



WESTERGARD PTO

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Westergard Library
DATE:	10/22/2024
ATTENDEES:	See attendance sheet
TIME:	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by Kim Maples and seconded.

Budget Update/Otis Cookie Dough Fundraiser

- a. Kim discussed \$20,343.40 was raised through the Otis Cookie Dough Fundraiser. A parent recommended reminding parents of Cookie Dough pickup day. Last year, several items were not picked up on pickup day.
- b. Discussed possible alternative fundraising options to replace Otis Fundraiser next year. Discussed if Fun Run can be more successful, possibly wouldn't need a fall fundraiser.
- c. Kim will research alternative banks that may have online donation platforms similar to Zelle or use of QR codes instead of accepting only check/cash donations.
- d. A teacher mentioned the No Fuss fundraiser was successful in the past. This was an online fundraiser provided by a link to donate online.

Panda Express Night

Rebekah reported earnings of \$230.06 for Panda Express night. Discussed this is typical earnings for a restaurant fundraiser.

Teacher Appreciation Sign-up

Amber discussed all signup genius slots have been filled.

Trunk or Treat Dates and Update

- a. Will reviewed 20 cars have signed up and multiple candy donations.
- b. A parent also arranged for additional activities, including hot cocoa and face painting, and volunteer students from McQueen will be helping.
- c. Discussed setting up one direction for cars and sign for one lap only.
- d. Recommended parents hand out candy versus letting children grab candy. Previous years have required additional trips to purchase more candy.

Shake Hands with a Hero Update

Jean discussed McQueen choir and ROTC are coming. Additional volunteers may not be needed.

Santaland Planning, Dates, and Update

- a. Amber researched book fairs with adult and children books but there are none available in Nevada. Discussed using a possible Usborne representative though concern for fairness if multiple representatives in the area. Discussed not having Santaland this year. Discussed librarian is planning an online book fair tentatively in November.
- b. Will plans to discuss online book fair and possibility of combining delivery date with Santaland. Consider donated books for a free option if families unable to order through online book fair.
- c. Ideas for Santaland activities include hot cocoa, Santa, crafts, movie playing.
- d. Date of event may depend on ability to combine with online book fair.

Art Program Update

- a. Will delivered crates for a couple of lessons.
- b. Will will send a reminder for parent volunteers to assist with art lessons.
- c. Will discussed Arts for Nevada program is behind this year scheduling workshops for older grades.

Fundraising Update (Spring Fun Run)

- a. Rebekah would like to have a date chosen soon for the Fun Run. She plans to start recruiting planning volunteers. Discussed need to coordinate with the office for dates. Parents have suggested Fridays are better for parent volunteers for day of event. A teacher brought up there are often student absences on Fridays.
- b. Corporate sponsors and insurance will need to be arranged.
- c. Discussed prizes for classrooms versus individual prizes. A parent suggested using Temu for prizes. A teacher recommended involving teachers with the classroom competitions.

Westergard Spirit Gear

Will discussed he was contacted to assist with a general shirt design for Westergard Spirit Gear. It was mentioned Custom Ink was too expensive last year. Discussed shirts aren't usually a fundraiser.

PTO General Business

The storage unit needs to be cleaned and organized. There will be a locking cabinet added to the storage room for treasurer records. Amber will pick a cleaning date in November, possibly election day.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns

- a. A teacher suggested PTO consider providing a bereavement gift for children who have had a parent pass away. Discussed having a standard process to provide items such as a gift card and cards signed by teachers, staff, PTO parents.
- b. Walk or bike to school day was mentioned.
- c. A parent recommended Bully's as a possible meeting location, noted used by Billingham PTO for meetings.

Adjournment / Next Meeting Date and Time

Next General Meeting November 19th, 3:30 pm, at Westergard library. Vote to adjourn. Motion passed.