



Meeting Minutes for 4/17/23 • 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 Riverhead Police department is coming to SWR to teach and go over police drills on Thursday 4/20/23.
- The Suffolk Police are scheduled for a special third grade presentation.
- On 04/24 the student council is hosting an earth week challenge to help reduce waste and to focus on energy conservation.
- Ranger Eric Powers is coming to SWR to teach the 5th graders about quail and to start the quail egg incubation process.
- NY State assessments begin this week for those students who opted to take the exams.
- Evening of the arts is taking place on 4/27 where parents and students can admire the students' art work while enjoying the sound of the students playing their instruments.
- On 05/08 some of the 4th graders travel to Bender's Farm for a field trip with the remaining 4th graders attending later in the week.
- On 05/24 The Riverhead fire department is coming to SWR School for a presentation and they will have their fire squad dogs with them.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

See budget report for specific breakdowns.

IV. **Approval of 2/6/23 Meeting Minutes**

V. **President's Report**

Old Business:

- **Wildcat Wagon:** We had a successful Valentine's Pop-Up Shop on 2/14. We purchased the Dollar Tree Valentine's Gnomes from Miller Avenue PTO as they had extras left over from their Pop-Up Shop.
- **SWR Wildcat Car Magnets:** are still being sold. Take a QR code flyer to order online or buy in person at our meetings. Proceeds support the PTA Council scholarship fund.
- **Duck Donuts Fundraiser:** we made a profit of \$275. Thank you to everyone who purchased and thank you to the PTA board for assisting with pick up.
- **Spring Book Fair:** was 2/27-3/3, with a night time book fair during the 3/1 Science Fair. Thank you to co-chairs Rebecca Carey and Christine Mangelli. We gifted \$20 Scholastic Dollars gift certificates to teachers for their classroom libraries, and \$10 certificates for any students they wished to give to. We also gifted books to the school librarian. We took the split profit option of cash and Scholastic Dollars. Our cash profit was \$1,000.

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- **SRO 46:** Congratulations to the entire 5th grade for their performances of “Tut, Tut!” on 3/22 and 3/23. Thank you to our SRO Liaison Kathy Friedlander as well as the parent volunteers who decorated and donated snacks for the ice cream cast party on 3/24. The video download link will be emailed this week to those who purchased. There are a few outstanding receipts and invoices we are expecting for paint and the fog machine.
- **Yearbook:** was submitted to the printer before Spring Break. Thank you to co-chairs Kristy Molinelli, Lisa Eppelsheimer and Deborah Aiello, as well as the parent volunteers for taking photos and designing pages. All 5th graders will receive a free yearbook. A limited number of extras will be available for purchase (via cash/check) when the yearbooks come in.

New Business:

- **Senior Scholarships:** We need 3-5 volunteers to pick our scholarship winners by May 1. See Deborah Aiello for copies and the scholarship rubric. Rebecca Carey, Christine Mangelli and Stephanie Mackinnon volunteered.
- **PARP/BOGO Book Fair:** We will do a one-day Book Fair to kick off PARP week on May 1st, during lunch/recess and at night on 5/3. We discussed having read-in stations for the night time book fair involving teachers and parents. We will schedule different volunteers for Staff Appreciation lunch.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch:** is Monday, May 1st. Thank you to Jen Oliveri for chairing. If anyone would like to contribute to the teacher/staff appreciation fund, it will help cover the cost of the catered lunch. <https://wrs-appreciation.cheddarup.com/>
- **Spring Spirit Wear:** Now on sale through May 8th. Thank you to Jennifer Rocca for the new designs and to Jen Oliveri for chairing. We are using local company Inkterprise. Order at: <https://swrapparel.bigcartel.com/products>
- **5th Grade Philadelphia Trip:** is Friday, May 5th. We are providing snacks for the bus ride.
- **Mother’s Day Plant Sale:** Friday, May 12th during school with extended hours during the Someone Special Dance. Thank you to Rebecca Carey and Deborah Aiello for co-chairing. Look for pre-sale link and volunteer links to be sent out soon.
- **Someone Special Dance:** is on Friday, May 12 from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Tickets are \$30 per parent/student couple. Each additional person (Wading River student or adult from the same family) is \$10. Tickets include a slice of pizza, a bottle of water and snacks. There will be a DJ and photo booth. Volunteer signup link will follow on Remind and Facebook. Tickets are on sale until May 4 at: <https://wrs-someone-special2023.cheddarup.com/>
- **Field Day:** is May 19th. We will provide free t-shirts to all students and classroom staff. Mr. Parrinello will be providing us with sizes and counts. Deborah Aiello will research the best vendor quote. We will also provide free snacks, fruit and water for all students. A volunteer sign up link will be sent via Remind and Facebook in the coming weeks. **Discussions were*

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made to order t-shirts for all of the grades over the summer to be handed out at the start of the school year to be worn on all field trips or school functions when it is necessary to represent the school as well as to wear for field day in 2024.

- **Legacy Gifts:** Recess kits are being delivered to the P.E. teachers this week to inflate and distribute. Deborah will send pricing options to the PTA board and SEPTA for a Little Free Library for our outdoor learning space. Purchase is pending approval of both groups.
- **Bylaws Revision/Upcoming Election:** We will be revising the bylaws to include an option for two co-presidents instead of only one. It will be voted on at the May 8th meeting. Letters of intent to run for PTA board can be emailed to wadingriverpta@gmail.com.

VI. Our next meeting will be on Monday, 5/8/2023 at 6:00 pm at the High School Library. PTA Council meeting will follow at 7:00pm with a District Budget Presentation.

VII. Questions/Discussion: No additional items were discussed.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

Upcoming event dates:

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch: 5/1

5th Grade Philadelphia Trip: 5/5

PTA Meeting: 5/8

Mother's Day Plant Sale & Someone Special Dance: 5/12

Field Day: 5/19

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