



# Wanaque Elementary School PTA

## Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 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: 7:00pm

### I. Call to order/Welcome

### II. Administration Reports and BOE

#### Mr. Alloy-

- Halloween Singalong- Huge success- Mrs. Spirko did great! The kids did great!
- MP1 has ended. P/T Conferences were great, we will have them again in the spring. We tried out something different with middle school. I will be putting out a survey to the staff and parents regarding the change.
- Thursday is Jeans for Troops for staff
- Jeans 'til January for the staff starting on December 1. A donation from this will be made to the VFW
- Diabetes awareness month- wear blue
- New staff Members- Mrs. Kohlhase has been subbing, Mr. Delaney is our new art teacher and he will start on Monday.
- Mr. Trahan's resignation has been accepted by the board- we have someone lined up for him and they should be board approved next month
- Thank you for everything you do for our students and school.

Justin Velante- next board meeting date and time

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

1. Joy Palatucci
2. Maria Grimes

### III. Committee Reports

#### A.) Recap

- Assemblies (anti-bullying)- Tom Thelin science assembly, the kids had a blast.

Chris Polis- had him come a few years ago, really great! He will be here Feb 5.

- Trunk or Treat- 24 trucks, didn't have our normal hayride and pumpkins because of the date change due to weather. Good feedback on Sunday during the day instead of Friday and in the dark.

- Halloween Dance- 119 students attended from Wanaque and Haskell- They picked 3 winners for costumes.

- Clothing Drive- 1,600lbs earned \$304

#### B.) Standing Committees

- After School Clubs

Newspaper club- first paper came out

Lego club- K & 1- 54 kids signed up- we added a 3rd teacher. The kids are having a blast

- Bingo- first one on Friday Nov 3, well attended 24 kids. We did book prizes, all were well behaved. Next one is Jan 5. Leftover fun run prizes can be used for the next one

- Box Tops- Miss. Nicoletti's class won an IceCream party

- Class Parents- Hopefully everyone started collecting money for your holiday parties. If you need assistance, please reach out to the PTA before making purchases.

- Cultural Arts

- Dances- 4th & 5th grade fun night coming up. Ordered tons of games, craft table, December 15. Still ugly sweater- still having a contest

- Dine to Donate- November 14 @ Pizza1.

- October's Dine to Donate at Wendy's earned \$537

- Eighth Grade Committee- November 20, 7pm Technology room

- Fundraising- \$10K Gertrude Hawk- we get 50% of that

- Coupon book- sold 10 so far, will be throughout the year

- Holiday Bazaar- Irina Conte- Dec 2. 33 vendors so far this year.

- Holiday Shop- Abby A & Shanna U- Friday Dec 1, prek-5th grade. If you volunteered, an email was sent to you, please email Abby back to confirm.

- Membership- memberships are still being accepted. This week is when we started only sending to current members. So if you didn't get one, or someone told you they didn't get one, it's because you either aren't a member or your email was wrong.

- Scholastic Book Fair- November 30- December 2. We had plenty of volunteers and an email was sent to those we are just waiting to hear back.

- School Apparel-Simone S.- looking into a new vendor. To add an extra layer. I know the teachers were looking for a more professional look and I haven't been

getting that. So i am just looking into someone else. We will also be at the holiday bazaar

- School Pictures- Wednesday retakes, please send in your packets. Any student who didn't take a picture that day, they will be taking a picture even if a they aren't buying a package
- Thanksgiving Baskets- Flyers went home
- Thanksgiving Feast- November 22nd, the seniors from the Wanaque Reserve didn't want to come this year, so they invited students from grade 3 who didn't get to have a feast due to Covid.

Veterans breakfast- November 18 from 9-10:30am

IV. Old / New business

Nominations Committee was selected by a board vote:

Maria Grimes- Chair

Samantha Fini

Nena Stojkovic

Thank you's- Mrs. Francis class- for the FunRun and pizza party

V. Next Meeting: **January 8, 2024**- Door Prizes and Mr. McQueeney will be in attendance

VI. Adjournment

7:32pm- Motion to adjourn

1. Lisa B
2. Stephanie M