

WALNUT GROVE
ELEMENTARY



General Meeting Notes
Wednesday, August 24, 2022
9:30am

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order by Corie Brown at 9:32 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from General PTO meeting May 17th
 - a. Motion to approve August 24th minutes by Virginia Hinkle
 - b. Seconded by Ileana Lutkenhaus
 - c. Motion approved
- III. Principal's Report
 - a. Dr. Calvin welcomed new dragon families.
 - b. Kinder enrollment numbers are down
 - i. Only five Kinder classes this year
 - c. Staff changes
 - i. Hilton moved to 1st grade team
 - ii. Amy Bronson joined 2nd grade team
 - iii. Michelle Schnacke joined 3rd grade team
 - iv. Erin Cox joined 4th grade team
 - v. Coach Hall joined from CMS
 - vi. Danielle Gibson joined as Low Impact Coach
 - vii. Cathy Ammerman joined as Campus Secretary
 - viii. Marcella Vega joined as Dr. Calvin's Assistant
 - ix. New Resource Teacher was hired
 - x. Heather Southerland joined as Diagnostician
- IV. Officers Reports
 - a. President---- Corie Brown
 - i. First day form link available at wgespto.com
 - ii. PTO membership sponsor signs have been ordered and will be distributed shortly
 - iii. PTO membership shirts are being ordered for purchase
 - iv. Upcoming PTO Events-

1. Fall Fun Fest will be held Sept. 30th from 5pm-8pm and will include a cardboard box challenge headed by Mrs. Timmerman. The goal is to make creative games using cardboard boxes. The winner will be presented/displayed at Family Fun Fest.
 2. Homecoming Parade will be Sept. 14th at 4:30pm at Southlake Town Square. A wufoo signup form will be available. The first 25 entries to purchase a ticket will walk in the parade with Dr. Calvin.
- v. Troy Cummings is an approved speaker with the district. Mr. Cummings writes graphic novels and chapter books. He will be hired as a guest speaker this year. We are seeking approval to raise the budget to spend up to \$3,000 for his visit.
1. Motion to approve made by Bryanna Roop
 2. Seconded by Jamie Fisher
 3. Motion approved
- vi. Landscaping for the front flower beds
1. Wendy Home discussed beautification and landscaping of 3 areas. Project would include stones and a variety of plants, flowers and soil.
 - a. Motion to approve \$6,850 expense made by Ankitha Mekala
 - b. Seconded by Carol Bell
 - c. Motion approved
- vii. New café projector technology has been paid for. We are waiting for installation.
- viii. Kinder playground equipment has been ordered and will be installed.
- ix. Spirit Shop community sale was a huge success. Thank you to our wonderful Spirit Shop team!
- b. Treasurer---- Erin Jewel
- i. Financial Update/Budget updates
 1. Expenses from May-July 1 were reviewed
 2. This fiscal year begins July 1. Transactions were reviewed.
 3. Main source of income this period came from spirit shop
 4. Largest expenses are for subscription renewals

- c. VP Fundraising----Val Patel
 - i. Sign up with Kroger, Tom Thumb, Amazon and Shutterfly. Shutterfly will donate back 8% of purchases. Go to wgespto.com and click sponsorships for more information. Family members and friends are able to sign up.
 - ii. Family Fun Fest- we are looking for sponsors at the platinum and gold levels. Reach out to Val if interested.
 - iii. Corporate match-check your company to see if they offer matching
 - iv. Spirit nights-there will be multiple this year (Chipotle, Mooyah, Tazikis) more info to come via PTO website and Facebook page
- d. VP Volunteers----Tara Britton
 - i. Grade level coordinators are:
 1. Ileana Lutkenhaus/Aekta Amin-kinder
 2. Ankitha Mekala/Meredith Lippe 1st
 3. Kristle Wachtler 2nd
 4. Nikita Mehta-3rd
 5. Lidia Laso Martin-4th grade
 - ii. Homeroom parents are needed for Taylor, Cooper, Simpson, Green, Parsley, Schnake, Cox, and Roy
- e. VP Community ---- Erica Willis
 - i. Every grade will participate in a community project to give back. Biggest event is multicultural night. This event takes place in the gym and cafeteria. There are opportunities to taste foods, learn, and experience cultures. Event will take place in January. More info to come.
- f. VP Communications---- Bryanna Roop
 - i. Visit the PTO website to subscribe to our calendar
 - ii. Also, subscribe via your phone by visiting the PTO home page. Below calendar, click subscribe. Do not click "add all events." Links to purchase tickets will be available to click on through the calendar throughout the year.
 - iii. PTO website contains a multitude of information, links to forms, tax info, Carroll ISD links, teacher favorites and much more
- g. Advisor's Report---- Danielle Gibson

