



Meeting Minutes for 1/11/23 • Wading River School Library @ 6:30pm

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Principal's Report

- Plans are in the works for updating the school library. The current plan is to redesign the layout of the library with architects and an interior designer. New chairs as well as seating, moving the circulation desk and adding a "maker space" has been proposed by both students and administration.
- The book of the month, read to the students, by Mr. Parrinello is "The Rabbit Listened." The purpose of the chosen book is to deliver the message to the children to listen to their inner voice and it offers them examples of how to manage their emotions. The book is also linked with "Erin's Law." The hope of the teachers and administration is to pass along the message "If there is anything that you don't think is right; you should confide in a trusted adult."
- The fourth grade students are learning about internet safety.
- The students and Mr. Parrinello worked hard to create a video about perseverance which will be shown to the students, featuring the third and fifth graders.
- The Philadelphia 5th grade field trip is scheduled for May 5, 2023, but will only be a day trip this year.
- The 5th grade students are privileged to attend the matinee showing of the Broadway play Aladdin on March 8, 2023. Discussions are still in the works to determine if the boat trip to view the statue of liberty and enjoy lunch on the water will take place or if the majority would like to eliminate the boat ride component of the trip.
- Mr. Parrinello worked with the company Broadway Plus and he used his charisma and ceaseless effort to arrange a "talk back" for the students (after the show) which will include a question and answer session with the actors, which is only available to the SWR students.
- The cost of the Broadway play trip will be funded by the Boces Arts and Education program.
- The "Principal for the day" was won by Ava Vargas and she was privileged to meet with the superintendent along with experiencing the many tasks of walking in the shoes of Mr. Parrinello and running a busy school for the day.
- Whittle gym is scheduled to take place.
- I-Ready and Alex are scheduled to take place for the students to gauge how they are doing mid-way through the year.

III. Treasurer's Report

- See the budget report for specific breakdowns.

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IV. Approval of 11/9/22 Meeting Minutes

V. President's Report

Old Business:

- Wildcat Wagon: Sales have slowed, but we're about halfway to our goal of \$4,000 profit. More volunteer spots have opened – please check our website for sign up.
- Family Game Night was a huge success, bringing in \$2,847.07 profit. Thank you to parents for generously donating baskets for our raffle. Thank you to our PTA Board, staff, parent and student volunteers as well.
- Gingerbread Night went well, thank you to our PTA Board and student volunteers. We didn't sell out of our houses but we made a slight profit of \$47.16. Wooden gingerbread house kits didn't sell as well as last year, so next year we'll just do edible houses.
- Holiday Boutique was successful, bringing in a profit of approximately \$1,920. Thank you to our PTA board, co-chairs Rebecca Carey and Deborah Aiello, and parent volunteers. Online prepayment option worked well.
- Square 1 Art fundraiser brought in \$1,179.67 in commission.
- We gifted each class a book for the holidays using our Scholastic Dollars: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (3rd Grade), Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing (4th Grade) and Ungifted (5th Grade). Thank you to Rebecca Schwartz and Deborah Aiello for sorting the books for distribution. Many students sent the PTA thank you letters – see our display at tonight's meeting.

New Business:

- Picture Day: Deborah Aiello and Miller Avenue PTO President Jen Pendzick are interviewing new companies for next year. We received our Lifetouch commission check and yearbook images. She asked if the new Principal's Album and retake packages have been received yet. Retake packages were received shortly after retake day but we are still waiting for the Principal's album. Deborah will follow up with Lifetouch on that as well as Stevenson/Simicich class photos taken on retake day that have yet to be received. We briefly discussed optimal dates for next year. Mr. Parrinello will email dates to Deborah.
- Duck Donut Fundraiser: Deborah will submit a fundraising request to sell donut kits of 4 and 8 as well as Quack Cards. Prices went up from last year. Order deadline is 2/7. Need co-chair to help pick up donuts on 2/13. PTA Board Members offered to help with pick up if needed. We discussed pick up times after school and set it for 3:15pm-5pm. Parents should park and pick up.

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- Wildcat Wagon Valentine's Pop-Up Shop: We decided to hold it on Valentine's Day and to keep it to a few items. A volunteer sign up will follow.
- Yearbook: Kristy Molinelli imported the images from Lifetouch for each class. We need a nice photo of the Mosaic taken. Parent volunteers should let classroom teachers know when they are coming in to take photos so they can let the office know. P.E. teachers are taking Whittle Gym pictures for each class. Ongoing training and support are available from our JRC Yearbook rep Linda Katz: linda@jrcyearbooks.com, 347-552-0827.
- Spring Book Fair: We decided to have it on the week of 2/27 with a night time book fair during the Science Fair on 3/1. We will gift the librarian hardcover books this time.
- Legacy Gifts: Deborah Aiello is looking into pricing for a Little Free Library for our outdoor learning space (co-sponsored with SEPTA). Deborah bought Recess bags, balls and jump ropes for each class. Thank you to Jen Oliveri for researching items and prices. Deborah will email the P.E. teachers to inflate and distribute to classes.
- SRO: need SRO Liaison and volunteers (5th grade parents). 5th grade parents should sign up for the SRO 46 Remind for updates and have your child join the google classroom.

Our next meeting will be on 2/6/2023 at 6:00 pm at Prodell Middle School Library. PTA Council meeting to follow at 7:00pm with State of the District presented by Mr. Poole.

Questions/Discussion: No further items were discussed.

Motion to adjourn

Upcoming event dates:

Wildcat Wagon 1/19

Wildcat Wagon 2/2

Wildcat Wagon 2/16

Science Fair 3/1

SRO: 3/22 and 3/23

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