



Westgate Elementary School  
PTA General Board Meeting  
*Wednesday, April 18 2018*

*Fifth General Meeting of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year*

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The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Lisa Kusumpa

Role Call & Attendance

Fifteen (15) people were in attendance, including all executive committee members, two (2) teachers, and the Principal.

Principal's Report - Dr. Carter

- Looking forward to Fun Fair
- MAP testing getting finished up
- Looking at class placement - very involved process - team decision - balanced classrooms - Parents need to go to Dr. Carter if there are issues/concerns.
- Janie Jensen is retiring at the end of the year. In process of hiring replacement - currently looking for a candidate.
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Interpreter (Samantha Jasinowski) has been hired for incoming Fifth Grade student.
- New playground is coming - pushed over toward blacktop to accommodate any potential expansion in the future. Making it inclusive for all students. Goal is to be done by start of school year!

Teacher's Report - Paula Sullivan & Nicolle Mazzola

- Author visit was amazing - thank you to PTA.
- Thrilled with conference turnout! Looking at asking divorced parents to come together.
- Lots of kids participating in Just Move It Challenge
- Kids doing great with MAP testing
- Looking forward to Fun Fair and Teacher Appreciation! Thank You
- Art Club is awesome.
- Reminder that kids are updated the Student Leader in Me website - please continue to check it out and repost on social media.

Treasurer's Report - Julie Carlson

- Financial updates
- PayPal challenges being addressed and continuing to work toward fully electronic system

### Secretary's Report - Tracy Recklaus

- Read correspondence from Debbie Wood - Thank you for food/treats during conferences.
- School registration opens May 1. Katie Campbell (as membership chair) will be publicizing our "Click YES for PTA!" campaign.
- Procedure Guide has been revised and approved by Executive Committee. Major changes primarily regarding our move to a completely paperless PTA. Revised Procedure Guide will be posted to PTA webpage soon.
- Minutes from March 14, 2018 meeting reviewed
  - Christine Naunheimer motioned to approve the minutes
  - Catherine Olsen seconded the motion
  - Vote: 14 yays, 0 nays
  - Minutes approved

### Vice President Ways & Means, Service - Lauren Cruz

- Spirit wear - limiting options and keeping price point down.
- Teacher Appreciation coming up - lots of food and treats - Baseball theme - Fly the WI! - looking for food donations.
- Plant Sale going on - paper forms due Friday - few issues with PayPal being addressed. Order form online and in backpack mail.
- Skate Night - *Emmy Butler* - Orbit is closed. Looking at nearby alternatives - Possibly skating in Mt. Prospect - park district - cant reserve until Fall Brochure comes out. Bowling, Vertical Endeavors, and Open Gym also suggested.
- Spring Picture Day - *Lauren Rogers* - some feedback indicated some disinterest. Some issues with timing. Miscommunication about poses. Fall pictures will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  length.
- Scrip gift cards - orders due May 18, distributed 5/31&6/1
- Yearbook - *Catherine Olsen* - can still take orders if sent in to office until next Monday. Cannot be personalized.

### Vice President Enrichment & Social - Gina Hammond

- Beautification - Tracy Marchetti is looking for people to take over the responsibilities. A few teachers have expressed interest. Keeping up Vegetable & Butterfly Garden.
- Parent Game Night - *Katy Murray* - Arlington Lanes - April 28. 9pm bowling starts - 2 games. Pizza and pop provided, cash bar. Looking for donations for wine pull. 50/50 raffle. 111 participants signed up - still have room!
- Cultural Arts Assembly - Urban Gateways - May 18!
- Room Rep Report - *Lisa Kusumpa* - sign up for next year is being sent out soon. AHC in process of tightening up collection of monies used for classroom activities. Teacher Appreciation volunteers needed for decorating.

### President's Report - Lisa Kusumpa

- Committee chairs - please let us know if you are planning on returning next year - and help us find replacements.
- Old Board/New Board - Doodle sent out to help find date - <https://doodle.com/poll/5qq5uwh4kshy4b2x>
- Committee structures and proposed changes - proposed changes described & discussed.
  - Catherine Olsen made a motion to approve changes
  - Lauren Rogers seconded the motion
  - Vote - 15 yays, 0 nays
  - Changes approved
- Nominating Committee - Slate of Candidates will be posted by April 23, 2018.

### New & Unfinished Business

None

### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm by Lisa Kusumpa.

Secretary: Tracy Recklaus\*

Reviewed by President on : May 5, 2018

Approved by General Board on : May 23, 2018

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

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