

Minutes

April 4, 2022

Wanaque Elementary School

Called to order: 7:04pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you for coming out tonight. Cannot believe it is April already, this year is going too fast!

Mr. Alloy: This has been an exciting year! We recently had a magician visit with an anti-bullying message. Everyone loved it and it was definitely appropriate for all ages. Our volleyball club is getting started and we are also introducing a drum bucket club. Our PTA is incredible, what you all do is amazing. The 4th and 5th grade dance was interesting, kids had a few issues but they had fun - lessons learned and we will get ahead of them next time. The egg hunt is coming up and that will be great. The calendar is so full, the PTA sure keeps the kids busy. You all make this a very fun place to work!

After School Clubs:

Volleyball: Mr Alloy mentioned this club is getting started - we currently have 53 kids signed up. We are going to break them up; Wednesday will be 5th and 6th and Thursdays for 7th and 8th grades. This is a large number of kids so if anyone has some time and can volunteer just to support Ms. A, please let one of us know as that would be a great help!

Bucket Drum Club: This is for 3-5th grade to learn the techniques of drumming on plastic buckets from Home Depot. This will begin after Spring break on 4/28. It will be held on Thursdays after school for 6 sessions 3:16-4:16. Flyers should come home soon.

Committees:

Cultural Arts: As mentioned the anti-bullying assembly was a big success, more to come.

Dances: All postponed until Spring and will be held outside when we resume. So far the schedule is:

April 1 - 4th & 5th grade dance, we had about 120 kids at the dance, kept it mostly under control thanks to some great chaperones. The Photo Booth was fun though it ran out in about 30 minutes!

May 6 - Middle School - 6th - 8th - looking at maybe a Luau, will be in the gym

May 13 is the rain date

June 3 - tentative Big Guy Little Gal Dance

Right now we are not planning on the mom and me obstacle course as Mr. Trahan is having surgery and he is the one who coordinates it - more to come.

Fundraisers: Gertrude Hawke was another huge success. We had about \$5400 in sales and yielded a profit of about \$2700. This will be a big help with the end of year activities even without our tricky tray we have been staying afloat thanks to these fundraisers. Thank you to all who participated. The 50/50 was also successful, there is \$935 for the winner and we will draw that tonight.

Clothing Drive: 4/9 will be our Spring clothing drive. Great time to do some Spring cleaning and bag up clothes, shoes or linens - no toys or books, and bring them over in tied bags please. The drive will run from 9am-1pm. Middle school kids can earn community service hours by assisting with gathering the bags and loading the truck - please let us know if your child is interested.

Author Visit: May 11 we will have an author visit from our own Joanne Whitmore. She will read her book and has some activities that go along with it. This will be in the library after school

Egg Hunt: A little different this year, each child will get a goodie bag and there will be a race for the golden egg with popits for prizes, there will be one winner per class.

8th grade: We are getting some 8"x10" frames for the kids. At the April Board Meeting we will confirm the dates for brunch and awards. Should have confirmation for the next meeting. Superlatives are in the works, there will be another parent meeting at the end of April. Lawn sign order forms are also coming soon. We will email Mrs. Sisco for the Realization Awards.

Field Day: All items are in the works. The gifts have been ordered and right now we are not sure if we can allow parent volunteers but we will confirm soon, the date is 6/9.

Scholastic Book Fair: Scheduled for this week, Wednesday 4/6 set up on the stage, Joanne has the list, the fair will be Thursday and Friday this week.

Teacher Appreciation: Coming soon, looking forward to spoiling our staff for the week. Their ask this year is for flatware, we have provided plasticware in the passed so this year they would like to have a set that is more formal. We will be giving everyone a tote bag. So far our schedule for the week is:

Taco Tuesday

Donuts - Wednesday

Luncheon - Thursday

Ice Cream truck - Friday

Box Tops: Ms. Marion's class won for November/December, and each received a book of their choice. Jan-Feb winners for January / February was Ms. Babcock's class who received a snack voucher. Keep collecting and/or scanning. We have a check coming in April.

Apps: Please keep using the Stop n Shop and Amazon apps!

Bulletin Board: Shana will be updating the bulletin board for Teacher Appreciation.

Website: We have a great website so please check it out. WSPTA.com. Please also visit our Facebook page for news and updates.

New Business: The Chorus trip to Dorney Park will not happen as there are no buses available, there will be a more local, alternative, more to come.

50/50 winner: S. Prell

Reminder: We have some new requirements for volunteers as well, this is by executive order 253 that anyone entering the building must be fully vaccinated or have proof of a negative Covid test within 48 hours. If you have volunteered you will get an email requesting this information. This is a state requirement. If your event is outside or your visit is limited you may not need to meet these requirements.

Thank you everyone for coming, we will adjourn until May 9, 2022 7pm.

Adjourned until 5/9/22

Motion to adjourn: Iman
2nd: Lisa

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