



Wanaque Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2023

Location: Wanaque School Library

- ☒ **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: 7:01pm

I. Call to order/Welcome

MCQueeney- Thanks for coming- I'll be wearing 2 hats this year, Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction, this means i'll be involved more with observations, programing, anything you would have called Mrs. Nash or Mrs. McBride previously, now those questions come to me. Don't feel like you can't call me because I'm the superintendent, I will just switch my hat . Great start to the school year, students and staff are getting in a groove. My intent is to come regularly, alternating with Haskell PTA. I have an open door policy, everything is worthy of a conversation. Does anyone have any questions tonight? (No questions). You have a wonderful school district here, please take advantage of your administrators. I will hang around in the back, and if you want to come and introduce yourself after the meeting, that's where i will be.

Mr. Alloy- Introduction of Mrs. Greggo our new Assistant Principal, so excited to be here, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

We have our first anti-bullying assembly coming up on the 17th, I'm excited for it.

The FunRun was huge, it was amazing!! \$16,167 was raised for the PTA.

Clubs are starting up soon- they fill up fast, so make sure to sign up quickly

The Middle School Dance- coming up at the end of October.

Mrs. Greggo- This is very exciting for me, I love this new role that i am in. Thank you all for welcoming me, If you already know me, come and say hello and if we you don't know me please introduce yourself because i want to know you.

Angela Demetriou- BOE President. Spoke on the PTA and how wonderful they are. Wished them luck this year.

MEET THE BOE CANDIDATES: read speeches in order that they are on the ballot

Leane Tully- read speech

Carolyn Brundjas- not here tonight, rerunning

Richard Tully- not here tonight, rerunning- provided a letter read by Tracy Purcella

Tina Johannaman- read speech

Barry Hain- not here tonight- re-running

At this time does anyone have any questions for the candidates. (No questions)

II. Administration Reports and BOE

TP-Can we get a motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes

Shanna Urgo- approved

Stephanie Murphy- approved

With no objections the minutes are approved

I would also like to take a moment to approve the 2023-2024 budget for the PTA school year.

Maria Grimes- approved

Joy Palatucci- approved

With no objections the budget is approved for this school year

Question from Stephanie Murphy- Asked what we are looking at on the budget paper, because she doesn't understand

TP directs question to KL- Explains what the document they are looking at means- budget & expenses

TP-We are going to be passing around the volunteer book again, I was going through it and alot of the contact information was left blank. Please fill out completely with full name and phone numbers because the co-chairs don't have access to that information and won't be able to hunt you down.

The lines provided on the paper are how many people we need to volunteer for that committee, per the state, if you signed under the lines you will be an alternate if someone on the line isn't available. There are also new parents here that would love to volunteer so please also give them a chance..

Question from Stephanie Murphy- wants to know why we don't have a virtual option for the volunteer book.

TP- Because it gets parents to come out to my meetings

Lydia Perry suggested there are some parents that cant come to meetings

TP- There are several meetings per year and parents have lots of opportunities to attend.

DC- Just to piggyback off of Lydia- if we have a parent that works nights, 5 days a week and physically can't come to the meetings, can they email you ahead and let you know that they want to volunteer for an event.

TP- Yes absolutely they can send us an email and we also post on facebook if we need more volunteers for events and Kaitlyn also sends them out to our membership in her regular emails.

III. Committee Reports

A.) Recap

- TP-Fun Run- \$16, 167- everything going back to the children. Mrs. A for helping that day. Danielle for sending out all the emails. Mr. Alloy for helping the day of and with the music. The kids had a great day. The company we used is very helpful.

We had one student that won every prize on the list- Isaac V.

Top 3 Class winners:

1st-Grade 1- Christopher- pizza party

2nd- Grade 1- Geissel- Ice cream party

3rd- Grade K- Francis- popcorn party

Poster contest- Faculty Voted

Kiel

McTague

Henry

We gave them options for prizes and they are all picking now and will let me know.

- Wanaque Day-

LT-Moved 4 times, we still did well- 12 tables sold to vendors- made \$275

Apparel- we did decent with apparel

- Fall Pictures

Abby Alaya- Went well, no issues- Retakes November 15

- Mums

LB- Almost \$1,800 profit, 42 plantings donated for school planting

B.) Standing Committees

- After School Clubs-

LT- Newspaper club- need more students, postponed for now, we need a minimum of 20. We have to pay 2 teacher stipends. So we don't do clubs to make money, but we can't take a huge loss.

