



Wanaque Elementary School PTA

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2023

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: 6:58pm

I. Call to order/Welcome

Mr. Alloy- Thanks to PTA for new staff lunch, it was delicious! I'm excited for all the September things we have happening- Mum orders were due today, planting on Monday. We have the Fun Run which will be on September 22nd which is a half day. I have been doing morning announcements and the kids are pumped up.

II. Administration Reports and BOE

Introduction of board members

III. Committee Reports

Please sign up for committees the book is going around, the more the better, we can't run the PTA without you. Middle school dance needs a co-chair.

Trunk or Treat Simone does by herself but i'm sure she would love a co-chair.

You have to be a PTA member for class parent, voting, and volunteering for events. Membership can be done online or on paper.

A.) Recap

- Welcome Back Gifts – Teachers/Staff received mugs with Candy
- All Students in received Planners and students in grades 4-8 received 8 Pocket Folders

Thank you Notes- Kaitlyn read thank you letters from 3rd grade teachers & Mrs. Peschl

B.) Standing Committees

- After School Clubs-
- New Club Proposal- Krup/Saraceni- Middle School Newsletter Club
- Lego Club starting in October, Mr. Saraceni has a schedule

- Bingo-
 - November 3, 2023- K-5 event, not a drop off event. Friday night, everyone wins a prize and snacks are included
- Box Tops-
 - no updates- Iman L. will send a flier to Kaitlyn- There is an app available to download and it's very easy for use. We need a new chair for next year for boxtops, easy committee to run and we are looking to have someone shadow this year
- Class Parents-
 - Forms went home already, we will be picking class parents at our next meeting. You have to be a PTA member. We will be having Pocketbook Bingo in April so class parents need to collect for baskets for that when they send out their letters
- Cultural Arts-
 - Anti bullying assembly Grades K-4 & 5-8 Tom Thelin
- Dances-
 - The middle school dance is booked for a Halloween Dance, Grades 6-8, We need a co-chair for this.
 - Grades 4 & 5 Event is set for December 15- used to be an ugly sweater dance, but there's no dancing happening at that age, so now it will be an indoor game night, bracelet making & no DJ. We will still decorate, have treats and have an ugly sweater contest with prizes.
- Dine to Donate-
 - 9/13 first one, working on October for Wendy's
- Eighth Grade Committee-
 - Corey H, Marcie B & Victoria D- Nothing to report yet but they would appreciate any and all help
- Fundraising-
 - Mums- ends today so if anyone has to turn forms in, please do so tonight or tomorrow morning by the end of homeroom- We have a little over \$2,000 in sales and 25 donations for the school
 - Kids Stuff Books- Order them directly to your home for free- not handing out and trying to collect- you can order on your own
 - Fun Run- Will Biggest fundraiser this year, this will be taking the place of the tricky tray, We are hoping to earn 10K, if we get more, even better. Funding for all our programs, assemblies, dances, clubs. Will take place on 9/22 during the school day, on the half day. The run is 37 minutes, you can donate a lump sum or pay by the minute. All kids will participate regardless of donation status. The homerooms are also doing posters. No spectators.

- Holiday Bazaar-
 - December 2, 2023- Irina to chair- once we get closer we will have more details. This is a vendor event in the gym. Need 2 more volunteers to help with food. Engy to do craft table again.
- Holiday Shop-
 - December 1, 2023- during the day for kids- Shana and Abby are chairing. Grades K-5 teachers pick a time slot for them to come down. Also open on Saturday during bazaar. We need volunteers, please sign up.
- Membership-
 - As of Saturday we had 116 members, online and paper. Please encourage parents to join. Teachers are at 100%. If you sent in the paper sign-up, please log into memberhub and check to make sure all is correct as well as change your privacy settings. Paper forms got a receipt once they were entered.
- Scholastic Book Fair
 - November 30, 2023 - December 2, 2023- during school hours. Maria G & LisaB are co-chairs. This is a great event and we do need some new moms to learn the ropes and shadow as these ladies will be exiting Wanaque in a few years.
- School Apparel-
 - Simone- Will have a table at Wanaque Day- next Saturday. Added a new sweatshirt design- wanaquestore.com
- School Pictures-
 - Picture day is September 26, 2023, retakes November 16, 2023- Abby A and LisaB are co-chairs- forms went home already. Everyone takes a picture whether or not it's being purchased.
- Thanksgiving Baskets-
 - Mrs. Greggo- flier will be going home at the beginning of November. Each homeroom is assigned to a specific item to contribute to the baskets. We are still informed by the town as to who qualifies for the baskets.
- Town Picnic-
 - September 23, 2023- We will be selling apparel and Wanaque Mugs \$10- Please reach out if you want a table.
- Trunk or Treat-
 - October 20, 2023- Simone is the chair, if anyone is interested in being a co-chair, please write your name on the form. Box in office for candy donations. This event is in the evening at night at back beach for students of Wanaque and Haskell in grades Prek-5. Please see the flier for each time slot.

- Website-

- Wanaque School has a new website & app. They are both up and running, but are still being perfected. Please still refer to the digital backpack for fliers and the calendar for the most up to date information, these are both being updated regularly even while the website appears to be down.

- Board members-

IV. Old / New business- N/A

V. Next Meeting: October 2, 2023- Mr. McQueeney will be at this meeting.

Door Prizes Raffle Winners-

Abby A

Nicole B

Amanda S

Tara D

Questions-

Lydia P-What's the Drama Program?- We used to have a Drama program that no longer exists because it's alot of work, costs alot of money and it's very hard to get parent volunteers.

VI. Adjournment- 7:49pm

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