



Waverly Elementary School PTA

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General Meeting

November 18 2025 at 6:30 PM

Virtual via Google Meet

ATTENDANCE (17)

Cherilyn Brown, Principal

Cheryl Santoni, Assistant Principal

Sarah Girardi, President

Benjamin Bach, Treasurer/PTAHC Representative

Tiffany Tangen, Vice President of Membership

Ashley Jolissaint Hopper, Corresponding Secretary

Vanessa Hong, Recording Secretary

Shari Haddaway, Teacher Liaison

Jennifer Bagdasarian

Jacqueline Casserly

Meeta Pangtey

Svitlana Bach

Yi Han

Ben Malla

Atousa Fouladichami

Alysia Ruta

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MEETING AGENDA

6:30 PM: Call to order by Mrs. Girardi (President).

Reports from School Administration

- Update from Mrs. Brown (Principal)
 - Expressed appreciation to the PTA for their ongoing support.
 - Reported an excellent turnout for the Turkey Trot and noted it was a successful event. Reminded families that parent-teacher conference scheduling closes tomorrow.
 - Thanked the PTA for providing staff dinner during conferences. Announced two half-days next Monday and Tuesday, followed by school closure for students for the remainder of the week.
 - Shared that American Education Week has been enjoyable, and the staff appreciated the positive feedback and recognition from families.
- Update from Mrs. Santoni (Assistant Principal)

- Congratulated everyone on the successful Turkey Trot and shared enjoyment in participating as the turkey.
- Reminded families to send students with coats, gloves, and hats as the weather gets colder.
- Clarified **smartwatch** expectations: devices must remain in **school mode**, and students may not use them to contact parents during the school day. Students who need to reach parents may do so through the school office.
- Announced that **CogAT testing** for 3rd graders will take place in **December**; scores impact 4th-grade math placement and middle-school course placement. No preparation is needed beyond a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.
- Update from Mrs. Haddaway (Teacher Liaison)
 - Noted that kindergarten students were especially excited to participate and support their class feathers.
 - Mrs. Girardi: Thanked teachers for assisting with Turkey Trot feather activities in their classrooms.

Reports from Executive Board

- Update from PTACHC Representative (Ben Bach):
 - 11/20: Board of Ed meeting
 - 12/3: General Membership Meeting
 - Additional ideas about PTA communication and membership: send home a refrigerator sheet with upcoming dates, word membership around renewal rather than joining to eliminate confusion.
- Yi Han (SECAC and Special Education rep):
 - 11/11 was the last monthly meeting. Behavior is Biology: The Need for Trauma-Informed, Neuroscience-Aligned, Neurodiversity-Affirming, Relationship-Driven, and Collaborative Approaches Presented by Guy Stephens
 - Shared information regarding the recent arrest of a county paraeducator. The administration clarified that, according to law enforcement, the individual's contact with the involved minor occurred outside of school and was not connected to school activities or the school environment. So, please monitor your students' social media and dating app use.
- Sarah Giraldi (President)
 - Turkey Trot Recap: Expressed appreciation to all families, staff, and volunteers for their support of this year's Turkey Trot.
 - Event had strong student participation, high energy, and excellent community involvement.
 - Acknowledged donations, volunteer support, cheering, and promotion efforts—key factors in the event's success.
 - Student prizes will be distributed this week.
 - Upcoming Events & Updates
 - **Teacher Conference Dinner – November 24, 4:30–6:00 PM**
 - Dinner will be provided by Eataliano.
 - Volunteer slots are fully filled; gratitude expressed to those who signed up.
 - Thanksgiving Box Donations
 - PTA partnering with local community advocates to assemble Thanksgiving Meal Boxes for families in need.
 - Donations may be dropped off in the Thanksgiving Box Donations bin located in the school vestibule.

- Perishables or gift cards can be brought to school on **November 24 at 4:00 PM**, or arrangements can be made via wavespta@gmail.com.
- **International Day – December 5**
 - Student performers slots have been filled.
 - Families encouraged to volunteer in their student's classroom to provide a 20-minute cultural presentation (craft, clothing, photos, games, etc.). Grandparents are welcome to participate. Signup link shared via email; about half of classrooms have volunteers so far.
- **Winter Dance – February 20, 6–8 PM**
 - DJ has been booked.
 - Cafeteria space reserved at school.
 - Committee will be contacted soon to begin planning.
- Update from Ben Bach (Treasurer)
 - As of 9/2025 our balance in Savings was \$20,200 our balance in checking was \$19,200.
- Update from Tiffany Tangen (VP of Membership)
 - Current PTA membership stands at 208 members — a new record for the school.
- Update from Mrs. Girardi for Erin Miller (VP of Fundraising)
 - Turkey Trot Fundraising Update
 - Givebacks Fundraising: \$17,070
 - Event Sales: \$208
 - Silent Auction: \$1, Restaurant Night (Ledo's 295
 - Pizza): Raised \$350
 - Additional restaurant nights are being scheduled, including Chipotle and Squisito's.
 - Chipotle Restaurant Night currently in progress for Wednesday, December 17th.
- Mrs. Girardi
 - Hospitality: **Holiday Gifts for Teachers**
 - Discussed ideas for showing appreciation during the holiday season.
 - Proposed options include providing treats in the staff lounge and offering gift cards.
- Tiffany Tangen (5th Grade Committee):
 - Committee has been formed and has begun planning this year's activities.
 - While most 5th grade events traditionally occur in the spring, the committee has added two earlier events:
 - **Restaurant Night: December 14** (mainly to get together and hang out, but can also pick up food)
 - **Special Fun Activity: January 30**, at the school

6:50 PM: Meeting adjourned.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

No December meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 6:30 PM