

**Minutes**  
**September 12, 2022**  
**Wanaque Elementary School**

Called to order: 7:02pm

Welcome: Leanne Tully, President. Thank you for coming out tonight.

**Mr. Alloy:** I always say it and always mean it, our PTA is amazing and I hope you know how much you are appreciated. Looking forward to having our annual mums in front of the school. Also looking forward to more after school clubs and activities, our teachers really love the clubs and the students clearly love attending. The more fun things we can provide for the children to keep them engaged and active the better.

**LT:** Looking forward to a great school year, I will now introduce you to the Executive Board of the PTA.

**Tracy P:** As part of our back to school welcome gifts we added scratch off tickets for the teachers, hopefully someone won something! We are "lucky to have you in our school".

LT: In our usual tradition, all kids received planners and the kids in grades 4-8 also received 8-pocket folders.

**After School Clubs:**

We are hoping to bring back our track program, the kids really loved it and also our Lego club for the Spring. Looking forward to a more normal school year and start our clubs earlier.

**Committees:**

**Bingo: Abby -** First Bingo will be November 4, and we will have a total of 4 events this year for pre-K through 5th: November, January, March, May - everyone wins

**Box Tops: Iman -** this is a digital program, just download the app to your phone, choose Wanaque School and scan your receipts for points that equal dollars for the school. Every 2 months we have prizes for the class with the highest number of points. End of the year the class with the highest cumulative points gets either an ice cream or pizza party, we have a flyer with all the info.

Class Parents: Information in the Digital Backpack (formerly Friday Folder) / PTA website. You must be a member of the PTA. Responsibilities include helping your teacher to plan 2 parties per year, collecting the money from the class and communicate with the parents. Teachers will choose the party themes. If you are a class parent for 5-8th grades you do not attend the parties. If you have trouble collecting funds from parents please ask for help from your teacher

or PTA - do not front the money and expect to be reimbursed. PTA closet has lots of supplies to supplement your party if you are short. Class parents will be chosen at the October meeting.

Cultural Arts: Mallory's Army will be coming for 6th-8th and Jared Campbell for the younger grades. In February we will host Rachel's Challenge for all grades. More to come.

Dances: October we will host the Halloween Dance for the middle school.  
December will be the Ugly Sweater Party for 4th and 5th grades  
We always need chaperones and decorating volunteers.

### **Fundraisers:**

#### **Dine to Donate:**

9/13 - Luigis - need to mention Wanaque School

10/12 - Wendy's - please mention Wanaque School

Mums: Lisa B - delivery will be 9/19 from 3:30-6. Last call for orders is 9/13 If you are donating to the school you do not need to specify a color

Gertrude Hawke: Holiday sale will be due early November with delivery the week of 12/12.  
Flyers go home early October

Clothing Drive: 10/15 will be our Fall clothing drive. Great time to do purging and cleaning and bag up clothes, shoes or linens - **no toys or books**, and bring them over in tied bags please. The drive will run from 9am-1pm. Middle school kids can earn community service hours by assisting with gathering the bags and loading the truck - please let us know if your child is interested.

Membership: We are off to a great start - first week of school with 100 members. We are always striving for 100% membership so please spread the word, it is \$10 per member.

School Pictures: 9/28 for Fall pictures. Everyone gets their picture taken for ids and class pictures. Retakes and 8th grade pix will be 11/16 and in the Spring we will do sibling pictures.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Seems early but will be here before we know it. There will be donation lists in the classrooms and Paula Greggo will coordinate filling baskets - another community service opportunity for middle school students.

Wanaque Day: 9/24 This is a really fun day to celebrate our town. Food, vendors, attractions and the fireworks at dusk. Tables are purchased through the PTA. School apparel will be available

Kids Stuff Books: Shanna Urgo - discount books with coupons and digital codes. Books go to K-2, if you need one please reachout to Shanna. If you buy 5 books you get one for free. If you are not interested please return the books as we have to pay for them if they are not returned.

### **Events:**

8th grade: Leanne and Tracy will chair this committee. T-Shirts are being planned - we could use help with this part, there will be a parent meeting in October.

Holiday Bazaar: 12/3 this is a craft fair with local and regional vendors. Will also have the book fair and holiday shop.

Holiday Shop: Shanna - 12/2 & 12/3 This is when the students are able to shop for their families and friends assisted by PTA volunteers. Please sign up in the book or see Shanna Urgo to volunteer for either day.

Scholastic Book Fair: Maria - Scheduled for 12/1, 2 & 3 more to come

Trunk or Treat: Scheduled for 10/21 at Back Beach. Flyers will go home soon. You can sign up to volunteer or to decorate a trunk. There will be a hayride, pumpkin painting, bounce house and more, details to follow.

Apps: Please keep using the Stop n Shop and Amazon apps!

Website: We have a great website so please check it out. WSPTA.com. Please also visit our Facebook page for news and updates.

Old Business: Pocketbook Bingo and Tricky Tray was a huge success - all funds will go to pay for our assemblies, congrats to all our winners.

Mother & Son activity will be arranged for the Spring  
Dance for Someone Special and Me will also be coming soon.

**Reminder:** We have some new requirements for volunteers as well, this is by executive order 253 that anyone entering the building must be fully vaccinated or have proof of a negative Covid test within 48 hours. If you have volunteered you will get an email requesting this information. This is a state requirement. If your event is outside or your visit is limited you may not need to meet these requirements.

Thank you everyone for coming, we will adjourn until October 17, 2022 7pm.

Adjourned until 10/17/22

Motion to adjourn: Joy P.  
2nd: Simone

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