



Waverly Elementary School PTA

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General Meeting

March 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Virtual via Google Meet

ATTENDANCE (14)

Cherilyn Brown, Principal
Cheryl Santoni, Assistant Principal

Sarah Girardi, President
Benjamin Bach, Treasurer/PTACHC Representative
Erin Miller, VP of Fundraising
Tiffany Tangen, Vice President of Membership
Vanessa Hong, Recording Secretary
Shari Haddaway, Teacher Liaison

Jennifer Bagdasarian
Yi Han, SECAC and Special Education Rep
Mercy Debele
Denny Gregory
Mazhar UI Haque Syed
Meeta Pangtey

MEETING AGENDA

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

Principal's Report – Mrs. Brown

- **Calendar updates:**
 - Monday, April 6 is now a full school day (previously a day off).
 - June 8 is now a full day (previously a 3-hour early dismissal).
- **School events:**
 - Celebrating Golden Paw Print Week and Spirit Week; appreciation extended to the PTAA for promotion.
 - Chorus concert scheduled for this Thursday.
 - Band and orchestra concerts will take place in May.

Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Santoni

- **MCAP testing is approaching:**
 - Encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.
 - Notify teachers of absences; testing can be made up through the end of May.

- **Safety update:**
 - A new “No Right Turn” sign has been installed at the parking lot entrance during arrival and dismissal.

Staff Updates – Haddaway

- Thank you to PTA for providing glow sticks for the dance.
- Kindergarten registration is underway; families are encouraged to register early.
- **Kindergarten Orientation:**
 - Time: 6:00–7:00 PM
 - Students should attend.
 - Request for PTA volunteers to assist.
- **Kindergarten Playdate:**
 - Date: June 3
 - Time: 4:30–5:15 PM
 - Location: Playground
 - PTA funding provided for popsicles.
- Follow-up communication will be sent to Mrs. Girardi.

Executive Board Report

Ben Bach – PTACHC Representative

- **County Budget (PTACHC):**
 - Budget shortfall noted.
 - Proposed reductions include paraeducators and middle school media.
 - Final opportunity to submit testimony regarding the FY27 budget.
 - More information available at PTACHC.org.
- **Tax/IRS Status:**
 - Maryland PTA considering applying for its own group tax exemption.
 - Pros: Direct communication with IRS.
 - Cons: ~\$3,500 cost and increased paperwork.
 - Members encouraged to contact Ben Bach with input on how WES should vote.

Committee Reports

Yi Han – SECAC & Social Education Representative

- April is Autism Awareness Month.
- Collaboration between the Department of Special Education and the Autism Society of Maryland on an upcoming announcement.
- Autism Society will host a parks event.
- Community meeting held with Director of Special Education:
 - Focus on redesign and expansion of special education programs.

PTA Updates

Mrs. Girardi

- Appreciation expressed to attendees.
- **Upcoming events:**
 - **Restaurant Night:** Brewster's Ice Cream
 - Date: Wednesday, April 15
 - Time: 5:00–9:00 PM
 - **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 4–8
 - Theme: *"Our Teachers Color Our World"*
 - Families encouraged to wear bright colors and donate supplies.
 - **End-of-Year Blacktop Party:**
 - Date: Friday, June 5
 - Time: 6:00–8:00 PM
- **Spirit wear available;** may be sold at concerts and school events, but also available online.

Treasurer's Report – Ben Bach

- Successful restaurant night raised approximately \$800.
- Recent expenses:
 - \$900 for dance
 - \$209 (additional expenses)
- Current savings balance: \$16,020.90

VP of Fundraising – Erin Miller

- **Appreciation for continued fundraising participation.**
- **Upcoming fundraisers:**
 - **Brewster's Ice Cream:** April 15
 - **Ledo Pizza event** (date TBD)
 - **Snowball Stand:** May 7

Yearbook – Jennifer Bagdasarian

- Flyer sent encouraging photo submissions:
 - Especially seeking photos from International Day and field trips.
- Thanks to teachers for submitting class photos.
- Ordering flyers to be distributed after spring break.
- Order deadline: End of April (custom pages available).
- 115 cover submissions received.
- Voting link currently available.
- Photo submission deadline: Mid-April.

5th Grade Committee – Tiffany Tangen

- T-shirt designs finalized and ordered.
- **Panoramic photo:** April 15
- **Promotion ceremony:**
 - Two student speakers will be selected.
 - Speech submissions due by April 7
 - Email: wavesfifth@gmail.com
- **Upcoming events:**

- Simulated Congressional Hearings: June 4
- Pool Party: June 9 (rain date June 10) at North St. John's
- Promotion Ceremony: June 10 at 9:30 AM

Additional Updates

- Field Day rescheduled to May 14.

6:51 PM: Meeting adjourned.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 6:30 PM