



# Wanaque Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2024

Location: Wanaque School Tech Room

- ☒ **Tracy Purcella-** *President*
- ☐ **Leane Tully-** *1st Vice President*
- ☒ **Lisa Bellante-** *2nd Vice President/Fundraising Chair*
- ☐ **Kathy Loweth-** *Treasurer*
- ☒ **Kaitlyn Priestly-** *Corresponding Secretary*
- ☒ **Danielle Cierech-** *Recording Secretary*
- ☒ **Tina Johannemann-** *Family Engagement*

Call to Order: 7:00pm

## I. Call to order/Welcome

TP-Good evening, and Happy New Year! Can't believe half the year is halfway over. Glad to see everyone tonight for our meeting. Thank you to all our teachers who came. We appreciate you always supporting the PTA. Let's get started with Mr. McQueeney.

## II. Administration Reports-

Mr. McQueeney-

- The district has received a \$43K tutoring grant. This will offer 24/7 online tutoring for all of our students.
- We are opening up a student portal for grades 5-8, they will be able to view their grades which will help keep them accountable.
- Snow days, we still haven't used any yet.
  - Questions- Samantha Fini- Are unused snow days given back?  
PMQ-Yes, they are given back at the end of the year. And if we use them all, they start to take them away starting at the end of spring break.

Mr. Alloy-

- Bingo- The kids LOVED bingo, they had so much to say today about how much fun they had!
- January 26th is the end of MP 2.
- Kinder/PreK registration will open on our website on February 5.

Guest speaker – Mrs. Spirko- The Talent Show is March 21st for 6,7,8 grades, Wanaque and Haskell school will be doing it together. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring this every year. 3 parent chaperones from each school will be needed and the PTA will arrange that.

TP- Can i get a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes:

1. Joy P
2. Shannon Debonis

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A.) Recap**

- Book Fair/Holiday Shop/Bazaar- Great few days! Thank you to Maria, Lisa and Christine for running it as well as our parent volunteers. We took 100% scholastic bucks to build up the account for the end of the year and for the next BINGO- prizes.
- Holiday Shop- went very well. Thank you to all the parent volunteers.
- Bazaar- 50 tables this year- Vendors were very happy with the traffic coming in and out. Thank you to Irina for organizing and all our volunteers. Thank you to Engy for donating all of the crafts for the craft table. Thank you also to Luigi's, Plizza1, Goldberg's Bagels and Bagel Nosh for the food donations. Stop & Shop donated gift cards to purchase stuff we needed. The refreshment table brought in \$198.
- Gertrude Hawk- Was a success with a \$5,000 profit. We will be doing another around Easter.
- Ugly Sweater Game Night (4/5<sup>th</sup>)- We had oversized games, Jewelry making, hot chocolate table- The kids had fun! Girls did miss the music, Next year they want music, not necessarily a DJ but loud music. No kids gave us any trouble about not having their cell phones, we had them put them in plastic bags with names. There were 92 kids between both schools.

#### **B.) Standing Committees**

- After School Clubs- Lego Club- started today for grades 2 & 3 we have 46 students. Lego club for grades K & 1 was a success with 58 students. Grades 4 & 5 will start when this session is over. We have 3 teachers helping with this session.
- Bingo- Went well. Kids loved the prizes- all were well behaved- March 15th will be the next one
- Box Tops- Mr. Henry's class won for November & December. Make sure to put your homeroom teacher's name, not just the grade. Without the homeroom name, they don't get credit.
- Cultural Arts - We have an author visit scheduled for May- more info to come on that
- Prek-1st grade will celebrate Seuss Day with Sue MOrian who we have come and she sings and plays music.
- Dances- We have the Big Guy/Little Gal Dance- Grades Prek-3rd on Feb 9th
- Dine to Donate- January 23rd at Kitchen and Beer Bar. Our last was at Sams Bar & Grill and we are still waiting to see what we made on that.

- Eighth Grade Committee- Going over t-shirts now, waiting on Haskell's parent meeting and then we can get together as a committee- and get approval from administration
- Fundraising- Gertrude Hawk- Our next will be in February for a late March delivery
- Pocketbook Bingo- Save the date- April 20th- more info to come
- Health & Safety- Anti-Bullying Assembly- BMX Rider coming- Feb 5th. He will do tricks on his bike while teaching messages of kindness
- Membership- We are at 63% currently
- Mother/Son Obstacle Course- This event is so much fun, its run completely by our gym teachers, Mr. Saraceni and Ms. A. There will be light refreshments. Friday, January 19th, snow date January 26th
- School Apparel- New vendor and new site in the works.
- School Pictures- 8th grade retakes and superlatives will be Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. Spring Pictures will be in April.
- Square Dance- Will be at Haskell this year, next year it will be back at Wanaque

#### **IV. Old / New business**

TP- One more thing, it was brought to my attention that at one of our recent events we had an executive board member overhear some parents, not encouraging our students for the help and work that they were doing at our event. We want everyone to understand that we always want to be as positive and supportive as possible, especially when we have students that are volunteering their time to help at one of our events. With that said let's all try to encourage our students to always do their best.

#### **Door Prizes- (4)- Finnleigh Harris picked the winning tickets**

Hanna A  
Nena S  
Natalie K  
Amy H

#### **V. Next Meeting: February 5, 2024**

#### **VI. Adjournment**

TP- Can I get a motion to adjourn? Time 7:37pm

1. Abby A
1. Stephanie M