

WGES PTA

Watergrass Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

Secretary: Rachel Saito

Location: WGES Media Center & Zoom

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Motion to Begin: Eric Murphy

2nd Motion: Jennifer Rivera

Attendees:

Eric Murphy

Ashley Murphy

Rachel Saito

Jennifer Rivera

Ms. Altman

Ms. Wardell

Kelly Sartore

Megan

Meeting Minutes:

GENERAL UPDATES

- **Clinic Requests/Needs** – Fulfilled and completed, per Ms. Wardell
- **Sunshade update** – Need Amanda to follow up, need a contract signed to lock in the price. Survey was already paid and need to follow up on status.

FUNDRAISER UPDATES

- **Valentine's Day Grams** – raised \$366!
- **Blaze Pizza** – raised \$91, lower than typical, we didn't send a flyer out to the school beforehand (oversight)
- **March Spirit Night:** 3/9 Chuck-E-Cheese (20% giveback)
- **Spring Carnival:** Looking to do an easy/hands off fundraiser due to Blaze not doing well. *Ideas:* Wacky Hat Day (1 day in March) – Eric & Ashley looking into partnering with an inflatables company to save money there as well.

STEAM NIGHT UPDATE – March 1, 5:30-7pm

- Presale Pizzas, 46 sold @ \$10 ea, approx. \$1 return on each
- Sell drinks & magnets at the event
- Marketing for the Fun Run

FUN RUN UPDATE – March 4, 7-9 am

- Need a big push this week for signups – Jenny will dress up as Hootie for morning car lines
- Still need volunteers
- Currently at 85 prepaid registrations (\$850) – need around 100 paid signups to break even on cost (Run Club members register for free)

SPRING CARNIVAL UPDATE – April 6, 5:30-7:30

- Send out something for interest on being on Spring Carnival committee
- Holding it in the PE area, Sunset is projected at 7:50pm
- Teacher involvement needed – admin to get word out

FIELD DAY UPDATE – March 10

- Cups purchased, still need volunteers for the 12:45-1:30 pm group, currently have 8
- Not doing blowup obstacles (not budgeted) but will be doing a water station instead

NEW BUSINESS

- **Read-a-thon**
 - To be held 3/31-4/14 with prizes distributed 4/17-4/24
 - Prize suggestions: Animal Show, Popsicle Parties
- **Dojo Posts & Communication**
 - PTA to send out a Monthly Calendar at the beginning of each month. This is complementary to the monthly newsletter/flyer and will be an actual calendar layout.
 - Thai at front desk will be adding events in Dojo and will help Altman/Wardell with posting.
 - Using GroupMe for PTA Communication moving forward. Any/Everyone encouraged to join the 'WGES PTA – General' Chat. Its searchable or you can reach out for a link.
- **Mrs. Kieper has asked for a paper shredder** – Ms Altman and Ms Wardell will put in a capital request from district to pull from Special Education Funds
- **PTA Elections**
 - Next year's election to take place at PTA meeting on April 24th
 - Looking to promote additional active PTA members – Share PTA Facebook page and push for other members to recruit people they know to join the page - also run a membership drive for people to share/add people they know to the GroupMe chat.
 - Need Chairpersons: Spirit Night, 5K/1Mi Race, Social Media (?), Marketing/Flyers, etc

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **3/3-4/14** – Read-a-Thon
- **4/6** – Spring Carnival
- **4/21** – All Pro Dads
- **4/24** – PTA Meeting w/ Elections
- **4/28** – Muffin with Mom - Rachel will create flyers – We will also need to provide an inexpensive (paper?) craft for the kids – 8:45-9:30 am
- **5/8-5/12** – Teacher Appreciation Week – Committee being formed to discuss ideas

FUTURE EVENT IDEAS

- Stepping Stone Painting Night – to display along walkway of school grounds
- Dance Fundraiser
- Fundraiser to purchase new picnic tables for the school so children can have outdoor classroom time
- Spirit Nights: Urban Air, Flying Squirrel, Main Event, Crumbl, Chik-Fil-A

General Questions/Answers: We need to ask Kathy Kieper about reallocating FRAs for funds no longer needed – Ask Angela if a budget amendment can be made when funds raised are no longer needed for an event (ie, Sunshade is fully funded, so previous fundraising can be utilized for a different event.)

Motions Approved: N/A

Motion to End: Ashley Murphy

2nd Motion: Andrea Altman

Close of Meeting: 7:08 pm