



Attendees

- Board Members:
 - Carrie Differ, Marie Grant, Olga Mason, Laia Tiderman
- Participants:
 - Randi Singer
 - Zainab Thuro
 - John Palmer
 - Leah Svat
 - Megan Long
 - Megan Massie
 - Jeannette Czajkowski
 - Lisa Pachino
 - Katherine McKnight
 - Carrie Grahl
 - Dominic Costantini
- Total participants: 15

Welcome

- Google Meet Etiquette and Tips

PTA Updates

- Election
 - Thank Committee for their work
 - Megan Long announced the slate
 - Motion by Mr. Palmer, 2nd by Randi Singer
- Current/Upcoming Events
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Thanks to membership who helped make TAW so successful
 - Thanks as always to teachers
 - Restaurant Week - May 19, Lima's Chicken
 - Virtual Scholastic Book Fair - May 17-30
 - FUNding Fridays - May 28
- Update on Maryland PTA and National PTA
 - The entity formerly Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc
 - Other PTAs considering other models including PTO/PTSO
 - Westowne PTA Board not considering other models at this time
 - Please ask questions or share concerns with the Board
- 5th Grade Committee Reports



- Trivia and Concessions
 - Lots of fun! Interest to continue again.
- Yearbook Update
 - Only have 50/100 yearbook pictures
 - Only for 5th graders this year
 - Options to get pictures of remaining students particularly on the school grounds?
 - Mr. Palmer asked to have the list of missing students. Have teachers take pictures.
- Farewell Activities
 - Mr. Palmer mentioned that there is lots of discussion among principals.
 - About 1/3rd of 5th graders not attending in person
 - Possibility of pre-recorded event similar to last year.
 - Option for each teacher to do drive through on the half days, get their certificates, talk to teachers, reminisce, and take pictures.
 - Feedback from PTA Members
 - Marie agreed that it makes lots of sense.
 - Parent (Flavia Oleniewski) of 5th grader reached out to the PTA who does balloon stuff, interested in donating something to the 5th grade farewell
 - 5th grade committee available to help
 - Mr. Palmer talking to 5th grade teachers this week to discuss and finalize
 - School has a new owl image they are using that they will send to us.

Treasurer's report

- No budget amendments needed
- Membership Update -113/38 teachers
- Fundraisers
 - 5th grade concessions \$240
 - Custom Ink \$463
 - State Fare \$100
 - BricknFire \$175

Westowne Administration Update and Q&A

- Updates on Hybrid School reopening
 - Back to 4-days a week - Updates
 - 433 in-person students
 - 136 virtual students
 - Ms Howard's class has 22 students in person
 - Ms. Witz has 19



- Averages 14/15
 - Lunch continues to be in the classroom. But rearranged things in the cafe to allow some students/classes in pk-4 to come in. Plexiglass in between. Sanitized between students.
 - Options for students to have some space on the rooftop or outside.
 - Playground
 - May be used, but must be wiped down once per day. Is not the responsibility of the custodial staff. Discussion on how to do that effectively.
 - Recess - Students continue to keep masks on during recess because they cannot always maintain 6ft distance.
 - Dinosaur playground - some trees cleared, but some additional trees that need to be removed. Difficult to get grounds crew down to clean up space.
 - Library courtyard - lots of weeds. Trouble getting grounds crew maintaining the area. Option for the PTA to help out?
- Staffing
 - Priority teacher transfers being placed this week in schools with open positions. Westowne has 4 open positions (1 classroom, 1 support staff, 1 special area, 1 retirement) that Mr. Palmer is trying to hold for voluntary transfers.
 - Special area position already filled from priority teacher transfer
 - Minority recruitment event coming up that administration will participate in
- Next School Year
 - On a committee with the superintendent as they build out the 2022 school year
 - Virtual option will be a separate school with its own administration and support staff. Possibility that Westowne teachers will choose to apply for those positions.
 - Students will be co-enrolled in Westowne
- Summer School
 - Extended school year for selected students with an IEP and other criteria
 - July 12 - August 6/ half day
 - Transportation provided, virtual option available
- Questions from membership and chat
- Covid reporting/exposure notification
 - Based on contact tracing and how it occurs. No changes to reporting or notification.
 - No positive cases in the building.
 - CDC guidelines have changed from 6 ft to 3 ft as long as the students are masked. Maintaining 6ft in the lunchroom.
 - [BCPS COVID Data Dashboard](#)
- Field Day? Administration looking into some options to include both in-person and virtual students.

Resources for Families

- Curbside meal pickup continues at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



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- 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

- May 11, Last PTA Meeting for the school year
- May 13, Systemwide Professional Development Day – Schools Closed for Students
- May TBD, Scholastic Book Fair
- May 28, FUNding Friday - Movie Day
- May 31, Memorial Day – Schools Closed
- June 18, Last Day of Classes for Preschool-3 and Pre-K
- June 21, Early Dismissal for Elementary and Middle students
- June 22, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Early Dismissal for Elementary and Middle students
- Aug 30, *First Day of School for 2021-2022 school year*