



Westgate Elementary School
PTA General Board Minutes
September 13, 2017
Second General Meeting of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm, by Lisa Kusumpa, Westgate PTA President

Roll Call & Attendance

There were 21 (21) members present, including five (5) officers, one (1) teacher, the Principal and Assistant Principal.

Principal's Report - Dr. Carter

1. Westburg & MacDowell will give a presentation at the next PTA meeting regarding our new behavior system "Right On Track".
2. Back to School Block Party was a big success. Thank you!
3. Lots of positive feedback regarding Kindergarten welcome signs. Thanks especially to Kristen Samuels.
4. Thanks to Lisa Peters - traffic is running smoothly. Please continue to sign up via SignUp Genius, and please continue to use the back drop off area.
5. Great turnout at Curriculum Night. It was same night as Rolling Meadows curriculum night. Hope to make change to different night next year. Some feedback regarding additional Math In Focus program explanation nights.
6. MAP testing started this week for new students and students under 40th percentile whose progress is being monitored. Data will be sent home October 11, 2017.
7. PARCC scores going home September 22, 2017.
8. Kindergarteners taking KIND individual assessment survey - families will get info soon.
9. RMHS football night is Friday - players will come visit during day to read to Westgate students.
10. Pennies For a Purpose - as of Tuesday, collected more than \$1000 & we have a family who has offered to match the donation.

Teacher's Report - Nicholle Mazzolo

1. Thank you for the Back to School breakfast.
2. Picture day went very smoothly
3. New math curriculum in full swing and going well
4. Some teachers wondering if next year Back to School Block party could be a different week than Curriculum night. Hard to have two long days in same week.
5. One Book, One District - A Nest for Celeste - teachers doing a variety of activities across curriculum to support effort.
6. Teachers making more efforts to be present on social media - encourage parent participation.
7. LMC needs parent volunteers - email via library website or communicate directly with LMC director.

Treasurer's Report - Julie Carlson

1. Budget Review - 2017-2018 budget is posted and has been sent to committee chairs. They had an opportunity in end of year reports to tell us needs and have budget adjusted if necessary.
2. There is a green envelope in office for reimbursement forms/financial correspondence.
3. Westgate PTA correspondence stock available for thank yous and what not - contact Julie Carlson.
4. Vote for Approval of 2017-2018 Budget
 - a. Motion to approve budget - Catherine Olsen
 - b. Second - Christine Naunheimer
 - c. Vote - 21 Ayes/0 Nays
 - d. 2017-2018 Budget passed

Secretary's Report - Tracy Recklaus

1. Review of May 24, 2017 minutes
2. Vote for Approval of May 24, 2017 minutes
 - a. Motion to Approve minutes - Tina Finch
 - b. Second - Bridget Shank
 - c. Vote - 21 Ayes, 0 Nays
 - d. May 24, 2017 Minutes approved

Vice President Ways & Means, Service - Lauren Cruz

1. Thank you to Nicole Escobedo - website is awesome and has been updated - we really want everyone visiting

- A. Spirit wear - Alexa Marchinski
 - a. Everyone likes the new company and are excited we've added a third color.
 - b. Good feedback on new logos
 - c. Sales are ongoing all year
 - d. \$10 coupon available to help cover shipping costs.
- B. Chess Club - Katy Murray
 - a. Two slots open
 - b. Need volunteers - any level of expertise welcome - once a month commitment - Wednesdays
- C. Read-A-Thon - Melissa Lenski
 - a. New fundraiser
 - b. Will coordinate with LMC director
 - c. Planning a week in October
- D. School Picture Day - Lauren Rodgers
 - a. Went awesome
 - b. Requested Tues, September 11 next year
 - c. Hoping to have proofs next year before orders are made
 - d. Paying online a plus
 - e. Picture retake day is Tues Oct 17, 2017
 - f. Would like to request PM kinders be scheduled for 1:15pm, not 1pm, to accommodate lunch clean up
 - g. Need a replacement for picture day chairperson
- E. Westgate Cares - Lauren Cruz
 - a. Wednesdays, twice a month
 - b. Almost full

Vice President Enrichment & Social - Gina Hammond

1. Back to School Block Party was very well attended and ran very smoothly.
2. Room Reps are up and running - all going well
3. PTA t-shirts are available for sale - \$6 - contact any board member for purchase

- A. Roller Skating Party - Emmy Butler
 - a. October 15. Orbit Skate
 - b. Partnering with Westgate Cares for donations
 - c. Looking for feedback with check-in process

President's Report - Lisa Kusumpa

1. All chair positions filled except Membership - Exec Board taking over responsibilities until chair is found
2. Directory Spot is getting updated - new PTA members will get sign ons in the next few weeks.
3. Thanks to all the chairs for all their hard work
 - A. ABC Membership Drive - Stacy Schulman
 - a. We are a foundation that raises money through memberships to fund four grants that benefit schools in Dist 25.
 - b. We get \$2500 if we get 25% of families to join
 - B. Reflections - Tina Finch
 - a. A national PTA program - Art contest
 - b. Theme is "Within Reach"
 - c. Deadline for entries in Early November
 - d. South Middle School hosting and event, Artspiration, to kick off the program - Oct 2.

New & Unfinished Business

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm by Lisa Kusumpa

Secretary: Tracy Recklaus*

Reviewed by President on: 9/26/17

Approved by General Board on: 10/1/17

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**Denotes that the original signatures are provided on the hard copy of the monthly PTA minutes.*

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