September 2024 General PFA Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

Call to Order: 8:30 am

PFA Board Attendees: Dannii Dennison, Anna Tucker-White, Jaclyn Santiago, Richard Fields, Grace Benson, Erica Parker, Kim Furniss, Colleen List, Emily Morey, Victoria Amodio, Heather Mauk, Julie Jacobs, Deanna Pihos, Carolyn Cherrie

Total Attendees: 34

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

1st: Carolyn Cherrie

2nd: Kalin Sparks

Principal’s Message

* School year is off to a good stat. Enrollment has stayed steady at 525 kids.
* Back to school night is tomorrow night.
* After-school activities are now available in the digital backpack.
* Hired a new 4th grade teacher. She has been working with kids for many years. She student teaching at Wildwood last year and is highly recommended.
* Have a new tent at the lunch area to provide shade.
* Will be keeping an eye on temperature this week – at 95 degrees give the kids an opportunity to come in; if it is 98 degrees or above the kids have to come inside.

President’s Message

* Overview of PFA – we are non-profit that funds specialists and a host of activities and assemblies throughout the school year.
* PFA budget this year is $148,000/revenue this year is $44,000
* Family fun nights – goal is to raise $9 per student this year, which will go back to the classrooms
* Had a successful TK/K meet-up – Kona Ice donated $75 of sales to the school
* First Ice Cream Social was a success – thanks to volunteers
* Breakfast for teachers – thank you to Colleen List and Emily Morey
* First family fun night at Little Calf made $254 – thank you to Lyndee Rothbard and Heather Ighani for organizing family fun nights this year
* Introduction of PFA Board
  + Direct Donations & Corporate Matching: Alyssa Ruiz &, Jaclyn Santiago
  + School Site Council: Richard Fields & Grace Benson
  + Social Media: Erica Parker
  + Volunteer & Teacher Appreciation Coordinators: Kim Furniss
  + Room Parent Coordinators: Colleen List & Emily Morey
  + Marketing: Victoria Amodio
  + Treasurers: Charlene Lee
  + Accounts Receivable: Heather Mauk
  + Website: Julie Jacobs
  + Recording Secretary: Deanna Pihos
  + Parliamentarian: Carolyn Cherrie
* 5th Grade culmination gift was the butterfly mural at back of school

Ongoing Business

* Legacy brick program is continuing this year and can be purchased at [www.polarengraving.com/wle](http://www.polarengraving.com/wle)
* Specialists start the week of 9/18 -Music (TK & K), PE (TK &K), Art and Makerspace

School Site Council Report

* School site council discusses inner-workings and policies of school
* First meeting of the year was held on the School’s Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) – set goals to improve academic achievement and social well-being at school and plans for how to achieve goals
* School continues to struggle with chronic absenteeism – students encouraged to take independent study for extended absences, students need to check in for attendance to receive credit for the day
* Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 2:45 p.m. in Library

New Business

* Motion to elect Kandice Ligonde to PFA Board
* 1st: Richard Fields
* 2nd: Anna Tucker-White
* Motion unanimously approved by all present
* CRPD Recess/Lunch Program
* Dannii explained that CRPD supervision of lunch/recess was funded last year through ESSER funds but the school is no longer receiving those funds
* PFA proposes to fund CRPD supervision 2x a week for 12 weeks at the cost of $2,664
* Motion to table and hold vote on expenditure of $2,664 for CRPD supervision
  + - 1st: Richard Fields
    - 2nd: Deanna Pihos
* PFA will meet Monday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m. to vote on this expenditure

Upcoming Events and Activities

* + New program this year is Birthday in Lights on the School Marquee for $10
  + Fridays in Sept. & Oct – Popsicle Friday
  + Sept. 4 – Back to School Night; 3rd-5th (6-6:30pm), TK-2nd (7-7:30pm), Principal and PFA presentation (6:30pm in courtyard)
  + Sept. 9 – 13 – Book Fair (volunteers still needed!)
  + Sept. 8 – Last day to order Spiritwear
  + Sept. 17 – Picture Day
  + Sept. 25 – Family Fun Night @ Sharky’s
  + Oct. 2 – General PFA Meeting
  + Oct. 2 – Walk/Ride to School
  + Oct. 18 – Movie Night
  + Oct. 24 – Egg Drop
  + Oct. 31 – Order yearbooks for 10% discount
  + Oct. 31 – Halloween Parade
  + All events are posted on Westlake Elementary School PFA on Instagram and Facebook and PFA website [www.westlakeelementaryschool.com](http://www.westlakeelemenrary.com)

Public Comment

* Sandra Buoni expressed interest in working on an event that would be sensory friendly this year
* Anna Tucker-White clarified that families of 2nd-5th graders need to purchase assignment notebooks for $10 on PFA website
* Richard Fields indicated that there will be QR codes to the PFA calendar on the doors at Back to School Night; there will also be information on direct donation in the teacher presentations
* Megan Lockridge voiced a desire for morning supervision so kids can play before school; the PFA will talk to Mrs. Culpepper and it was suggested that Megan raise this with School Site Council as well
* Wendy Horan discussed campus safety issues and the need for patrol or a resource officer at Westlake/Potrero; Richard Fields suggested a safety committee
* Reminder that the after-school performing arts program starts on Sept. 12

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am