

Westran PTO October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 2021, at 7 p.m. at home of Niki Jacoby

Meeting called to order by President Renae Fuemmeler at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Renae Fuemmeler, Breanne Goble, Randi Rice, Hilary Knazick, Shania Rickart, Amy Auriene, Ashley Wienhaus, Niki Jacoby, Tannie Howard & Kaylee Hayes.

Treasurer Report given by Breanne Goble. Checking balance of \$1,086.30 & Savings balance of \$23,203.55. Will deposit checks from Easter soon.

Minutes read by Randi Rice. Ashley Wienhaus motioned to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Hilary Knazick.

Old Business

Character Ed shirts were distributed at school to wear during assemblies.

Halloween drinks, snacks and treats were purchased ahead of tonight's meeting. Treat bags were assembled prior to meeting commencement. Renae will deliver everything to the school on Thursday, the 28th. Total cost was between \$350-\$400 for treat bags. Total expense of drinks and snacks wasn't immediately available. Renae reminded PTO members that they are in charge of games during the Halloween parties.

New Business

Renae discussed the new playground project that is slated to begin at the end of the year or beginning of January and be completed at the beginning of the 22-23 school year. A PTO goal is to contribute to the new Elementary playground. Renae has been working closely with Superintendent Nagel to ensure PTO funds will be used for part of the project. There will be a community meeting to go over the final design, in which various organizations, including PTO, will have the opportunity to provide input and support finishing touches.

Renae shared a few "thank-you" notes PTO received from Suzi Carter and her class.

Mr. Ueltschy reached out to Renae for PTO consideration to donate \$170 in funds to complete a DonorsChoose fundraiser for the music program. Prior to the meeting, he reached out again to withdraw his request as the funds were given by an anonymous donor. Renae recommended he reach out in the future if he would like the PTO to consider contributing funds for other endeavors.

Discussed skipping December meeting and pushing it to January to avoid potential cancellation due to schedule conflicts or bad weather.

Discussed Spring carnival date. Ashley Wienhaus motioned to tentatively set the Spring carnival date for April 1st, which is an early dismissal for teach in-service. Renae will discuss with Principal Roark on 10/27.

Renae plans to ask Principal Roark if PTO can return to meeting in school, starting with January 18th meeting.

Discussed whether or not to do treats, drinks and snacks for Valentine's Party, just as we did for Halloween. Ashley Wienhaus motioned for PTO to provide treat bags only.

Renaë confirmed that PTO will help with "Fill the Fire Truck – Toy Drive" by acting as liaison between the school and the fire department. Niki Jacoby suggested PTO sponsor a Penny War in November to raise cash funds for the Toy Drive. Renaë agreed to discuss with Principal Roark during her 10/27 meeting. The Penny War would run November 15th – 23rd. Various members asked how they could support the Toy Drive in other ways and Niki suggested members gather to sort toys or help on pick-up day.

Renaë asked members if they would be interested in joining a GroupMe to provide members with a platform to discuss ongoing matters. Renaë asked members to message her their phone numbers so they could be added to the group.

Next Meeting is January 18th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Tannie Howard to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ashley Wienhaus.