Meeting Minutes - Westwood Elementary PTO

Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020 - 6:30pm

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Board member elections: because there were no additional people running for the open spots, we did not need to vote for the executive board. This year’s board members are:
   1. Kristi Adams, President
   2. Abbie Martin and Megan Petersen, Co-Vice Presidents
   3. Rachel Sloan, Treasurer
   4. Lindsey Latham, Secretary
3. Treasurer Report:

\*Budget will be posted on Westwood’s website

\*Rachel’s display board of “where the money goes” is posted on Facebook

* 1. FY19 Year end report
  2. Presentation of the 2020-2021 budget
     1. Additions/Removals of proposed line items - group discussion
  3. Current account status

1. Principal Report - Mr. Martin:

\*Overall, teachers are enjoying this hybrid model for now (better relationship with students, more one-on-one teaching time, etc)

\*The school does have assessments in place to verify that students’ educations are moving forward, and “stalling” with this hybrid model

\*Parents can reach out to teachers for extra “at home” work if they think their students need more to do

1. Old Business
   1. School supply kit update : next year we will up-charge these kits $1 or $2 to increase PTO funds
   2. Kindergarten parent night went well
   3. Soccer goals will be placed on fields when it is deemed safe for students to play soccer
   4. Teacher lounge remodel – on hold this year
2. New Business
   1. By-Laws Review and changes
   2. Committee Reports
      1. Communications: Parent directory is almost completed
   3. Homeroom Parents
      1. PTO will be taking over finding homeroom parents
      2. Surveying teachers to find out what their needs are
   4. Spirit Nights: event posts will be on Facebook and event dates will be posted on the Website (much more spirit nights this year)
   5. Event Planning and Teacher Appreciation
      1. Geisler Farms in October
   6. Box Tops
      1. We earned ~$1200 last year, use the app to avoid cutting
   7. Spirit Wear: Westwood shirts will be given to all students and the fifth graders will have something special on their backs
   8. Yearbook: parents and staff can send pictures in for yearbook photos since yearbook staff cannot get into the building right now.
   9. Warrior Challenge:

\*We will possibly do the warrior challenge with the obstacle course in the spring

\*This fall we are discussing other fundraising opportunities including a possible “pie in the face” fundraiser

1. Other
   1. How will the school year look for PTO
      1. Selling socks: fliers went home with kids and info is on Facebook
      2. Trunk or Treat is cancelled, Books and Bagels is on hold
      3. Class parties - PTO will fund cookies if they have them. No water bottles to purchase this year since students are to have refillable water bottles.
      4. Fill out your yearly volunteer form. Background checks are required every 5 years
      5. Ideas to keep up student morale and to keep our online Westwood students connected to Westwood
      6. Cheer cart: a cart of fun snacks/drinks to surprise teachers at various times throughout the year to thank them for their hard work; also include a cheer cart for students (if a class meets a certain goal) and have the cart include stickers/pencils/trinkets
2. Open Forum

Next meeting: November 9 at 6pm. Location TBD.