



WESTERGARD PTO

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION:	Westergard Library
DATE:	1/14/2025
ATTENDEES:	Parent, Kim Maples, kimmaples7@gmail.com Parent, Danielle Williams, harmonydani@hotmail.com Parent, Jen Isenberg, jcisenberg@sbcglobal.net Parent, Bree Downie, bkdownie92@gmail.com Teacher, Dani Meyer Librarian, Aja Harger, aja.harger@washoeschools.net Teacher, Sarah Johnson, sarjohnson@washoeschools.net Parent, Kiki Hatch, kikiraehatch@gmail.com Parent, Jenna Nasset Parent, Will Burrows Parent, Amber Badik Parent, Rebekah Harford Principal Stern Teacher, Mrs. Haws
TIME:	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

AGENDA ITEMS

Call the meeting to order

Meeting was called to order by Will Burrows and seconded.

PTO President Message

Will discussed the fall events. He discussed Santaland did not happen due to the need for more volunteers and interest to plan the event. Outreach after the event was cancelled showed interest in holding the event in future years. Discussed the need to encourage current parents to volunteer versus parents of former students showing interest in hosting the event. Santaland used to use funds from fundraisers and try to recoup the cost at the event, usually around \$5,000-\$10,000. Required purchasing items throughout the year during big sales such as after holidays. Santaland was originally started to help lower income children with affordable gifts. This year, the Giving Tree helped provide gifts to children. Trying to post sooner and send home fliers to increase attendance to PTO meetings.

Principal Message

Mr. Stern discussed schedule changes for safety and supervision of the cafeteria and meeting needs of children. Attendees discussed adding new information and action items at the top. January attendance challenge by grade level. Music performances in February. Online registration has started. Mr. Stern discussed our school was over allocated minutes for recess so numbers were reduced to come in line with recommendation. If sports get too aggressive during recess, the sport is postponed for a while. Mr. Stern will send an email to clarify changes in recess.

Budget Update

PAWS request for additional funding. Kim made a motion to approve additional \$400 for funding for the PAWS store. Motion seconded. Teachers discussed children love the PAWS store, working on more options to interest the older students. Plan to add the PAWS store as a line item for the budget next year. Kim will send reminders to teachers for how much money is left. Kim and Mr. Stern discussed adding water fill stations, working with the district. Mr. Fernando is asking for possible donation from Haws company.

Upcoming events

Amber discussed glow dance sign-up will be sent out within a month of the event scheduled for 2/21/25. She will purchase the same items as last year. She discussed plans to order pizza again. Event is free to attend, usually break even with the event and to pay for Bingo. Bingo signup will be sent out within a month of the event scheduled for 4/1/25 and will advertise it as a free event. Teacher Appreciation week scheduled for 5/5-5/9. Discussed also doing a week of snacks during what would have been conference week.

Talent Show Update

Raquel and Andrea sent out the sign up form. Plan to ask them to send out again. Talent Show is 4/11/2025.

Art Program Update

Will discussed the art program is on autopilot. Discussed plan to do a larger coordinated art project. Arts for Nevada had a flood and the contact person is retiring. Will has been in contact with the staff taking over. Possibly one workshop will occur for younger grades.

Fundraising Update

Rebekah discussed we will be hosting our own Fun Run on Friday, May 30th, 2025. She discussed working on different platforms for online donations. Plan for classroom based competitions versus individuals. Looking to trial one event with the platform to waive annual \$500 fee. Get Movin is the company for events. Give Lively is a year round donation platform. Give Lively has a corporate matching option but has an extra cost. Discussed how Otis Spunkmeyer and Booster Club takes a large percentage of the earnings. Mr. Stern and Mrs. Meyer offered to take a pie to the face. Discussed getting sponsors to offset the cost of t-shirts. Rebekah needs a list of corporate sponsors from past years.

Looking Ahead

Budget proposals and approval of budget for next year. Plan to vote for Board Members for next year. Parent outreach committee idea was brought up.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns

A parent asked about the mission of PTO. Discussed fundraising and funding specials. Discussed adding recommended donation amounts to community events once an online donation platform is established.

Adjournment / Next Meeting Date and Time

Next General Meeting March 11th, 7 pm, at Westergard library. Vote to adjourn. Motion passed.