

7:04 L. Tully: Call To order

J. Alloy: Thank you for Mallory's Army. It was an intense presentation. Ms. Pastor and I were busy the next few days. A few kids came to me and said they felt they were the bully. Thank you for all you do.

L. Tully: Let's move on to Committee Reports. We approved our budgets last month. Can we get approval for last month's minutes?

S. Urgo-1st

J. Palatucci-2nd

L. Tully: Recap assemblies which Mr. Alloy touched on. We had Anti-bullying for all grades in October. Trying to do a fun assembly, maybe Holly Rock, game show style. I'm hoping I can get them back early. Our Feb. round of anti-bullying/ kindness assemblies is Rachel's challenge. They'll see all grades. It's more of what she wrote after the shootings at Columbine. Rachel wrote notes to her peers after Columbine to spread kindness.

Trunk or Treat - huge success, biggest turnout, 40 trunks, It was a lot of fun.

Simone - We had 9 winners, DJ, our hay ride, inflatable hatchet throwing, another bounce house, and pumpkins from the town for painting.

LT: SWAT truck always comes. He's the greatest. He comes to all the other towns and he had several other trunk or treats that night. He's from Passaic County. Along with the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department. Thank you to everyone who donated candy.

Halloween Candy 67 Haskell 93 Wanaque Students.

Halloween Dance:

A. Alaya: great night, relatively well behaved, not too messy

NEW BUSINESS:

Clubs: Jan/Feb will be Lego Club for 1st-2nd grades. Every two months will be for the next two grades because there was such an interest. Mr. Saracini and Ms. DAndrea are running it. It will be from 3:16-4:16 Tuesdays. Flier will go home this week or next, once Mr. Alloy approves it.

BINGO: A. Alaya- Smaller turnout. Nov 4. About 20 kids. Competition from Football Bonfire. Mostly kindergarten. Everyone went home happy with a book. Little kids enjoyed it and there was also a good selection of books for the older kids. Next one is January 6th. We'll go back and forth one with prizes, one with books.

L. Tully: Boxtops. Iman couldn't come today, but the update: Mrs. DuHame's class won. I'll have Iman work with the class mom and teacher. There's a kid with an allergy in the class. We can offer gift certificates to the lunch room or something else non-food. Iman did reach out to the teacher.

Class parents were selected. I think we're all set with that. If you are class parents, if you want a standard letter, we can give that to you to hand off to the teacher to send home. It's also on the PTA website under forms.

CULTURAL ARTS / Assemblies. We're waiting on reimbursement from Haskell on their part for Mallory's Army. Mr. Alloy gave us a recap from that.

4th & 5th grade dance is Dec. 16th. 7-8:30. 2 hours may be too long for younger ones. I think there are a lot of volunteers in the book. It is for both schools. There's no chairperson for Haskell; we'll handle it all. I will reach out to Christine to see if there are any Haskell parents that want to chaperone. If you can get a dad, that's great.

For our chaperones: It's important to monitor the bathrooms. Kids like to hang out in the bathroom. They have their phones and make their TikTok videos and it ends up being a problem. Have a dad & mom stationed at the bathrooms. Pop in when they spend too long there. No kids in the hallway by the kitchen. Middle school kids try to sneak out the main entrance door. We always have a police officer on site and they know they drill.

DINE TO DONATE:

Corrine couldn't be here tonight. Our next Dine to Donate is tomorrow 9/15 at Pizza One. We did really well so far this year. Dairy Queen from last year we get the check in September for around \$100. Luigi's we made \$153 and Wendys \$379.

8th grade t shirt design is in the works. We agreed on a design but didn't put the order in. We wait because new students come in later in the year. We want them to have the shirts before trips.

Picture retakes Wednesday 11/16. Send in the package with the first set of photos for re-take. It will also be 8th grade pictures. The pictures were in their mailboxes Monday morning unless the teacher was absent.

8th grade group picture will be first on Wednesday.

Fundraising:

T. Purcella: Gertrude Hawk ordering is done. Delivery date is scheduled for the week of Dec. 5. They usually touch base the week before and Kaitlyn will send an email with the exact pick-up date. We did the best ever. A total of about \$12,000 in sales. Once we hit \$10,000 we get 50% back. It paid for assemblies. It's great when we can spend and bring in the same month.

Kids Stuff - Fundraiser is done. We sold 61. Still have about 20-25 out. If anyone here is K-2nd grade, you have to either return the book or pay for it. There were numerous notices that went home. The PTA has to pay for them. For next year, I don't think we'll continue it. It's not worth it for the amount of time the chairperson spends on it. It used to be a better fundraiser.

