Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes April 13, 2021

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



Attendees

- Board Members: Carrie Differ, Marie Grant, Olga Mason, Laia Tiderman
- Administration and Staff: Mr. Schultz, Ms. Thuro, Ms. Massie, Ms. Svat, Ms. Singer, Ms.
 McKnight
- Members: general members
- Total participants: 13

Welcome

• Google Meet Etiquette and Tips

PTA Updates

- Nominating Committee and upcoming Elections
 - o Thanks to Committee Members
 - o Reminder that we are still accepting interested candidates
- Current/Upcoming Events
 - O FUNding Fridays April
 - O Restaurant Week BricknFire Pizza Co. (April 21-27)
 - o Book Fair
- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Monday, May 3 Breakfast from Families
 - Dropoff @8 AM
 - Carts left outside for items
 - Thursday, May 6 Afternoon Snacks and Treats from Families
 - Before 11 AM
 - O ONLY Store bought, sealed items
- Update on National and Maryland PTA
 - O State PTA charter revoked
 - O Not a lot of information available. Westowne PTA still in good standing.
 - O Westowne PTA paid dues to MD PTA that cannot be recouped.
- 5th Grade Committee Reports
 - o Trivia and Concessions
 - o Sign-up required
 - Via google meet and kahoot

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Treasurer's report

- Membership Update
 - o 133 members

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- o 38 staff
- State Fare Restaurant Night Fundraiser ~\$100

Westowne Administration Update and Q&A

- Updates on Hybrid School reopening
 - o Notification for COVID exposure
 - 2 students tested positive in the school
 - School requires immediate guarantine
 - Student's cohort notified
 - o 4-day in-person school?
 - Under discussion by county board
 - School has no notice to begin preparing for that
 - O No Picture Day this year, because not allowed to have visitors in the school
 - Yearbook
 - Focused on 5th grade
 - PTA needs assistance to gather photos from families. Send request to families to email Westowne PTA with pics of 5th graders
 - Fall Know nothing for fall
 - o Staff update
 - Currer4 classes per grade level
 - Losing one kindergarten due to teacher retirement
 - Saturday School
 - Starts this weekend for Cohort A
 - Runs from 9-12
 - Students were invited
 - Starts May for Cohort B
 - Focus on social-emotional learning, phonics, and decoding
 - Approximately 20 students per cohort in grades 1-4
- Questions from membership and chat

Resources for Families

- Curbside meal pickup continues at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - o Pick-up anytime between 11:00 AM and 11:45 PM
- BCPS Resources for Families: Parent U
- Baltimore County Supports: COVID-19 Resource Guide

BCPS School Calendar

- Apr. 16, Third Marking Period Ends
- Apr. 20, 5th Grade Committee Meeting

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- Apr. 21-27, BricknFire Pizza Co. Restaurant Week
- Apr. 23, Trivia Night and Concessions Sale
- Apr. 29, Report Cards Distributed
- Apr. 30, Pre- K Conference Day No Preschool-3 or Pre-K sessions
- Apr. 30, Funding Friday Rainbow Day
- May 3, TAW Breakfast from Westowne Families
- May 4, TAW Lunch from the PTA
- May 6, TAW Afternoon Snacks & Treats from Westowne Families
- May 7, TAW Lunch from the PTA