



WESTERGARD PTO

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Westergard Library
DATE:	10/21/2025
ATTENDEES:	Board: Kiki Hatch, Will Burrows, Danielle Parent Parents: Erich Miller, Peggy Miller, Rudy Grant, Angelica Ronquillo, Daun Vaswani, Katie Guerrero, Natalie Nyman, Jullieta Gallando, Katelyn Rudeyk, Kimberly Rudyk, Kimberly Ludwig Teachers: Kelly Emo, Dani Meyer
TIME:	7pm

AGENDA ITEMS

Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by Will Burrows and seconded by Kiki Hatch.

Welcome to PTO

Will welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opened with questions and concerns—none noted. Introduced board members.

House Keeping

Will introduced our spaces: room off cafeteria and DHall, sheds behind school and by kinder playground. Explained shipping container that has gym equipment and needs to be cleaned out. Parent Erick took on the project to organize shelves for the shed behind the school. Will brought motion forward to pay for the shelves, Danielle seconded, motion carried.

Principal Update

Skipping for tonight.

Fundraising Update

Yogurt Beach brought \$490 in. Nov 13th is Panda Express night. Community Sponsor banners are a big part of our new fundraising efforts. Thank you Bighorn Tavern, NV realty, some of our new banner sponsors. PTO messaging from Mr. Stern on Dojo is getting buried, PTO would like to request their own messaging day so as not to lose the

messages under other info. Danielle explained a new aspect of fundraising which includes one-time-donations on Give Lively to allow people to donate whenever they are able to.

Trunk or Treat Update

20 cars have signed up. More candy is needed, Will asked parents to please help bring candy. Event will be 1 hour. Parent asked how many kids come through, we estimated 200-400 people. Advised to hand out the candy and not let kids grab big handfuls of candy. Time is 6-7pm. Keep it kid friendly.

Holiday Program Update

Explained the old concepts of Santaland and how we are no longer going to do it. New event is community based, Dec 13th 9-12. Trying to keep events under \$400. As a non-profit, we get into the weeds when we try to charge an entrance fee, so we try to keep the events free but the QR codes are available for donations as it moves people. Also mentioned that we do things like the teacher appreciation and crowd source snacks, instead of PTO paying for it and that keeps more money going to the teachers.

Art Program

Art for all Nevada comes in and does 4th and 5th grade. Each lesson is about 70 dollars, those teachers come in and have all of the supplies ready, the kids love them. Other grades get the prepared art crates. All instructions are printed and all supplies are there. Reach out to teachers if you are interested in helping out. Other ways to help are prepping the crates. If a parent has interest in helping out to prep the crates, reach out to Will and he can coordinate with them to prep crates in the morning.

Budget Update

Explained stipends that go direct to teachers. There is a new teacher in 3rd grade—a vote that passed earlier wrapped in giving her a stipend. There is a strategies teacher that didn't get wrapped into that vote, Will brought a vote forward to give that teacher \$250, Kiki seconded, motion passed. Parent asked if they can give more directly to the strategies teacher as he has a kiddo in that class and has definitely benefitted from his time in the class. He was directed to ask that teacher and see what needs they have. Ms Meyer mentioned that the strategies teacher always has needs and can use help. Mrs. Emo mentioned that this is the first year that the district has hired 2 strategies teachers for each elementary school.

The spring fun run will bring in the bulk of our funds, but the QR codes will help supplement the difference. That will need to be a big push through the year. Water filtration system/water bottle filling station— the district needs to install that and we need to pay for it. Roughly \$1,200 to install, we need to research on-going costs. Opened the floor to parental thoughts- One parent voiced that if the teachers wanted it, he supports the idea. One parent asked if we need help following up with learning the costs of the system. Mrs. Emo mentioned that she thinks the district should be the ones paying for it. Need to get to John about seeing what the district will cover or not.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Opened floor to questions- How many teachers? 37 staff members. Keep an eye out for the sign-up genius that comes out on class dojo. Bring ideas to the PTO and we can help make them happen. Look for sign-ups to help with larger events. STEM night coming up, worth mentioning to John that he needs to resend that and make it clearer. Mrs Emo has experience in this type of event, parents being involved in different stations. Fun Run date? Not set yet. Idea for running club wrapping their shirt into the fun run shirt.

Adjournment/ Next Meeting Date and Time

Thank you to all for being here. Will motion to adjourn, Kiki to second. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.