

Minutes

October 5, 2020

Wanaque Elementary School

Called to order: 7:06pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you to all for joining this evening.

Approval of minutes:

Shanna U, 2nd: Lisa S.

Mr. Mooney - interim superintendent: thank you to the PTA for the continued hard work to try and keep some normalcy for our wanaque school students. Fundraising, school pictures etc.

Our hybrid and remote students are doing fairly well so far. We recently had a staff meeting and all agreed things are going very well. We are also preparing for the time where we may need to go 100% virtual. The hope is we will get to a place where we will just flip a switch and be ready.

We are happy the PTA was able to work things out with Lifetouch to have a minimal contact picture day. Pictures will be outside . LT: Ray is the contact at LifeTouch and he is also a school parent. We will not have any other volunteers for picture day, he will ensure everyone's safety.

Please remember towels for snack and recess time are very important especially for the younger grades.

We will be attempting to conduct a live BOE meeting on 10/27. We are concerned about the number of attendees but the plan is to have everyone wearing masks and very spread out.

Mr. Frick: Principal: We continue to take every precaution to keep everyone safe.

10/12 - school is closed for students - we will have a staff meeting.

Pictures will be 10/20 for cohort B and 10/22 for cohort A.

BOE meeting is 10/27

Children will be allowed to dress up for halloween however there will be no parade and costume masks may not take the place of regular face coverings. Thanks again to the PTA for doing everything they can to make things fun for the kids. It is not an easy time but they try hard to be flexible. We are looking forward to a virtual assembly soon as well and we appreciate everything they do.

Mrs. Puzzo: Assistant Principal: Nothing to add right now.

Angela Demetriou: BOE President: Welcome, just want to say thank you to the PTA for everything you do.

LT: october 2 was Custodian Day. We gave all our amazing custodians amazon gift cards to thank them for their hard work

Bingo: Looking to have a virtual bingo, trying for 11/6. By 10/30 we should have the info we need. Looking to have books as prizes, that went over well last time.

Bookfair: This will be virtual, not dates yet but we are working on it, trying to keep gatherings to a minimum.

Boxtops: Iman: This has gone virtual already too. We are still accepting clippings, we will send an email with the virtual instructions. If you have clipped box tops be sure and have your child and teacher's name on the bag and send in with your child. We will also post the instructions on the website. The virtual submissions must also have your teacher's name on them so you get proper credit.

Class Parents: If you submitted a form you are in as a class parent. Responsibilities will be different this year, please check email for updates and news.

Tricky Tray: This is our biggest fundraiser but is still up in the air for now.

Class pictures: Cohort B will be 10/20 and Cohort A on 10/22 and pictures will be outside.

Dine to donate: these dates are coming. 10/6 Kitchen & Beer Bar, please mention WSPTA and 10% comes back to us.

Fundraising: Next fundraiser is gertrude hawk: Orders will ship to your home, there is a cost for shipping but it is minimal and worth the extra safety.

Kids stuff books: Shanna: Everything is done online. PTA will send the links. If you sell 5 books you get one free, payments are all online as well, books are \$25 each. Right now sales are really low, please consider supporting this fundraiser.

Gertrude Hawk: This time around the products will be delivered straight to your homes.

Halloween: As we said there will be no trunk or treat but we are trying some new things this year. We will have a Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt. You will get a form and if you would like to participate you fill it out, you are assigned a number and over the 10/17-18 weekend we will drive around and vote on the best scarecrows. All participants will get a treat and the top 3 will get a prize basket similar to the ones we gave for trunk or treat.

We will also do a virtual pumpkin carving contest with voting on our website, amazon gift cards for prizes.

Holiday Shop: Shanna: Once again, all virtual, we will have dates soon. If you spend \$25 or more you get free shipping.

Membership: so far we have 111 members, still way below our usual number. 45 of these are teachers and staff. Please spread the word, some of that money comes right back to us and we need fundraisers. After this month, emails will go to PTA members only so please sign up if you have not already done so. Make sure you are getting information as it comes out.

School apparel will be online sales, please visit the online store - link on the website. We have added customized masks and chromebook covers as well as some other new designs. We will have breast cancer awareness cloth as well so watch for that. This committee will be in need of a new chairperson so if you are interested please let one of the board members know.

Stop & Shop and Amazon Smile are still collecting for us, just need to register your card or account and choose Wanaque School and we will automatically get the money.

Check your Friday folders for forms and flyers for the PTA programs.

Old Business: we sold 230 mums and made about \$1000 so great job to all

New business: We are looking for any and all creative ideas, please reach out to a board member with any thoughts you might have.

Thank you everyone for coming, we will adjourn until 11/16 at 7pm.

Motion: Simone

2nd: Nicole

Adjourned until 11/16