Question from Stephanie Murphy- regarding running the club it in the winter.

LT- The teachers make the schedule.

Question from Lisa Bertolini- what do they do in this club?

LT- Read description of club from the permission slip

LT-Lego Club- K-1 to start, coming out soon. Will be on Thursdays.

Treps Club- Mrs. McGinley spoke- Entrepreneurs club, 6 lessons and ends with a market place- Spring time. Grades 5-8 - tentatively meeting on Tuesdays.

- Bingo- Abby A-Prek-4-First Bingo is November 3- Friday 7-8:30pm, everyone wins, enter at the second set of doors

- Box Tops-TP- Iman isn't here- please just keep scanning your box tops. We don't have much info

- Class Parents- will be doing at the end

- Cultural Arts- LT- Anti-bullying assembly w/Tom Thelin, we are happy to have him back k-4 9am 5-8 10am

November science assembly November 6- working with Mr. Henry- Extreme Science 2.0- America's got talent. Fantastic show for the kids.

Also looking to get back Holly Rock- Feb will be the second bullying assembly

- Dances- TP- MS Dance October 27th- DJ booked and special officers booked.

TJ- Ugly Sweater Event- December- Ugly Sweater Grades 4 & 5, refreshments, arts and crafts table, prizes, no DJ and no dancing.

- Dine to Donate- TP- Corinne R. isn't here but we made \$156 from Luigis in September

Next is Wendy's Oct 11 5-8:30pm

- Eighth Grade Committee- TP- We will be setting up a meeting soon. Big push to get your t-shirt committee together. We will give you contacts for volunteers.

- Fundraising

LB- Gertrude Hawk is happening now. Ends November 6- Delivery first week in December

TP- Kids Stuff Coupon Books- order them online

- Holiday Bazaar- Irina Conte- vendor event- December 2- so far i have emailed vendors- October 13 previous vendors have first dibs after that it gets opened up. Flier will go out soon. Irina would love more volunteers.

- Holiday Shop- Shanna U & Abby A

Holiday shop open to kids Prek-5th grade- set up in the library. Need volunteers, morning and afternoon shifts needed.

- Membership- KP/LT- We are about 63% of families. Please encourage your friends to join.

- Scholastic Book Fair- LB/ Maria G.- November 30- Dec 2 in the library

- School Apparel- Simone S.- had apparel at Wanaque Day and our online store is open

- School Pictures- TP-November 15 retakes and 8th grade pictures
- Thanksgiving Baskets-TP- Mrs. Greggo, along with teachers and student volunteers only for community service hours. Parent volunteers are not needed because of confidentiality.

Thanksgiving Feast-TP- Kindergarten Teachers and the Reserve and we will have a better date for that. There are no volunteers for that its run by the teachers and the class parents.

- Trunk or Treat- TP-Papers going home tomorrow, collecting candy donations, the monster bin is in the office. This event is only for students of Wanaque and Haskell

IV. Old / New business

We are putting together the nomination committee for board members positions that are up for election this year. Please send an email to Tracy P and Kaitlyn P. If more than 3 people email, then the board will vote.

Question- Can you elaborate on that?

TP- When there are positions up for election, someone will send a letter of intent, and if you get more than one email for each position, the committee will meet and discuss who is best suited for the position and that person will then appear on the slate. Any person can then run from the floor.

KP- Meet one time before December to discuss who is going to be the chair and then you meet in the spring.

Positions up for election this year-

Second VP- in charge of all fundraising

Corresponding Secretary

Treasurer

PTA Standing by law rules- TP- We also have a code of conduct just like the school. I want to remind you all that we are volunteers, we do not get paid for this, we are trying our best, we do it for the children, do we make mistakes. I want to read it to you so we are all on the same page.

“Members of this PTA shall not use their own personal social media platforms to cyberbully, insult, embarrass, target, or post threats of physical or verbal abuse towards any individuals, including school board officials, school administrators, teachers, PTA members, volunteers, or other individuals that are associated with Wanaque School District.” Last year there was a lot of stuff going on and I'm hoping we can all be happy and nice this year.

