

Wanaque Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019

LT: Welcome everyone – thank you for coming, looks like a great crowd tonight. We will be hearing from BOE candidates and choosing class parents tonight

Mr. Mooney: I apologize as I have to leave early but wanted to comment that Back to School night had a change in format and it seemed to have gone very well

Mr. Frick: Excused – out sick

Ms. Puzzo: Thank you to the PTA for the great mum sale, it was lots of hard work but the school looks great. Back to school was great so thanks for that too. This is respect week with a theme each day. There will be a fire safety assembly for 1st and 2nd graders as well. Our first anti-bullying assembly is coming up as well.

Angela DeMetriou – BOE: We will now introduce our candidates for the BOE, thank you for coming out to introduce yourselves, please keep your comments brief and focus on what you will bring to the BOE should you be elected.

After School Clubs: Right now we have some clubs getting ready to start and others will begin later in the year.

Robotics: Starts October 7 for the 1st - 3rd grades

TREPS: 5th – 8th and will be the second half of the year

Yoga is on hold for right now, more to come on that

If you have an idea for an after school club, we love new ideas and new people who want to start clubs so please see one of the board with your thoughts.

Bingo: Susan M will be running our bingo nights. The first one will be November 1 from 7-8:30 in the gym for grades pre-k through 5. There are refreshments and prizes, we play until everyone has won. Bingo for Books will be for 2nd and 3rd, and another for 4th – 5th.

Box Tops: Iman runs this program. We get about \$1000 per year from the box tops we submit. There are now a few ways to collect them. You can physically cut out the box top from the product and hand it in in an envelope with your child's name and teacher's name on it, or you can download the app and take a photo of the receipt and submit it that way. Just make sure you have chosen our school from the starting page. There will be a "How To" video posted on our website in the coming weeks. The class with the most collected boxtops gets a pizza party at the end of the year.

Class Parents: Victoria D. is running this for us again this year. You must be a PTA member to be a class parent. Kindergarten teachers choose their own, we will choose at the October meeting.

Cultural Arts: This is our assemblies' committee. We have our first anti-bullying assembly scheduled for 10/18. This will be hosted by Nick Scott and the children will be grouped by age so that the presentations are all appropriate for the age groups.

Dances: The first dance of the year will be the Halloween Dance. This coincides with the Trunk or Treat so that all children have something to do that night. It will be 10/25 at the Wanaque School. This is for grades 6-8.

Dine to Donate: 10/15 is a Luigi's night and 11/12 at Wendy's. We will not host one in December and resume in January – more to come on that one.

Drama: Christine M will be the chairperson for this, the play will be "The Addams Family". If you signed up you will receive an email shortly.

Egg Hunt: Will be in the Spring, more to come

8th Grade Committee: Juanita V., Christine F and Carolyn B will be chairing, lots more to come there

Fundraising: Our first fundraiser is our mum sale. Always a great success. We sold 350 in total and donated 52 to the school. Thank you to all who participated.

Clothing Drive: Yvette: Great success outdid our poundage from last year and got a few middle schoolers some community service hours while we were at it.

Gertrude Hawke: will be in October with delivery for 12/2 so there will be holiday items included.

Puravida bracelets will be available tonight as well as at the town picnic. \$10 each

Wanaque Sports Chairs with the school logo and town colors are also available to show your spirit - \$30

Holiday Bazaar: Amanda is chairing. 12/7 from 10-3. Another great opportunity for community service hours. We already have 40 vendors lined almost to capacity. We will need help with crafts, loading and unloading vendors, food table, book fair etc. Lots of great new vendors, it will be a great day. Get some holiday shopping done and support our vendors. The Holiday Shop will also be open for the kids to buy gifts for their family members. We will also be selling pizza and will need volunteers there too.

Holiday Shop: Shana U handles this for us. This will happen in school, after school and during the holiday bazaar for kids to shop for their families.

Kids Stuff Books: Also chaired by Shana U. We have 73 books sold, still available for a limited time

Membership: We are at 100% of teachers and 60% families, tell your friends, it is the easiest way to support the PTA, \$10 and the form and you are in! Tell your friends to join too!

Scholastic Book Fair: will be December 6,7,8 in school and at the Bazaar

Apparel: Tina L chairs this committee. There is a website to purchase, link is on the WSPTA site. Lots of new stuff this year. We have an app you can download as well

Pictures: Fall pictures are went well. You can still place your orders online. Retakes are scheduled for 11/20. 8th grade pictures will be taken at that time. 1/29 is 8th grade retakes and superlatives. This will also be the date for the staff photos. We will have a storefront on the Shutterfly site, more to come on that – watch backpacks and the website for the info.

Pocketbook Bingo: Sharon B, coming in February

Thanksgiving Baskets: we need a chair for this. Each grade will have a food collection assignment. The Monday before Thanksgiving the committee sorts the food and makes the baskets for needy families in town and possibly in our school. One more chance for community service hours.

Town Picnic: No dunk tank this year but still successful

Tricky Tray: Lisa/Tara/Amanda have taken on the huge task of chairing the Tricky Tray. This is an incredible undertaking and they will need your help to make it great. Please try to assist in some way. Soliciting, running, driving baskets to the school, selling tickets – anything. Currently scheduled for 4/25/20. Another great way to help is to donate new items. Maybe there is something you get/got for the holidays that you forgot to return and aren't going to use? Someone will want it so please donate it to the tricky tray.

Trunk or Treat: Back Beach on 10/25. Our candy donation program went great last year so we will do that again. Car decoration sign-ups will be coming shortly as well. There will be a hayride, DJ, haunted bouncy house – always a very festive and safe way to fill your candy bags! So far we have 20 candy donations, keep them coming

Website: Still handled by Steve, anything you would like to post, send to Leanne and we will try and get it there for you.

Old business: None at this point

New Business: Class parents chosen

Don't forget Shoparoo – just snap a picture of any receipt on their app and we get points we can convert to cash. Also if you shop through Amazon Smile we get money for your purchases as well.

Next meeting will be November 12 at 7pmin the Wanaque Technology Room.

Motion to adjourn: Joy, 2nd: Abby

With no objection this meeting is adjourned until 11/12 at 7pm

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Respectfully Submitted 10/17/2019