

Westchester Meeting Minutes 12/4

Mr. Byers News

There is going to be a new program to help us determine who are the advanced students (GT)
New process for deciding what students qualifies
Reason for this is because of math – more restrictive, more realistic

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday December 12th 6-7:30PM Math Night – take home
Friday December 15th – last day for Towson interns – Wish them well! Thank you everyone.
Friday December 22nd – Asynchronous – plugged into Schoology by BCPS

Treasurer Report:

New activity summary which is easy to read and easily digestible for someone who is just glancing at it quickly.

Annual Financial Review – Kait Keelen, Monica Althouse and Jennifer Bannon are the three PTA members identified to serve on the committee.

What do we do with that reserve? Currently at \$25,152. Mr. Byers suggested using that for the kids. How do we allocate? Use more money for the existing events – Super Star Sprint, Bingo Night, etc.

Communications Update:

We are chugging right along and things are going well. We are making progress and will continue to evaluate what is working and what we can improve upon. Paper newsletter, email communication and Facebook posts.

- Issues are between Givebacks and BCPS.org members
 - Solution – members who are BCPS.org sign up with an alternate email address if they are interested in receiving our communication. Going to get that communication out via Laurie Sabatelli.

Upcoming:

- Farmhouse Greens
- Hot Cocoa Cart
- Coat, winter accessories drive – link going out to teachers Newsletter this Thursday and next Thursday.

After the Break:

- Bingo
- February Food Night

Membership Update:

- 217 Members, 31 Staff
- Working on ways to get more teachers as PTA members
- Get Envelope from Nicole
- Family membership opportunity – idea from Heather – let’s revisit when Nicole is at the meeting so we can get her opinion

Around 700 students. Which equates to about 350/400 families.

Teacher Appreciation:

Math Night – boxed dinners from Apple Spice – Jen created an order form. Jen going to call them and see what kind of notice they need to put the order together for Tuesday.

Hot Cocoa Cart – 15th

- Going around room to room and bringing the teachers goodies
- Need more baked goods

Classroom supplies for Teachers

- Amazon wishlist
- Laurie will send out a request of what teachers want
- Jen will get those items from Costco.
- Jen will order from China Chef for Chinese New Year

Green Team:

- Able to develop a plan based on availability. Anchoring on either end of the marquee sign. In the Spring we will plant native plants and colors.
- Touchbase with Ms. Maguire about green school initiative.
- Birdhouses, butterfly houses, vegetable gardens, etc.
- Green Team Club
- 2024 Events:
- Clean Up – every other month
- Spring – sign and planters

Girl On the Run: need to download the printed document and include in the minutes.

Discussing the possibility of the PTA supporting this initiative.

Book Fair:

BIGGEST SALE EVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Total Sales: \$24,527.24!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We use \$4000 to buy Scholastic magazine. This year we gave every teacher \$25 to spend at the Book Fair. We gave \$250 to new teachers to build their school library. We spent \$3243 Scholastic on the fair.

Over \$3000 in e-wallets. Over \$400 remaining. So we (child/helper) physically need to move it to the next Fair. 1 Family had \$205.

Fall Fair will always be bigger. Because of that we'll take Scholastic dollars now. In the Spring we'll take cash. We'll give PTA teachers an additional \$10 to use towards the \$25 we already give them.

In Spring, we get 10% of that Fair in Scholastic dollars. Use Scholastic dollars for Bingo prizes. Look into that!

Kindness Grams - \$753 revenue!!!!!! Great fundraiser!

Drama Club – it's going well! TBD on whether there will be one show.

Friday, February 23rd

One day they can use the gym

Kara got some parent volunteers for Spring Kids Club

Coat Drive – Deadline December 15th

Spirit Wear – store closes on December 8th

Bring prices down

Bingo – FREE Event

- Registration function.

Parents Night Out: Jen Peters

- The Basement 7-10 late March

5th Grade Activities:

- Bowling 6/6 11-1
- Dance 6/11
 - Theme – Red Carpet
 - DJ
 - Photographer
 - Decorations
 - Working on getting parent volunteers and also communicating that teachers are invited.

Super Star Sprint – moving right along.

Food Night – need a new person to lead this.