

Westowne Elementary School PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

Virtual Meeting - Google Meet



Attendees: 21 total attendees

Administration: Mr. Palmer, Assistant Principal; Marcy Hotchkiss, BCPS Title I Representative

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

Statement: Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Vice President Marie Grant, a quorum being present.

1. Welcome from Marie Grant
2. Title I Parent Information
 - Feedback Survey <https://tinyurl.com/2wss37cu>
 - For 2022-2023 school year, targeted group of 65 rising 2nd and 3rd graders (current 1st and 2nd graders) with dedicated staff and resources. Frees up time from other resource teachers to provide more assistance to all students.
 - Data based decision on what grades need the most assistance, annually. Annual designation is re-evaluated each year.
3. [Approval of minutes](#) (from last meeting). Motioned by Carrie Grahl and seconded by Ms. Singer. No discussion. Minutes passed.
4. President's Report
 - Membership Update - 170
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - The PTA provided new microwaves for the Teacher's Lounge. Corner House Realty provide breakfast. Thanks to all the
 - Nominating Committee Announcement
 - The Nominating Committee members are Tishawn, Carrie Grahl, and Olga Mason. The Nominating Committee will provide a slate of candidates next week.
 - Current and Upcoming Events
 - May 18 - Restaurant Night at [El Guapo](#)
 - June 7 - PTA Meeting and General Elections
 - Opportunities to Participate
5. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Olga Mason, Treasurer
 - Revenue
 - FUNDing Friday - \$60
 - Reward programs
 - Box Tops: \$15 as of March 2022
 - Budget Amendments
 - Per our Bylaws, the PTA cannot spend more than is approved. Administrative change to account for disbursement amounts for 2022 All for Books Grant, Field Trips, and Teacher Appreciation week disbursement.
 - PTA has raised more money than expected through fundraising activities and had less expenditures. No net change in the overall budget.
 - Motioned by Jeannette Czajkowski, seconded by membership. No discussion. Motion passed.

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6. Committee Reports
 - o 5th Grade Committee
 - Yearbook sale ended; 114 yearbooks sold. Revenue from yearbooks are used to help fund yearbooks for the rising 5th graders.
 - 5th Grade Celebration on June 14. Please direct questions to the administration.
 - The PTA and 5th Grade Committee are providing parting gifts to ris
 - o Nominating Committee/Elections
 - Board Elections will take place June 7. There is still opportunity for members to serve on the Board for the next school year.
 7. Unfinished Business
 - o [Draft Bylaws](#). Motion by Stacie Lauer, Seconded Clare Audy. No discussion, Bylaws passed.
 8. New Business - no new business.
 9. Westowne Administration Report and Updates - Mr. Palmer
 - o Finishing up state assessment testing for 3, 4, 5 graders this week.
 - o Lots of staff turnover and retirements for the 2022-2023 school year. More information coming from Mr. Palmer in the next newsletter on position changes and new hires.
 - o For next school year 2022-2023, teachers return to school the week of August 22. That week will include sneak-a-peek at your seat.
 - o Fly-up day will occur one of the last full day of school (around June 15)
 - o Fifth Grade Commencement is June 14, in person. Information went home to 5th grade families.
 - o Discussing possibility of field day and possible adjustments for rising COVID rates.
 10. Announcements
 - o Resources and Supports
 - o BCPS School Calendar
 11. Adjournment at 8:39 PM.
 - o Thank you to our PTA Membership!

Signature: Laia Tiderman, Secretary