

WALNUT GROVE
ELEMENTARY



General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 8th, 2022
9:30am

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m.
- II. Approval of minutes from General PTO meeting Oct. 18th -A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jenny Fisher, seconded by Kristina Fratus, and the motion was approved.
- III. Principal's Report- Dr. Calvin
 - a. Thank you to our wonderful PTO for providing the delicious Fajita Pete's lunch with Dr. Ledbetter.
 - b. Dad's club breakfast was fantastic with the Lady Dragons Coach. Her speech connected directly to our Dragon Creed.
 - c. The new Dragon wing mural is complete!
 - d. Veteran's Day is coming up this week. The halls and stage are being decorated. There is a Thursday evening show and a Friday morning assembly.
 - e. Donuts with Dads is coming up December 2nd. Make sure to pre-register for this special event. We will begin checking IDs outside instead of at the front door camera.
 - f. Class holiday parties will be held December 16th. Parents will be able to sign students for holiday break directly with your child's teacher.
- IV. Officers Reports
 - A. President---- Corie Brown
 - i. Café projector and screen have been installed.
 - ii. Dad's Club speaker was Robyn McCoart. There was a great turnout. Exec is working with Adam Butcher to get a sign-up genius sent out to fill volunteer spots for the remaining Dad's Club events this year.
 - iii. Mural- Daniela Kaunitz came out last week and painted the Dragon Wings with our own Dragon Creed words. The mural is displayed in the hallway across from the library. Kids were able to watch a time lapse video on yesterday's morning announcements.

- iv. Sheri Dudley and Dana Gamache will be retiring- a party will be held in the library on Tuesday, Dec. 6th for anyone who like to celebrate. PTO will supply cake, cookies and flowers. A gift will be supplied by WGES teachers.
 - v. Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)- a sign-up genius went out last week and started this Monday. All help is appreciated.
 - vi. Laminator has been fixed and returned to our copy room.
 - vii. Braggin' on the Dragon signs are being ordered today to replenish our supply for the rest of this school year and beginning of next school year.
- B. Treasurer---- Erin Jewel
- i. Financial Update/Budget updates
 - a. P&L and monthly expenses were reviewed.
- C. VP Fundraising----Val Patel
- i. Spirit Nights- Val is looking into putting together a holiday shopping opportunity with a few vendors that would provide a portion of sales back to PTO. Stay tuned for more details.
 - ii. Dad's Club- We are looking for business/individual sponsorships. Sponsors would cover the cost of food and beverages during Dad's Club. Reach out to Val if you are interested in this opportunity.
- D. VP Volunteers----Tara Britton
- i. Classroom Volunteer Updates
 - a. Holiday Parties will be held Dec. 16th
 - b. Grade Level Party Budgets
 - i. K \$531
 - ii. 1st \$737 - Gollihar will be team lead for first grade.
 - iii. 2nd \$510
 - iv. 3rd \$629
 - v. 4th \$550
 - c. There will be a holiday train. The above budgets do not have the cost for the train taken out of them.
 - d. Hot chocolate will also be provided following the train ride.
 - e. Team Leads meet tomorrow to discuss their wishes for the grade level parties. Information will be available to party moms following tomorrow's meeting.
 - f. Homeroom mom checks are available to pick up from the Treasurer if you have not received yours. Checks amounts

include funds to cover a teacher's birthday gift, winter and end of year gifts. Holiday gifts can be given to your teacher on December 16th.

- g. If you are a grade level coordinator, please meet with your grade lead to discuss their wishes for the holiday party.
- h. Mrs. Cox is still in need of a Homeroom mom.

E. VP Community ---- Erica Willis

- i. Thankful Thursday- Every staff member received a \$20 gift card along with a small bundt cake on November 17th.
- ii. Upcoming Events- The Multicultural Event is coming up on January 26th. More details will come in December regarding this event.

F. VP Communications---- Bryanna Roop

- i. Communication update- Check the wgespto@live.com for a full list of events coming up.
- ii. The Target gift card program will begin soon. This program allows families to give funds to any staff members of their choosing. Checks will need to be made out to Target, no WGES and returned to school to the attention of Amanda Orr. Last year, we raised almost \$25,000. This program is live on the website. Checks are due to be turned in by November 29th. Keep an eye out for a flyer in your child's Wednesday take home folder.
- iii. Donuts with Dads- Illeana Lutkenhaus has stepped up to take pictures at the event.
- iv. Yearbook- Yearbooks and memorable messages are available to purchase now through December 16th by visiting the PTO website. A flyer will go out hopefully before the break.
- v. wgesptocommunications@gmail.com
Carolyn Baker created this one stop way for PTO members to get information out across all of our social media platforms through completing a form and submitting it to the above email address.

G. Advisor's Report---- Danielle Gibson

- i. Reflex Math- Renewal fee is coming up. We are looking at approving the 3-year subscription at a discounted 15% rate. The 3-year subscription cost is \$8,402.25 versus \$3,295.00 for 1 year.
 - a. Motion was made by Virginia Hinkle, seconded by Jenny Fisher, motion was unanimously approved.

H. President Elect---- Wendy Home

- i. Volunteers of the month are Stacey Vincent and Ebby Hooten for helping with the book fair, and Bria Riel for the Fun Fest auction.
- I. Secretary---- Jessica Tyler
 - i. Thank You's were received from Mrs. Mobh, the SPED Team, Natasha Hitchcock and Stefan Benedetti.
- J. New and Unfinished Business
 - a. Dr. Calvin has graciously given us this room to use as our official PTO workroom and meeting space. Thank you!!
 - b. We have been asked to decorate the teacher's lounge. Let an Exec member know If you have any fun fall décor items or items that can be used to create a fun coffee bar.
 - c. Carroll ISD has found a potential replacement for Mrs. Dudley.
 - d. We are still looking for a school counselor at our campus. If you have a connection for anyone who is certified, please let Dr. Calvin know.
 - e. Remember to sign up for a birthday shoutout to celebrate your child's birthday on the morning announcements.
 - f. We are going to look into a color printer for the PTO room.
- V. Meeting was adjournment at 10:38.