



Waxpool Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2022

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting (6:30pm – 7:00pm)

The meeting was called to order by Ashley Augustine at 6:32PM.

In attendance:

73 attendees including:

School Administration:

Principal Michael Pellegrino

Vice Principal Chris Rawls

Dean Michelle Laycock

PTA Executive Committee:

President Ashley Augustine

Treasurer Aida Davalos

Secretary Shelby Caputo

Vice President of Family Engagement Kendra Tatham

Vice President of Communications Gabriela Falconi-Hurt

Vice President of Fundraising Sara Metka

I. Welcome & Introduction

President Ashley Augustine welcomed everyone. This is the first PTA meeting of the '22-23 school year.

II. President's Report

1. Message for the Year is involvement with more opportunities to get together
2. LEAF (captured in Principal's Update, below)
3. The PTA needs volunteers to help out and provide extra hands, especially for bigger events. This is a good opportunity to meet other parents and see students and staff. A SignUpGenius will be sent out for various opportunities. If you're interested in volunteer with the PTA, please email Ashley at waxpoolpresident@waxpoolspta.com

III. Fundraising Opportunities (Sara Metka)

1. PTA dues helps with events such as Bingo night, 5th grade Graduation, Field Day, treats for teachers and staff, etc.
2. Deadline for PTA membership raffle entry is **September 9th**
3. Spirit Nights coming up:
 - September 13 (4-9pm) = The Yard
 - October 11 (3-8pm) = Chick-Fil-A
 - November 15 (TBD) = California Tortilla
 - i. Trunk-Or-Treat - need volunteers 10/28; costume contest; more information

IV. Family Engagement Opportunities (Kendra Tatham)

1. Trunk-Or-Treat scheduled for **October 28th** with a costume contest
 - Volunteering opportunities will be available
 - More information will be available soon

V. Treasurer's Report (Aida Davalos)

1. As of 9/7/2022, total cash available = \$16,422.41
2. Notable transactions
 - Spirit Wear Sale Profit = \$ 3,783.50

- Sponsorships = \$ 350.00 (2 gold and silver sponsors)
 - Memberships = \$ 860.00 (4 faculty members and 32 family members)
 - Staff Luncheon (back-to-school) = \$ -1,265.94
3. Projected overall profit is \$2,400
 - Last year, PTA had a deficit of \$6,300
 4. FY 22-23 Budget - *must be adopted by members by vote*
 - Highlights:
 - Focusing on family engagement
 - Increased number of paid and free events
 - School-wide activities (e.g., Field Day, Math Club, D.A.R.E. Program)
 - 5th grade graduation events
 - School play area improvement
 - Budget consists of:
 - Fundraisers/Other Income
 - Administration
 - Academic Programs
 - Community Events and Projects
 - **Budget PASSED 40-0**
 5. Be sure to connect your Amazon, Box Tops and Harris Teeter accounts to Waxpool

VI. Principal's Update

1. LEAF(Loudoun Educational Alliance of Families committee) - Waxpool needs two (2) parent volunteers for the committee. This is an advisory group that serves as a voice for parents to raise educational concerns and provide feedback to the school board. If interested, please send an email to Mr. Pellegrino (michael.pellegrino@lcps.org)
2. Waxpool/Principal has no control over the StopFinder school bus app.
3. Apologies for the error on September 1st that caused everyone to receive a phone call stating your child did not come to school. It was human error by a substitute administrative assistant that day.
4. Students have been practicing safety drills and will continue to practice them.
5. Coffee Talks will begin again, once a month. First Coffee Talk is scheduled for **September 27th** (a link will be sent out)
6. Consider participating in the fun run hosted by Asha-Jyothi in Fairfax on September 18th. Flyers for this have gone out.

VII. Open Question/Comment Forum

1. A member asked if PTA sponsorship includes membership dues. PTA Board replied that it does not; it is separate
2. A member asked if sign ups for the Math Club will be available. PTA Board replied that we are still researching our options for Math Club and have reached out to the volunteer from last year. If you are interested in volunteering, please let the Board know.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM. Next meeting will be Wednesday, **October 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM**, via Virtual Zoom Meeting.