

“To make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.”

October 18, 2021

Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by Jennifer Leitzel, PTA president. There were 27 people in attendance, including WhES Principal- Lorcan OhEithir, PTA President- Jennifer Leitzel, Vice President- Beth Sands, Treasurer- Sarah Mouradian, and Secretary- Kristina Trice; quorum was met.

PTA President, Jennifer Leitzel, shared virtual PTA meeting guidelines to follow. The PTA’s mission was shared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

Agenda was sent out to the group, via email, prior to the meeting. A link was also included in the chat box. Sarah Myers made a motion to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Minutes were sent out to the group, via email, prior to the meeting. A link was also included in the chat box. Lorcan OhEithir made a motion to approve the September 29, 2021 minutes, the motion was seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT-

- The budget was reviewed via screen share for everyone to see.
 - Members discussed potentially changing the names of certain programs/events.
 - Members also discussed adding or taking away budgeted items with current covid guidelines potentially requiring reallocation of funds. And, not enough funds generated for current planned events.
 - The Watch D.O.G.S. program was added to the budget as it is now a PTA run program.
 - The date to carry forward on balance needs to be corrected.
 - Members requested the way the PTA utilizes funds and allocates funds needs to be more transparent.
- With the above corrections, there was a motion made by Colleen Maciejewski for the 2021-2022 PTA budget to be approved and the motion was seconded.

UPDATES-

- Membership: Natalie Bush was voted in as chair. There are currently 85 members. Discussed ways to promote the benefit and understanding of joining the PTA. And, the need for more diversity in PTA members.
- Hospitality: Bea Avelar was voted in as the chair. Hospitality will take care of any events that involve food.
- Watch D.O.G.S.: Patrick Hallaway was voted in as the chair. Patrick will meet with Shelley Lewis, who currently runs the program, and the Principal to transfer materials and discusses how the program will work going forward.
- Spirit Wear: Heather Hughes was voted in as chair. Heather will be contacting Middletown Sportsland to get more information.
- Giving Tree: Colleen Maciejewski was voted in as chair. The Giving Tree program is run by Shelley Lewis, but the PTA will help support her in any way.
- 5th Grade Celebration: Brent Leitzel was voted in as chair. More information to come as this is an end of year event.

- Events:
 - *October-*
 - Trunk or Treat, 10/27 from 6:00-7:30pm
 - *November-*
 - Veterans Day themed event?
 - *December-*
 - TBD
 - *January-*
 - - Winter themed paint night
 - *Upcoming -*
 - Pastries with Parents,
 - New Year - New Logo, members expressed concerns on changing “ The Heros”
 - Spring 5K
 - Teacher Appreciation
- Fundraising:
 - Chick-Fil-A, 10/25
 - Pizza Blitz, 11/3
 - Potentially having an online Silent Auction. Jen Waugaman has some information to share on how the event has worked at another school.

PRINCIPALS REPORT-

- Shared there was 96% participation in Parent-Teacher conferences
- Expressed gratitude towards all the members who signed onto tonight's PTA meeting
- Would like to get to know more parents and students
- Would like to see a strong PTA to help children, parents, and the community, not just fundraising and events
- The school and PTA needs to create multicultural events that would correlate throughout the school year that promotes equality and awareness. Not just one multicultural event a year.

Next General Meeting is scheduled for November 15th @ 7:30

Meeting Adjourned at 8:44pm

Kristina Trice

Minutes prepared by Kristina Trice, Secretary

***Minutes to be approved @ next meeting 11/15/2021