



Waxpool Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2019

Location: Waxpool Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by Britney Beauchemin at 6:37 PM.

In attendance:
(33) people including:

Board Members in Attendance:

School Administration:

Principal Michael Pellegrino

Vice Principal Jessica Pineda

Dean of Students Chris Rawls

PTA Executive Committee:

President Britney Beauchemin

Treasurer Nathan Gaudio

Secretary Meghan DeBauche

Vice President of Family Engagement Jimmy Shah

Vice President of Communications Ruthika Gunda

Absent

Vice President of Fundraising & Events Okia Ikwuazorm

I. Welcome Notes & Introductions

Britney Beauchemin introduced the Executive Committee and provided an update on what the Executive Committee has been doing

II. Raise Craze

Update: Place mats to be decorated and sent to meals on wheels. This ends October 8th. Next is acts of kindness. Correspondence will be sent home about what to include and what not to include. Operation Gratitude will send them out. Should be a general thank you for our first responders and troops.

We will also be doing a food drive with Loudoun Hunger and a clothing drive.

III. Fundraising

Trunk or Treat

We have only a few volunteers so far. We have 5 trunks and 2 volunteers. If you are volunteering to host a trunk, please arrive an hour before at 4:30 if you're setting up a trunk.

All parents can send in candy for the trunks. There is a box in the office for donations.

Chick Filet is supporting us by donating a chicken sandwich for each one sold. We'll sell them with chips and a drink for \$5.

Spirit nights:

- Previous spirit night at Burger Shack raised \$150. Sorry for the miscommunication.
- Atomic trampoline on October 18th. Big fundraiser, please attend.
- Chipotle on November 20th. We must have \$300 spent or they will not give us any proceeds.

Mom's Apple Pies: Pies will be sold for 2 weeks. The orders must be in by November 8th and the pies will be picked up on the Monday prior to Thanksgiving. Pies will be various kinds and sold for \$20. The facility where they are baked is not nut free.

Book Fair at Cascades Library on October 12 from 11-1. One of our own Waxpool PTA members and author will be donating presenting and donating some of the proceeds to the Waxpool PTA.

The Asha Jothi race raised \$1,800 for the PTA!

Discussion: Can we raise money for a new playground? Mr. Pellegrino stated there is room for another playground if we can raise the money.

Also some people have mentioned adding a shade/cover to the playground.

Lace up for Learning is coming up on Nov 2nd. They need volunteers of any kind, including delivery of water bottles, cheering stations, or signing up.

We should remind parents about linking their cards at the grocery store and sending in box tops.

Amazon Smiles is set up. Link your account and use the amazon smile site (smile.amazon.com) for your purchases. Amazon will donate money to our school!

IV. Volunteer Sign ups

We need volunteers. Don't want everyone to be overwhelmed, but want to provide the as many of the fun activities we can with the help of our PTA volunteers.

Chairs will be communicated with well in advance of their activity/function. Communication to Mr. Pellegrino or Waxpool should go through board members.

Suggestions: Add the sign up onto the website so everyone can access it. We communicated regarding where the sign ups are listed and how everyone can sign up.

The health clinic would like donations of boxes of bandaids. New underwear is also needed.

V. Math Olympiad and Odyssey

Forty students have registered for Math Olympiad. Registration is technically closed, but you can still register.

Odyssey of the Mind is also set and closed. They will ask for volunteers from the participating parents to judge at a later date.

VI. Room Parent Liaison

Four classrooms do not have room parents. They are in 3rd – 5th grades. Please communicate with the PTA board or our room parent liaison if you are interested in volunteering.

Many classrooms are having a fall party. It is not a Halloween party. No costumes.

Each class will choose 3 party dates. There will be no homemade at food. Buy store-bought food that includes the ingredients on the packaging.

VII. Playground Concerns

Can we donate equipment? Answer: There is more equipment coming, but you can donate equipment to your students' classrooms if you would like.

VIII. Spiritwear orders

The orders are closed for now so we can send in the orders we have received thus far. Those who still need to order will be able to order on the website soon.

IX. Treasurer's Report

Nathan Gaudio briefly discussed financial outlook of the PTA. Current cash on hand is ~\$17,000. Financial comparisons to similar PTAs discussed. Need to increase cash on hand in order to set an appropriate budget.

X. School Dedication

School dedication will be November 1st at 9 am. The PTA will be decorating the lobby. We are hoping to hire someone and will need volunteers to help with set up.

XI. Chess Club/After school activities

Company has stopped by to ask if we want to host an after school chess club. The ratio is 10-1.

Currently after school activities are scheduled to start in February.

XII. Principal's Update & School Needs

Principal Pellegrino spoke briefly about:

1. Reminder: Picture Day is October 8th
2. The Math Magician was a hit! Thank you to the PTA!
3. There was a day last week when the fire alarm went off accidentally, while lunch was in session, and the kids did amazing!
4. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts needed for school dedication. We have two troop leaders here who will help them.
5. Halloween: Mr. Pellegrino's goal is to protect the instructional day. When kids come to school in costume, they are less focused and instructional time suffers. Also, we want to be respectful of those who want to dress up and those who do not. Trunk or Treat is being offered as a venue where kids can come to school and dress up if they choose.
6. The dedication: Each grade is doing a project based learning activity to help the day be a success. All parents are invited. Information will be coming out.

7. They will try to live stream the dedication for parents who cannot attend.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8: 10PM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 pm.