

## PTA General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/17/2019

Meeting Location: Weyanoke Library

Meeting Called to Order at 7:04pm



1. Principal's Report, Ms. Usher
  - a. Field day is tomorrow – we are all very excited.
    - i. Kids should dress comfortably, will be outside for about 2.5 hours
    - ii. Will get to go to different stations and play
    - iii. Will be provided a bag lunch
  - b. Next week an advertisement will go out about Veteran's day concert
    - i. Monday November 11th
    - ii. School is in session that day, and there will be two concerts
    - iii. Will be a math fun day also
  - c. At the end of the month will be the end of the grading period
    - i. Please plan to meet with your children's teachers before November 4<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Will be a great opportunity to find out how your children are doing
  - d. Book Fair is next week!
    - i. Children will look at books on Monday, will be available for purchase later in the week
    - ii. Book Fair will be open on Wednesday night for parents to purchase
  - e. November 21st is Family Life Education (FLE) night
    - i. Come and look at what materials are taught during the FLE lessons to see if you'd like to opt out
    - ii. They discuss the curriculum, different grades have different conversations
2. Vice President's Report, Mr. Reid Salvette
  - a. Bingo Night – Volunteers Needed
    - i. November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm
    - ii. Food and bingo cards will be available for purchase
    - iii. Prizes will be available for winners, adults included!
    - iv. Volunteers are needed, please reach out to Reid if you're interested: 970-988-9488 or [woodchuckpta.vp@gmail.com](mailto:woodchuckpta.vp@gmail.com)
3. Treasurer's Report, Ms. Cohen
  - a. Direct Donation Update
    - i. So far we have raised about \$200
    - ii. Goal is to raise \$10,000 to support activities for the students this year
  - b. Prizes and Raffles
    - i. Amazon fire tablets will be raffled for students with most contributors and highest value contributions
4. Afterschool Clubs Updates
  - a. Chess Club
    - i. TJ has reorganized their program so it's caused a few delays to get started, but once the volunteers are assigned we'll get the program kicked off again.
  - b. Possible STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Club Launching
    - i. Still working to determine dates, possibility of starting after January
    - ii. This will be just 4<sup>th</sup>-and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
    - iii. Priority will be given to students that were put on the waitlist for the Computer Science program
    - iv. We ask that if you already have a student in KAST or Computer Science that they not request enrollment for STEM so that we can give as many opportunities to students as possible.
  - c. Winter Sports (basketball)
    - i. Be on the lookout for a flyer coming in the next few weeks
    - ii. The more kids we have sign up the better the program will be!

- d. Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)
  - i. Flyer will be coming out soon
  - ii. Father figures get to volunteer in the school for a day
  - iii. People that are interested can contact Reid
- 5. Remind App
  - a. Free application that is helpful with communication
  - b. Each after school club will use the app to communicate updates, inclement weather, and explanation of the activities
  - c. If you have questions you can contact Farah Ahmad: 703-269-8662 or farahzibarefai@gmail.com
- 6. Traffic Study Update, Mr. Cohen
  - a. The intersection is very busy, especially in the morning, but there are safety concerns for the children, parents and the crossing guard that use the crosswalk.
  - b. He is requesting the addition of a traffic light
    - i. Currently the school is only registered as having 7 walkers, and we need at least 20 registered for the county to consider making a change.
- 7. “Nine Steps to Raising Money Smart Kids” presented by Carmen Bississo
  - a. Start saving early
    - i. Create a house rule to save 10%, for example, and the rest can be spent
    - ii. Open a bank account
      - 1. Let them see the balance, builds responsibility, tangible result
  - b. Spend properly
    - i. Teach the difference between needs and wants
      - 1. Possibly have them help plan a vacation
      - 2. Will help to realize there are needs that go into accomplishing the “want” and doing *everything* might not be financially possible
  - c. Be charitable
    - i. Donate to a good cause, such as the Weyanoke Direct Donation drive!
  - d. Earn Money
    - i. Helps them learn the value and appreciate the work
    - ii. Have children clip coupons and go to the store. Then you can split the difference of the money saved!
  - e. Reward for saving
    - i. If the child wants a \$100 bike, maybe offer to pay for half if they save \$50 by a certain timeframe
    - ii. Provides an achievable goal the child can work towards to encourage and reward saving
  - f. How can you be more financially responsible?
    - i. Create a will - Can be done online at a lower cost (legalzoom.com)
    - ii. Life insurance – Will pay a sum of money should you pass away. Cheaper than you think, likely cheaper than what you pay in car insurance.
    - iii. Disability insurance – Replaces your income should you not be able to work
- 8. Upcoming PTA Events and Programs
  - a. Chuck-e-cheese Fundraiser, October 18<sup>th</sup>
  - b. BINGO Night, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 6-8pm
  - c. Book Fair Begins October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - d. PTA General Meeting, November 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Meeting concluded at 8:25pm