Clothing Drive- October 14th 9am-1pm drop off at front of school. Everything but toys or books.

Class Parent Selection:

LT- Just to let you all know, Class parent responsibilities- assisting the teachers with what they might need. We have 2 class parties a year, one at the end of the year and one around the holidays. Please don't make any plans without the teachers. Each grade should work together with the other class parents, we try to make sure the kids all get the same things. We also have some classes that no parents submitted. Classes without a class parent, the other class moms for that grade will be responsible for collecting from those parents and getting that class the things they need. We also are going to have a small tricky tray with our pocketbook bingo, so please make sure to also collect for that. Each class will be given a theme and request that you make a basket. We will give you a standard form that's approved already, maybe try and collect a little more this year, everything costs more this year. Pizza and party supplies are much more this year. If you are having a hard time collecting from parents, please make your best effort to reach out a few times and if you still aren't getting responses, please reach out to the PTA first before purchasing anything.

<u>Ms. Huertas - Prek</u>	
1	Natalie & Arnold Kunath
<u>Ms. Dandrea</u>	
1	Hana Abuawad
<u>Mrs. Oguss PA</u>	
1	Dawn Coleson
2	Hana Abuawad
<u>Mrs. Visotsky - Pre school (PreK4)</u>	
1	Janine Sullivan

2	Letha Petersen
3	Jaime Navarro
<u>Mrs. Visotsky - Pre school (PreK3)</u>	
1	Amanda Ranone
2	Shana Ramirez
<u>Mrs. Stocchetti - Kindergarten</u>	
1	Samatha Fini
2	Alison Sisserson
3	Stephanie Murphy
<u>Mrs. Gaudreau - Kindergarten</u>	
1	Kaithlyn Priestly
2	Jamie Cook
3	Stacy Wigfall
<u>Mrs. Francis - Kindergarten</u>	
1	Keri Smith
2	Yelena Savarese
3	Yovi & Nena Stojkovic
<u>Mrs. Christopher - 1st</u>	
1	Nena Stojkovic

2	Breanne Whittemore
<u>Mrs. Geissel - 1st</u>	
1	Amanda Tynio
2	Arnold Kunath
<u>Mrs. Mildenovic - 1st</u>	
1	Lisa Cuglietto
2	Robert Keri
3	
<u>Mrs. Lesler - 2nd</u>	
1	Beth Zalusky
2	
<u>Mrs. Peschl - 2nd</u>	
1	Mariela Micheli
2	Shannon Mehr
<u>Mrs. Jurgensen - 3rd</u>	
1	Tara Greenfield
2	Brianne Scala
<u>Mrs. Dumont - 3rd</u>	
	Zhanna Zonis

	Keri Smith
<u>Mrs. DuHaime - 3rd</u>	
1	Justyna Rys
2	Lydia Perry
<u>Mrs. Mc Ginley - 4th</u>	
1	Marlana Mickens
2	
<u>Ms Nicoletti - 4th</u>	
1	Joy Palatucci
2	Lisa Macys
<u>Ms Andresen - 5th</u>	
1	Jackie Coppola
2	Shavaughn Moses
<u>Mrs. McTague - 5th</u>	
1	Jamie Cook
2	Tina Johannemann
<u>Mrs. Marion - 5th</u>	
1	Simone Short
2	Rachel Alterio
<u>Mrs. Babcock - 6th</u>	

1	Lisa Bellante
2	Amanda Sensale
Ms. Nieradka - 6th	
1	Michelle Radice
2	Zhanna Zonis
<u>Mrs. Green - 6th</u>	
1	Abby Alaya
2	Marcie Bothell
<u>Ms. Krup - 7th</u>	
1	Maria Grimes
2	Kathy Loweth
<u>Ms. Iacobellis - 7th</u>	
1	Leane Tully
2	Jennifer Harkey
<u>Mrs. Valerie - 7th</u>	
1	Christine Morello
2	Tracy Purcella
<u>Mr. Henry - 8th</u>	
1	Abby Alaya
2	Hana Abuawad

<u>Ms. Sisco - 8th</u>	
1	Victoria D'Orilia
2	Shanna Uργο

V. Next Meeting: November 13, 2023 in Technology Room

VI. Adjournment

8:32 Stephanie Murphy

Lisa Bertolini