motion to approve

- Motion approved, and seconded

Update from Jennifer Bagdasarian (President)

- Holiday gifting and appreciation (next Monday)
 - All About me for teachers posted on Waves PTA website (passcode)
 - Includes Amazon wishlists
 - Bus drivers appreciation
 - Thank you for your donations!
 - Will be giving a Waverly cup with treats and Dunkin gift card
 - Sweet treats for teachers 12/19
 - We will email regarding drop-off of treats

Update from PTAHC Rep (Whitney Deal)

- Guest speaker, Director of safety and security
 - Increase in threat trends and calls
 - 400 threats in 2018, vs 770 this year already
 - What is our role to ensure safe schools and communities?
 - Team effort
 - No jokes of violence are ok
 - Notice changes in child's demeanor or grades
 - Monitor child's social media
 - Have a friend/close family member monitor the social media
 - 1 833 MDBESAFE
 - Phone in tips or concerns
 - Cyber bullying should always be reported
 - If we are in crisis

- Sit still (stay home) and do not phone the school
- DO NOT text or call student
 - Noises can be a large danger if armed assailant in school
- School will update with emails, FB groups, social media
- Legislative update
 - Voted against appointed members of the BOE, as we would rather have them elected
- Per Dr. Edoho-Eket
 - Meeting consistently with staff to go over safety plan
 - Doing best to be prepared for emergencies
 - Since we are the largest elementary school there is a lot of logistics

Update from Heather DePriest (Treasurer)

- Treasurer's report
 - As of Oct 31: \$48,737 in checking
 - \$20,115 in savings (no change)
 - Cultural arts spending approx. \$3000
 - Processed a lot of teacher checks! Will be dropped off Friday
 - Three classrooms pooled money together which has made it difficult to reconcile the accounts
 - Reconciling for November now but don't expect much change
 - Give Backs through member hub
 - Link card to the app and spending in certain places gives back to PTA

Update from Vanessa Hong (VP Membership)

- 2 more members since last month, 52% increase from last year

Update from Amy Crouch (VP Fundraising)

- Restaurant nights
 - CAMPS 12/14 (tomorrow!)
 - Chipotle 1/25
- Minted FUNDAISERWAVERLY
- Shop for Education -be sure to update frequent shopper accounts
 - Weis, Tarris Teeter, Amazon Smile
 - PTA gets a percentage

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cultural Diversity (Priya Abraham)

- International Day Update, Friday 12/16!
 - Will be a wonderful way to showcase various cultures!
 - Need volunteers Thurs 12/15 330-5pm for set up
 - Let us know!

Cultural Arts Committee

- Used \$800 of budget for International Day Assemblies
 - 2 professional groups hired

Book Fair Committee (Lindsay McKendry- Lindsay.mckendry@gmail.com)

- No new updates

Yearbook Committee (Melissa Hoffman + Li Deng)

- Please send pictures to wavesyearbook@gmail.com
- Especially pictures from spirit days, National Education Week

5th Grade Committee (Nichole Hauswirth)

- 5th grade party at NSJ this year will be a rising 6th grader celebration with other elementary schools
 - Multiple schools involved
 - \$10ish a person
- Waverly to have a blacktop picnic celebration one evening (Date TBD)

Family Enrichment Committee (Melissa Hoffman and Erin Miller)

- Winter dance February 3
 - Feb 17th snow date

Teacher Appreciation Committee (Sara Scott)

- May 8-12

New Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned 6:26pm.

Next Meeting Jan 10th at 6pm, Virtually via Zoom