

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



Attendees: 31 total attendees

Administration: Ms. Lisa Pachino, Assistant Principal

Board Members: Carrie Differ, President; Marie Grant, Vice President; Olga Mason, Treasurer; Laia Tiderman, Secretary

Statement: Meeting called to order at 7:04 by President Carrie Differ, a quorum being present.

1. Welcome - Carrie Differ, President
2. Approval of minutes (from last meeting) - Carrie Differ, President
 - Motioned by Olga Mason. Seconded by membership. No discussion.
3. President's Report
 - Membership Update
 - 156 current members including 42 teachers and staff.
 - Dinosaur Playground Replacement Update
 - Teacher Scholastic Winners
 - Spiritwear Update
 - Update on Custom Ink orders from September
 - Feedback from Membership on hoodie options:
 - Suggestion for house colors. Suggestion for Ravens purple.
 - [Boo Bash](#) thank you and update.
 - End of Quarter thank you to teachers and staff.
 - Current and Upcoming Events
 - Restaurant Night, November 17 at [Peace-of-Pizza](#) and Babas
 - [Catonsville Culinary Craft Workshop](#) through December 31, 2021
 - Community Clean Up - November 20
 - Pura Vida Bracelets - Thanks to Rachel Kohel
 - Opportunities to participate
4. Treasurer's Report - Olga Mason, Treasurer
 - Boo Bash! net total profit of ~\$1200.
 - Donations with memberships and Boo Bash.
 - Restaurant Night (Farmhouse) \$125.
 - Box Tops and Amazon pay out quarterly; update at the end of the year.
5. Committee Reports
 - 5th Grade Committee meeting in October (open to all 5th grade parents).
 - Working on commemorative items and closing ceremonies.
 - All grades will be included in the yearbook this year and will be available for purchase shortly.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Working on listening sessions and surveys.
 - Nominating Committee
6. Unfinished Business

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7. New Business
 - Holiday Shoppe
8. Westowne Administration Report and Updates - Ms. Pachino
 - School Psychologists Week (this week) - Welcome Ms. Bailey the new school psychologist.
 - American Education Week (next week) - No BCPS schools will be hosting in school events.
 - Report cards available November 22 Schoology soon. If a paper copy is needed, contact the office.
 - Conference days November 23 (PreK) and November 24 (Elem). Majority of conferences are virtual. If parents have a need to come in-person, contact the office.
 - Masks on school buses are required. School buses may not have extras available.
 - Ongoing food drive to assist 8 Westowne families. Organized by House colors.
9. Announcements (including date and time of the next meeting)
 - Resources and Supports
 - BCPS School Calendar
10. Adjournment at 7:53 PM

Signature: Laia Tiderman, Secretary