

Minutes
September 13, 2021
Wanaque Elementary School

Called to order: 7:04pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you to all for joining this evening. Great turn out for our first meeting in 18 months

Motion to approve budget: Iman

Second: Maria

Mr. Frick: Welcome, some students may be struggling coming back to school after being isolated for a year+ and virtual learning. The well being of every student is mine and the administration's top priority. If anyone notices a child struggling, please let us know so we can try and help.

Mr. Alloy: new Vice Principal: Welcome, looking forward to meeting all of you, if you have any ideas you would like to share please reach out to me. I will make it my mission to get to know each child individually.

Tina J: - CPAC is a resource for parents who need help with their special needs children.

Budget approval:

Motion: Iman

2nd: Maria

With no objection the 2021-2022 PTA budget is approved and put into action.

LT: Recap:

Planners are coming hopefully Thursday 9/16, teacher gifts were given out and the start of the year has been a success. So sorry for the delay on the elementary planners - there was a delay from the storm. Middle school and 1st grade should have them.

Board introduction

Kaitlyn: Thanks yous from teachers from the new teacher luncheon and the going away gifts. Mrs. Basedow thank you for retirement gifts. Example from teachers. Thank you from Ms. Puzo.

Committees:

Teaming up with our teachers for after school clubs starting with the Track club. Mondays after school for 5th and 6th and Wednesdays for 7th and 8th - will use Lakeland Track for the most part - will be here in the field when we cannot. Mr. Trahan will be in charge. There will be a track meet to culminate the club. Forms have gone out. If you can volunteer that would be great.

Bingo: First Bingo is 11/19 and then one every quarter. This is for grades Pre-K through 5 on a Friday night - games are easy for all and everyone gets a prize - we are back in person so all events are here.

Box Tops: program is all digital, download the app, scan your receipt and then enter the child's teacher's name. Every 2 months the class with the most box tops gets a prize - books, ice cream etc - kids love it so please support them. Along with that ShopRite has a program where you download your price plus card and we will get credit. Hard copies of box tops are still accepted as long as they are not expired.

Class Parents: We select 2 per class, your role is to assist the teachers. 2 parties per year where you will help collect money and work with the teacher for the party at their discretion. You must be a PTA member. Class Parents also put together a tricky tray basket based on a theme assigned by the PTA. Facebook pages for each class are also part of the responsibility - just ask that you post the flyers and keep the communication open. Class parents will be announced at our October meeting.

Cultural Arts: We are very excited to bring in our first assembly - Rope Warrior

David Fisher holds the Guinness Book record for jump roping - he has been on America's got talent and good morning america and Ripley;s Believe it or Not. He will do tricks and jumping and will teach the students about teamwork and not being afraid to make mistakes. This will be October 6 in conjunction with our Kindness week.

Dances: Middle school Halloween Dance, Friday 10/29 with Haskell 6-8th in costume, DJ and a great time for all. Volunteers and donations will be requested. The 4-5th grade Ugly Sweater Dance that the kids love over the holidays. Big Guy Little Gal dance will be after the new year. Pre-K through 5th. Another middle school dance in the Spring and then the 8th Grade Dance. There will also be a Mother/Son obstacle course also in the January timeframe.

Clothing drive: 10/10/21 Lisa B. is the chairperson, 9-2pm, accepting clothes, shoes, accessories and household linens. If you want to volunteer please reach out to her. No toys, car seats etc. More specifics are listed on the website. There will be tax forms available. Can use middle school volunteers for community service hours. Make sure everything is in bas and tied closed.

Dine to donate: First one is 9/21 with Luigis, all day long, mention Wanaque PTA. October we will do Wendys on 10/20. November will be Panera on 11/26. Flyers will be sent home for all.

8th grade: committee is set. Lots of events planned, meeting this week and there will be more details coming.

School apparel: great new stuff on there, check the new things out. Lots of stuff on the website checkout the website for spirit wear and other new things all the time

Picture Day: October 8 will be Fall pictures. Everyone gets their picture taken for IDs and then for purchase, you can order online, envelopes will go home along with the link in email to pre-order. Teachers will be able to sign up for 10 minutes slots that are most convenient.

Kids Stuff books: Shana Urgo - books going home this week \$25 through the end of September.

Fundraisers: Gertrude Hawke going out first week of October, due November 8 with delivery December 6 (est). Stop N Shop also has a rewards program if you register the school with your card. Please post information on your class pages - we need the support.

Amazon Smile we are also connected with - just be mindful you will need to recertify the account periodically. Birthday Banners will also be a fundraiser for us, fill out the forms and one of us will be going out the night before the event and decorate the lawn, first come first served and there will also be a goodie bag for the birthday child. More info coming soon in the Friday Folder and it is on the facebook pages too. Please share it.

Mums pick up is Monday 9/20 in front of the school, today is the last day for orders - over \$4000 in sales. Anyone who does not pick up between 2-6, we will leave them in front of the school. 40+ donations for the school decorations. Kids will plant the following day during recess.

Member Hub: a way to communicate with members as well as assisting with our fundraisers - you can buy things on their like the kids stuff books and the birthday banners. There is a small fee but it makes things easy for you to do it all at once.

Holiday Bazaar: Craft fair on December 4th. We have 10 vendors confirmed with 3 pending. We will be reaching out to the moms who helped last year. There will be a craft table and some snacks - great way to get some holiday shopping done locally.

Holiday shop: December 2 in school all day up to 5th grade. Kids can shop for family members. Envelopes will go home that you can fill in with a budget and the money. Will need parent volunteers as well - will also be open during the Holiday Bazaar.

Membership: We are doing well so far about 150 members, cost is \$10 a small portion has to go back to NJ PTA but the majority goes to our school

New Business: Please do not feel obligated to do all fundraisers but if you can support one or two that is great. Tricky Tray could not happen the last 2 years, we had a safety net that got us through, hoping we can have it this year.

Scholastic Book Fair: Need a co-chair for this committee. First fair will be December 1 through the 4th. Kids can shop at teacher's discretion. A few nights will be open for the public and will also be at the Holiday Bazaar.

Thanksgiving Baskets: we work with the town nurse to put together baskets for the less fortunate in our community as well as one of our teachers, Ms. Grego, we ask for donations at grade level so that is coming up.

Town Picnic: PTA sells vendor tables for local businesses and crafters along with our table.

Tricky Tray: tentative date is April 9, 2022

Trunk or Treat: Back on this year, working with Haskell School PTA. October 22, if you want to participate and decorate your car, info coming soon. Lots of new things to make sure everyone stays safe. Rec department works with us too. Soccer should have the snack stand open as well.

The Great Pumpkin at Wanaque: We will buy a giant pumpkin and the classrooms will guess the weight and the winner receives an ice cream party.

Website: We have a great website so please check it out. WSPTA.com

Thank you everyone for coming, we will adjourn until 10/4/2021 7pm. Class Parents and Meet the Candidates

Motion: Joy

2nd: Shana

Adjourned until 10/4/2021