



Attendees

- Board Members: Carrie Differ, Marie Grant, Olga Mason, Laia Tideman
- Administration and Staff: Mr. Palmer, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Pachino, Ms. Thuro
- Members: general members
- Total participants: 22

Welcome

- Google Meet Etiquette and Tips
- PTA Updates
 - Membership Update
 - 133 members
 - Committee Reports
 - Equity and Inclusion
 - 5th Grade
 - Spiritwear fundraiser
 - Planned events
 - Are you smarter than a 5th grader? virtual trivia night
 - Virtual Movie Night
 - Current/Upcoming Events
 - Yoga Club
 - Next session will begin in late Feb
 - FUNding Fridays 2/26 Crazy Hair Day
 - Restaurant Night @State Fare 2/18
 - All day event
 - Must mention Westowne when ordering

Treasurer's report

- Budget Adoption (Vote Needed)
 - Notice from Maryland PTA that we can do voting during virtual meetings
 - Reviewed in detail in September
 - Reviewed briefly
 - Stacie Laurer made motion
 - Carey Berlin seconded
 - Approved by membership 7:16 PM
- Fundraisers
 - Restaurant Night at Panera \$135.61
- Donations
 - Catonsville Women's Circle Grant



- Grant is specifically for materials
- Reward programs
 - AmazonSmile, Box Tops

Westone Faculty: Anti-Racist Journey

- Working with BCPS central office staff
- Working on 2 initiatives
 - Space for Change
 - Creating “space” for staff to have conversations around race issues
 - “Get comfortable with being uncomfortable”
 - Not professional development
 - Faculty lead initiative
 - Made part of the mandatory staff events
 - Not always visible from the classroom side
 - We Got This! Book study
 - Administration lead initiative
 - Not always visible from the classroom side
 - Provides planning resources etc
 - Includes a data based approach

Westowne Administration Update and Q&A

- Update from Westowne Administration
 - Equity and Inclusion
 - House system part of developing inclusion in the school
 - Started groups in grades 3-5 to discuss issues of race, bullying, inclusion
- Grounds/Dinosaur Playground
 - Dinosaur Playground as is - as of now
 - Includes picnic tables in the area
 - No plans to replace equipment
 - Equipment current available is similar to what is in other playgrounds
 - Option to think about what the community and PTA might like there
 - Field
 - Was replanted again
 - Administration continues to request upgrades with Baltimore County Grounds staff
- Ransomware Update
 - Definitely lingering issues and are expected to continue for a while
 - Networks are coming back online
 - School is contacting any families who may still have affected devices
- Kindergarten registration



- Info is coming
- School Reopening
 - How do families communicate changes to the initial reopening survey, or preferences to the school administration?
 - Not a lot of options for adjustments at this point.
 - Cohort information
 - Coming end of this week
 - Schedule
 - Virtual schedule will run until Friday before March 1.
 - March 1 - schedule will change for everyone, virtual and hybrid.
 - March 1 - 15 - first students in the building, early dismissal for students in classroom to give teachers time to plan and allow for students time to adjust.
 - April 6 - first day that all grades/students will be all on the same schedule.
 - Wednesdays will be asynchronous for all students.
 - Communication
 - Information will continue to come from the school and BCPS
 - Teachers
 - HR makes decisions on teacher leave
 - Expectation that all faculty will be in the building
 - What progress has been made by the county in getting teachers and other staff members vaccinated?
 - Many staff will have both vaccinations by the return to school
 - Currently ~20 faculty not yet vaccinated
 - What will a day look like at school?
 - Supply list
 - Possibly send out a modified supply list - optional

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

- Feb. 8-12, WES Spirit Days
- Feb. 11, Report Cards Distributed
- Feb. 15, Presidents' Day/ Schools Closed
- Feb. 18, Restaurant Night @State Fare
- Feb 26, FUNding Friday - Crazy Hair Day
- Mar. 26, Spring Break Begins at the End of the School Day
- Apr. 6, Schools Reopen
- Apr. 16, Third Marking Period Ends
- Apr. 29, Report Cards Distributed
- Apr, 30, Pre- K Conference Day – No Preschool-3 or Pre-K sessions

Board Members:

Carrie Differ - President

Marie Grant - Vice President

Olga Mason - Treasurer

Laia Tideman - Secretary

Administration:

Mr. Scott Palmer – Principal

Ms. Lisa Pachino – Assistant Principal

Mr. Anthony Schultz – Assistant Principal