Spread the word, if you have the book out you have to pay \$25.

The other fundraiser we have out that costs nothing is Amazon Smile.

L. Tully: Holidays are coming. We have the fundraiser on Amazon. Go on your account and pick Wanaque School as your charity. It's a small amount but it adds up. It doesn't cost you anything extra. It's easy to do.

T. Johanneman: Suggestion: Soulmate Cafe - They do fundraisers and right now they have Cookie Kits. We'll look into it again in the spring.

L. Tully: We do have our big weekend coming up. Holiday Bazaar is Sat. Dec 3rd. We're close to about 40 vendors as of today. For those who have never been: We basically have our gym with a variety of vendors; we don't like any duplicates. Great for the holidays teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, crafts, ColorStreet, Paparazzi jewelry, wood signs, Joy with her custom bottles. The same day we have the Book Fair & Holiday Shop in the Library. Book Fair will start Thursday/Friday. We already have a sign up sheet for the teachers. Kids can shop at both. We'll open up the book fair after school Th/F and Saturday during Holiday Shop.

Holiday Shop is Friday, Dec 2. During school and also on Saturday.

S. Urgo: Kids will have a chance to come down. Fliers with details and envelopes will go home. Kids can come with a budget and shopping list. They'll go home the Monday before the event. We need volunteers during the day Friday. Some people can only do ½ a day, which is fine.

L. Tully: You're basically helping the little ones. You'll help them shop, make change. She also told me she's going to start shipping that stuff sooner than later. We also could use help with Book Fair. We only have one person signed up so far. If anyone's interested in helping with the Book Fair, too.

If anyone wants to put on class facebook page for volunteers for these events.

Membership: 68 staff, 100%. Families 213, we're about 70%, which is okay. I might like it a little higher. If you're not a member, you can always join. It doesn't matter what time of year. It enables you to volunteer, chair, to receive emails from Kaitlyn.

School Apparel: Simone Short- I will have a table at the Holiday Bazaar. I've been adding new stuff to the website, button down shirts, fun colors like purple and pink. I've been trying to add different stuff. Wanaqueschoolstore.com

January will be 8th grade retakes along with superlatives and clubs. In March, we have spring pictures.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Fliers should have gone home today. Teachers got it today. It's also on the Friday Folder and on the PTA website. We have, based on grades, specific items. We save canned items for older kids. We're always in need of turkeys and/or ham. We had a mom bring in two already, thank you. Mrs. Greggo is organizing that, and she'll work with a handful of middle school kids the Monday before. There are 10 families that will receive a basket. They are all families in town so we're helping our fellow residents/families. Teachers will keep in their classrooms and then bring them down. Frozen turkeys bring in Monday and Tuesday they'll get delivered to families. Middle School students can volunteer to help and earn community service hours. Mr. Saracini is coordinating.

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast is back on this year. It's such a great event. The kindergarteners are doing turkeys instead of Pilgrims.

A. Alaya - They do it like a Thanksgiving Parade in Haskell. They also will do some of the Wanaque traditions.

L. Tully: We invite senior citizens from town. We dropped it off at their meeting on Wednesday. There are 40 coming. Not only do they get a great meal, but the kindergarteners put on a show for them.

This year we've changed our catering to Lakeside Diner. We've always done Shoprite but with new owners they won't deliver hot food. Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, corn, pumpkin pies because one year the senior citizens asked, "Where's my pie?"

D. Cierich: We had an excess of volunteers. We're waiting to see who is part of the PTA and then we'll reach out to those parents.

L. Tully: It's a busy day. Volunteers will get a glimpse of their kid singing/dancing but you're busy. You'll be at the buffet serving, delivering food, or cleaning up, as soon as the last song ends. I've been working with Joan who is in charge of the Golden Age Club. She was going to ask the senior citizens if they are coming. The last time we did it pre-Covid was 85 people. Our budget is still the same, and we're spending the same amount but we ordered half the food. Prices are up. We want a good handle on who's coming.

Question asked about Veterans breakfast: Veterans Breakfast is done by teachers. It's this Saturday. 9:00. 3rd graders are signing.

Thank you for coming. We do not have a meeting in December. We are back January 2nd with door prizes. Have wonderful holidays.

Motion to adjourn- 7:47 PM

A. Alaya - 1st

S. Urgo - 2nd