



Attendees

- Board Members: Carrie Differ, Marie Grant, Olga Mason, Laia Tideman
- Administration and Staff: Mr. Palmer, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Pachino, Ms. Svat, Ms. Singer, Ms. Thuro, Mr. Landel
- Members: 15 general members
- Total participants: 24
- Other guests:

Welcome

- Google Meet Etiquette and Tips

PTA Updates

- Membership Update
 - Go Fund the PTA - \$10 per month
 - 1 additional
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Committee
 - 5th Grade Committee
 - Volunteers still needed
 - Email us at westownepta@gmail.com.
- Past Events
 - Listening Session with Lisa Mack, BCPS Board of Education Member At-Large
- Upcoming Events
 - Winter Holiday - Teacher Appreciation
 - Suggestions from Membership

Treasurer's report

- Fundraisers
 - Charleston Wrap fundraiser Nov 1 - dec 4
 - Approximately \$900 in profit
 - Farmhouse Greens Restaurant Night
 - Lots of turnout!
- Donations
 - McDonald's (Frederick Road) provided a donation in lieu of Restaurant Night
 - Not doing restaurant nights this year
 - What about reaching out to the McDonalds by the school?
 - Carrie Differ - They do not offer as high a percentage
 - Carrie Grahl - Will reach out again
- Reward programs



- AmazonSmile, Box Tops

Westowne Administration Update and Q&A

- Update from Westowne Administration
 - Ransomware attack
 - Westowne still not able to access school messaging app to communicate with families
 - Westowne administration is communicating through Whats App. Schoology email is up and working.
 - Administration has no access to many data management tools
 - Things are slowly coming back online, just going to take time
 - BCPS is pushing out new security software to devices
 - All laptops/computers will have to be reimaged
 - Not chromebooks
 - Device swap
 - Westowne staff had about 6 that needed to be swapped out
 - At Catonsville high, only 1 student device turned in only had ransomware on it
 - Report Cards
 - Will be pushed out when systems are back up
 - Hybrid learning prep
 - All extra tables, chairs, bean bag chairs, bookshelves, rugs, etc have been removed from the room to make space for
 - Purchased PPE and sanitary supplies with money from the state
 - Markers around the building to direct traffic and keep students 6 feet apart
 - Markers for lockers for A/B groups
 - All bathrooms have been marked off, every other stall and sink are closed
 - Math Manipulatives Kit
 - Will need to be picked up by families
 - Will be organized once the school is able to contact all families
- Questions from membership and chat
 - How can we support teachers post-ransomware?
 - Make sure to communicate with other Westowne families and make sure they are connected.
 - Communicate with classroom teacher
 - Talking Points or Schoology are the best way to communicate
 - Clarifying what resources are up and available?
 - Schoology, Google, Talking Points, Raz Kids
 - Parent email address/contact information
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 - Food Drive

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2020

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



- Thank you from Megan Massie
- Great turnout...
- Building manager has questions about the recycled material collected by the school...
 - Green Club?

Resources for Families

- Curbside meal pickup continues at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - Pick-up anytime between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM
- BCPS Resources for Families: [Parent U](#)
- Baltimore County Supports: [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#)

BCPS School Calendar

- Dec. 8 – Westowne PTA Meeting via Google Meet @7:00 PM
- Dec. 23 – Christmas Holiday/Winter Break Begins at the End of the School Day
- Dec. 24 to Jan. 3 – Winter Break
- Jan. 4 – Schools Reopen for students
- Jan. 18 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ Schools Closed
- Jan. 29 – Second Marking Period Ends

Board Members:

Carrie Differ - President

Marie Grant - Vice President

Olga Mason - Treasurer

Laia Tiderman - Secretary

Administration:

Mr. Scott Palmer – Principal

Ms. Lisa Pachino – Assistant Principal

Mr. Anthony Schultz – Assistant Principal