

Minutes

November 15, 2021

Wanaque Elementary School

Called to order: 7:02pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you for coming out tonight.

Mr. Alloy: Vice Principal: Happy to be here with all of you tonight. So thankful for all the PTA has done and odes for our kids, have never worked with such a fabulous PTA team and group. The Great Pumpkin event was a lot of fun and he has retired now.

We are all excited for the next few weeks, like I said I have never seen a PTA like this, so much planned and I am happy to support and help anyway I can, I am in awe of all the PTA does.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Maria

2nd: Iman

With no objection, the minutes from October 4, 2021 are approved.

Re-Cap:

LT: Our Gertrude hawk fundraiser was fantastic, we sold \$10,770 worth of product and yielded \$5400 in profit - this was much needed since we have not been able to have the tricky tray for 2 years - thanks to all who shopped and made this possible.

Trunk or Treat was also a huge success, we got some great pictures, the trunks were awesome, we had at least 20 decorated trunks. Tons of fun, tons of kids, the weather cooperated and it was a great evening - thanks to all who participated.

Committees:

After School Track: Track was great, we will do this again in the spring. Kids got tee shirts and medals and we made a plaque for Mr. Trahan.

Lego Club: More info to come, working on getting this club organized.

If anyone has an idea for a club please feel free to share. We have a new technology teacher we are speaking to her about another robotics club - we would love to see some of our old clubs come back and create some new ones too.

Bingo: First Bingo is 11/19 and then one every quarter. This is for grades Pre-K through 5 on Friday night from 7-8:00 - games are easy for all and everyone gets a prize - we will ask kids to sit on the dots and be masked and we will not be serving refreshments for now.

Box Tops: Please make sure the teacher's name is entered on the app, otherwise the money will go to Wanaque School in general. Mrs/ Peschl's class won the snack prizes for Sept/Oct contest. The first check from Box Tops is due in December. For the Nov/Dec contest we will be awarding books to the winning class. All you have to do is download the app and scan your receipts!

Cultural Arts: We are inviting Mallory's Army back to the school for grades 5-8 hoping for February or early March. We will hold these assemblies in 2 sessions, 5-6th and 7-8th - the subject is anti-bullying. We will have something more appropriate for the youngest grades as well.

Dances: Unfortunately we are postponing all dances until the Spring - this way outside is an option with raindates.

Dine to donate: Panera on rte 23 North on 11/26. Flyers will be sent home for all. 2 weeks in November we will do 5 Below, 11/21-12/3 - you must have the flyer to get the credit there.

8th grade: There will be a meeting in December to discuss tee shirts and other ideas - stay tuned for more information.

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, you can order all year. A question was raised about sizing - all apparel runs true to size.

Picture Day: Retakes are **Nov 18, 2021** . Emails went out to remind 8th grade parents to order gowns.

Fundraisers: We had a lot going early in the school year so we will take a break until January for fundraising. We will be holding a raffle after the new year - more to come on that as well.

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 30 vendors confirmed so far. 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. We are trying not to have too many repeat vendors so there are new things to buy, we would love some middle school volunteers for community service hours. PTA items like our gameday chairs will also be available at the bazaar.

Holiday shop: Friday December 3, 2021 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 268 members so far, cost is \$10 a small portion has to go back to NJ PTA but the majority goes to our school. 74 teachers and 194 parents so far about 39% of our school community. Remember you must be a member to chair a committee, to vote and to volunteer.

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: Everyone should have their class assignments and started bringing in the goods. 11/22 Mrs. Greggio will organize the middle school volunteers to sort the food and fill the baskets. 9 local families will receive the baskets to feed 4-9 people each. We are looking to get turkeys from BJ's and Shop Rite to add to the baskets as well. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Tricky Tray: We are still waiting for confirmation as well as for Pocketbook Bingo in February at the First Aid Squad.

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

New Business: We will be having a pie day for the teachers and staff - everyone will get a mini pie to enjoy.

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 January 10, 2022 7pm.

Have a happy and safe holiday season

Motion: Shana

2nd: Maria

Adjourned until 11/15/2021

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