

WMES PTA Meeting
September 12, 2017

In Attendance: Jennifer Goodwin, Principal; Jessica Elliott, President; Jessica Lienard, VP; Annie Belott, Treasurer; Rachel Johns, Secretary; Cassie Casino; Rebecah Bane; Linda Roberts; Andrea LaForce; Valerie Crisp

Budget

- AB reviewed the proposed budget
 - Expenses so far: classroom grants, cultural performances; open house luncheon, hospitality (trash cans for classrooms)
- Budget approval to be at Back to School Night

Membership

- Oct. 1 deadline for classroom 100% participation contest
- Creating a display in hallway showing numbers of members in each class, to spur friendly competition

Grandparents Luncheon

- Volunteers needed:
 - to make a photo backdrop on bulletin board opposite cafeteria
 - to sign in grandparents; starting at 10:30
 - for PTA membership table

Back-to-School Night

- Vote on proposed budget at the teacher and PTA introduction from 5:30-6:00
- Will have a PTA table for membership and jog-a-thon raffle

Spirit Nights

- Panera, 9/26, 4-8 pm; WMES gets 20% of proceeds
- Chipotle 10/25, 5-9 pm; WMES gets 50% of proceeds
- Paint on Pottery, 11/10 (Veteran's Day, no school); WMES earns the studio fees collected
- Possible Blaze pizza in Dec.

Reflections

- Need judges, JL trying to get people from outside the school as judges. Need judges in different categories (e.g. dance, music, photography)

- Judging will be on Oct. 23
- Not sending an application home to each student
- Teachers should remind parents to pick up applications in the front office

Principal's Report

- Increase in student population this year; 408 student enrollment, including new preschool students
- Growth Mindset concept being taught to students
 - Power of “yet”; Ex: I don’t know how to ride my bike yet. But with practice I’ll get there.
 - Versus a fixed mindset
 - Teaching students to appreciate their effort and hard work
- Student handbooks came in. JG and Mrs. Welch discussed with students in their classrooms.

Jog-a-Thon

- Have gotten some prizes (eg., gift cards) from businesses but in need of cash donations for the t-shirts
- Raffle at Open House successful, will continue at BTS Night
- Ideas for art related sponsors: Artfully Yours, Wine and Design
- Idea for t-shirts: Common Threads could be a corporate sponsor by giving 50% off the price of the shirts.

Next Meeting: Oct. 10, 6 pm