



Meeting Minutes for 10/24/22 • Wading River School Library @ 6:30pm

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I. **Call Meeting to Order for PTA- Pledge of Allegiance**

II. **Principal's Report**

-The students are happy, safe and having fun while learning.

-Because the students lost so many wonderful opportunities and times during covid Mr. Parrinello is allowing them to wear their costumes to school for Halloween.

- Thank you for the mosaic that has been in the making for years. When it was completed, Deborah Aiello presented a gift to our artist Josh Winer. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10/25/2022 with the Board of Education. Mr. Parrinello thanks all of the volunteers.

- Field trips to the Bronx Zoo and Fire Island were very successful and the students enjoyed themselves at each trip immensely.

- The 5th grade trips to Philadelphia and New York City are in the works. It is yet to be determined if the 5th graders will spend the night in Philly or not.

- Thank you to Finks Farm for donating 400 pumpkins to the school which the children will be able to take home.

-SRO dates are 3/22 and 3/23 with the cast party being held on 3/24 at 1:45pm. Plans for these special events are in the works and will be discussed at a later date.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

- Bulk of our September expenses included the 3rd grade playdate and \$10,000 spent on the mosaic.

- Waiting to receive the October end of month statement for sales for the Monster Mash dance.

- See budget report and treasurer's report for specific breakdowns.

IV. **Approval of 9/19/22 Meeting Minutes**

V. **President's Report**

Old Business:

- Membership: We have 91 paying members so far. The winner of the \$25 Tweets Gift Card is Kara Lundin. We earned a NYS PTA Early Bird Membership Award for paying over 60% of

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our membership goal by 9/30. A Teacher/Staff membership drive is planned in the coming weeks.

- Fall sportswear closed 9/22. We took in \$210 profit. Thank you to everyone who purchased. We are looking to change vendors or designs to bring in a fresh look to our sportswear to increase sales.
- Picture Day was 10/4. Thank you to our volunteers.
- Finks Fall Festival was 10/7 and was well attended. We made a profit of \$1,614. Thank you to Rebecca Schwartz and Robyn Heavey for your assistance.
- Fall Book Fair was 10/11-10/14. 125 students signed up for eWallet and eWallet purchases were \$3,020.72. Our scholastic representative was very happy. The Monster Mash evening book fair was well attended. Total fair sales were \$9,475.76. With cash commission taken off our invoice, our profit is \$2,294.94. Thanks to Rebecca Carey, Christine Mangelli and Deborah Aiello for chairing this event.
- The Monster Mash on 10/14 was a huge success. Thank you to co-chairs Rachel McAdam and Amy McClelland, student and parent volunteers, and the PTA board for their hard work.
- Wildcat Wagon is selling well every other Thursday. Thank you to our volunteers and chair Robyn Heavey. Check our website for last minute volunteer cancellations/openings.
- Mosaic: The project finished ahead of schedule as students worked fast. Additional pieces were added in the art and music hallways so everyone was able to participate. Thank you to our volunteers. A small group of alumni and community members were notified by Mr. Parrinello and were able to participate. We purchased two gifts for artist Josh Winer: an engraved compass and poster collage signed by the students. An additional poster was given to the school. Thank you to Meghan Tepfenhardt for coordinating the gifts.
- Homecoming: The PTA gifted the school a banner with the slogan "Make It A Great Day". Students signed up to march with Mr. Parrinello via a google form. ***This was the district's first Homecoming Parade since 2011 and all schools were represented.***
- A big thanks to Andrews Family Farm for donating festive fall flare for the Wading River School entrance! Thank you to Jen Oliveri for contacting them and delivering the items.

New Business:

- Candy Buy Back is 11/1-11/3. Send in unwanted candy for collection by Facing The Future Orthodontics to be sent to our troops overseas and local food banks. We will earn \$1 per lb. up to \$250. We will be weighing the candy daily – the grade that sends in the most wins! Thank you to Christine Mangelli for chairing this program. Redesigning the "Monsters" for candy collecting was discussed to make inputting candy easier.

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- Fall Blood Drive is Tuesday 11/8/22 from 2:30pm – 7:00pm in the WRS Gymnasium. This date is also the Superintendent's conference day.
- Picture Retake Day is Tuesday 11/15/22: About half of staff took photos on picture day. We will need remaining staff to take pictures on retake day so we have them for the yearbook. Picture packages have been distributed to teachers. We discussed class photo mistakes. Discussions about reviewing other companies and contracts are in the works for next year.
- Family Game Night is Friday 11/18/22 from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm. We discussed limiting tickets or limiting it to only WRS students and their parents versus having the entire family attend. The decision was made to allow the entire family to attend. The application has been submitted and the flier will go out shortly. Discussions were made regarding limiting the amount of attendees to between 240/260 guests max. The event will be hosted from 6:00pm-7:30pm with the Bingo game beginning at 6:15pm. We are still waiting for a teacher or staff to call the Bingo numbers. The location of the event will be held in the gym only with the only game offered to be bingo.
- Square 1 Art: students completed their sheets at home as Mosaic was done during art. Emma Tees sent back the art sheets on 10/19. Square 1 Art will mail the catalogs soon to the school, to go home with students. Only online orders will be taken, deadline is 11/23.
- Yearbook: Class Page Signup was posted to our website, Facebook and Remind. We need more volunteers. Annie Schlick stepped down from chairing but Kristy Molinelli will be chairing with Christine Rodgers and Lisa Eppelsheimer.
- Legacy Gifts: Discuss buying the school a new welcome mat for the lobby, a Little Free Library for our outdoor learning space (co-sponsored with SEPTA), Recess Bin on wheels with balls, jump ropes, hoola hoops. Budget line is \$1,000. It was decided that the district will pay for the welcome mat for the lobby.
- **Our next meeting will be on 11/9/2022 at 6:00 pm at WRS Cafeteria.** New Elementary Report Card Workshop presented by Mr. Alan Meinster is at 5:00pm, and PTA Council is at 7:00pm.

VI. **Questions/Discussion:** No other questions or discussions were made.

VII. **Motion to adjourn**

Upcoming event dates:

Candy Buy Back 11/1-11/3
Wildcat Wagon 11/3, 11/17
Blood Drive 11/8
Picture Retake Day 11/15
Family Game Night 11/18

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