February 2025 General Meeting Minutes

Feb. 5, 2025

Call to Order at 8:30 am

PFA Board attendees: Dannii Dennison, Anna Tucker-White, Kandice Ligonde, Colleen List, Grace Benson, Victoria Amodio, Carolyn Cherrie, Deanna Pihos, Erica Parker, Emily Morey

Also attending: Mrs. Culpepper

Total Attendees: 20

* Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (January 8th, 2025)
  + 1st: Chris Winthrop, 2nd: Emily Morey
* President’s Message
* Bunco postponement
  + Made decision to postpone due to events of January
  + Thank you to Mallory Bright and Kalin Sparks for organizing
  + Looking at a date in May to reschedule
* Family Fun Nights
  + FFN @ The Stand (Jan. 16) - $794.79 came back to WLE (20%)
  + Have raised $4,554.12 - 95% of budget for the year
  + Need to raise $215.88 more to hit our budget target for FFN
  + Thank you to Lyndee Rothbard and Heather Ighani for organizing
* Birthday in Lights
  + Can purchase online through Westlake PFA store
  + Raised over $1,000 this school year
* Yearbook
  + Reminder to purchase your yearbook
  + Deadline for customized pages is May 14
* Spiritwear
  + Winter Flash Sale runs from March 1 – 16
  + On demand store is still open
  + Have some new shorts & pajama pants on the website
* Board Report Updates
* Direct Donations - $75,683.50 total for school year
* Corporate Matching - $12,592 total for school year
* Jogathon - Raised $62,191
  + We have raised over $25,000 over our PFA budget for the school year
* Room Parents and Teacher Appreciation (Colleen & Emily)
  + Teacher appreciation in the lounge next Wednesday
  + Will be sending a reminder email out for the Gala
* Volunteers - look out for signups, lots of events coming up
* School Site Council – next meeting is Wed., Feb. 12 at 2:45 in the library
* Notes from Dec. 10 DAC Meeting (provided by Grace Benson)
  + District mom/psychotherapist urged parents to join mama.org
  + CVUSD is urging passage of act to restrict cell phone usage in schools
  + Two music teachers gave a presentation about elementary music curriculum
  + Brian Peters (Westlake HS band leader) is the Visual & Performing Arts Coordinator for the district; presented a 40-page strategic arts plan for more consistent & equitable performing arts programming
  + Proposition 28 resulted in allocation of funds for art & music
  + CVUSD has only arts coordinator in all of Ventura County
  + CVUSD is doing well on Measure I compliance
  + Board of Education is considering AI student agreement
  + Conejo Schools Foundation has started an elementary summer program called BOOST
  + May 8 - State of schools will be held at CLU
  + All district music festival will be held in the Spring
  + TO Library has a number of clubs that kids can participate in
* Notes from Jan. DAC Meeting (provided by Grace Benson)
  + Presentations were made from a variety of community partners/resources
  + Conejo Closet offers resources to local families & children
  + Heard from other groups including Adelante Food Distribution Center, a farmer’s market for families in need; they are always looking for volunteers, looking for single dozen egg cartons
  + CVUSD community resources list has all of these groups and how to get involved
  + Reach out to Amber Bowen in District if interested in community volunteer opportunities
  + Several individuals were recognized for CVUSD heroes program
  + Conejo Schools foundation working on a 2 week summer program
  + Measure I - looking for feedback from schools about how they have used Measure I money and how it benefitted schools/staff/students
  + SEDAC – provided information on inclusion committee promoting neuro-divergent learning
  + Rainbow connection is a community resources for families navigating IEP or 504 plans
  + A lot of discussion was held about power outages during wind/fire events; the basic message from CVUSD is that all students are safe at schools even when power is out and they are analyzing best practices going forward
* Marketing - working on daughter dance flyers
* Parliamentarian
  + Carolyn Cherrie announced the nominating committee for the 2025-26 PFA Board: Rebecca Tillman, Cecilia Gores, Dannii Dennison, Karen Swanson, and Elle Gelfond, Linda Malamut (alternate), Sydene Corrigan (alternate)
  + Motion to approve the nominating committee
    - 1st: Colleen List; 2nd: Kandice Ligonde
    - Vote of all members present was taken
    - Motion to approve passed unanimously
* Will need someone for the treasurer position for the 2026-2027 school year
* Principal’s Message –
  + Feb. 6 - 100th day of school
  + Feb. 7 – Wear dalmations / black & white on 101 day of school
  + Bizarre Bazar (Feb. 7) may be postponed due to rain
  + Next week is kindness week
    - Monday - be a team player; wear a jersey or team shirt
    - Tuesday - crazy for kindness; dress crazy
    - Wednesday - be calm, be kind; wear PJs
    - Thursday - be kind with valentines; wear valentine’s day colors
  + Preview of human growth & development for 4th & 5th grade students has gone out to parents
  + Mrs. Culpepper is keeping a list of teachers who wish to attend the gala
  + Lost & found continues to be a problem
  + 5th grade stand proud field trip is Feb. 26
  + Enrollment for next year has started
  + Currently work on SIPSA plan for next year
  + School will be using last of Measure I money to move PE space to behind childcare
  + Mrs. Culpepper will be on District task force regarding power outages – she explained how phones were running during power outage and the school was able to get a generator from the District
* New Business
* WLE Winter Gala and Auction
  + Deadline for ticket purchases is Feb. 15
  + Make sure to select food option after you purchase ticket
  + You will have the option to donate to teachers tickets
  + Deadline for auction baskets is Feb. 7
* Bingo (Feb. 7)
  + Ticket purchase deadline 12:00 pm today (Feb. 5)
  + Bingo will be virtual
  + Kate P & Chelsea Hill managing the event
* Bizarre Bazaar
  + Wristbands will be purchased on website
  + If event is delayed the wristbands can be used for rescheduled event
* FFN @ Sea Casa (Feb. 12) - WLE will get 40% back
* Talent Show
  + Feb. 26 & 27 - auditions after school, sign-up will be going out soon
  + March 13 - dress rehearsal
  + March 19 - TK - 2nd show
  + March 20 - 3rd - 5th show
* Kindness Week
  + Volunteers are needed at recess; email the PFA gmail to volunteer
* Yearbook Cover Contest - theme is a Wizard’s World, deadline will be April 11
* Women in History month (March) - 5 women have been selected to be highlighted, 4th & 5th graders will have opportunity to present on these women in history

Adjourned at 9:07