

**November 14, 2023 PTA Meeting  
Westmore Elementary School**

**Minutes are considered a high-level overview of the meeting.**

**For more information on any specific topic, please ask PTA officers.**

The Westmore Elementary School PTA met on November 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. About 10 people were in attendance in person.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Rachel Fowler shared that the minutes from the last PTA meeting held on October 10, 2023, are posted on MemberHub (Givebacks).

**President's Report**

Panda Express Fundraiser: We made \$678. President Raquel Mahoney thanked everyone for making a donation for Feed the Teachers. So far families have donated \$350. Families are donating food as well.

The Holiday Photo Op has been canceled since there were not enough sign ups. PTA purchased backdrops for \$75, and we could use those for other things such as Book Blizzard.

Book Blizzard: There will be no Holiday Craft Night, but we are hoping to use that money for other events like Book Blizzard and Family Reading Night.

Giving Tree: There are wish lists for Westmore families in need. The lists will go out early next week in Mr. Dart's email and via PTA. There will be gift wrapping party on December 13.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Taryn Mueller shared that the opening balance was \$20,503.67, and the closing balance was \$18,969.17. Our biggest receipts last month were a 1st grade field trip, Trunk or Treat, spirit wear, and PTA insurance. There's a difference of \$2,494.20.

**Vice Principal's Report**

Mrs. Chambers reported that the school is celebrating reading steps by grade. For the weather, if it is warmer than 15 degrees, students will most likely be outside in the morning and for recess. It's good to remember warm weather gear. If it starts snowing, students can play in the snow if they have snowpants, boots, hats, gloves, etc.

Students are doing a kindness challenge: 10 acts of kindness off of the list, and pick two that are memorable, then draw or share a story. Three stories will be featured on WETV. Report cards are now online through Power School. Parent-teacher conferences are about to start. If you still need to book a conference, you can call the office.

Book Blizzard will be Thursday, December 21. There will be activities during the day. Grandparents will be invited to share stories with the class. The school is looking for volunteers, wrapping paper donations, and a book and craft for each grade level.

There are two new staff in the library that help with library instruction and technology and book checkout and maintenance.

### **Committee Reports**

**Book Blizzard:** President Raquel Mahoney reported that the PTA needs help with craft and book pairing, which will be different for each grade level. The current budget is \$200 for Book Blizzard. Holiday Craft Night had a \$500 budget. Family Reading Night was \$100 budget. We can take the money we are not using toward Book Blizzard. Lisa Ticaric will be the PTA liaison.

Vice President Ande Ngola motioned to take the \$500 from Holiday Craft Night and allocate \$200 toward Book Blizzard, \$200 for Family Reading Night, and \$100 to go back in the general fund. Kelsey Gibney seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

**Family Game Night Recap:** Vice President Ande Ngola reported that over 90 people signed up to come, and there were some walk-ins as well. Many families played games and had snacks. There will be another game night in February.

**Book Fair:** Treasurer Taryn Mueller reported that the preview will be set up after school on November 15. It will be moved to the gym Friday evening and will be open Tuesday morning as well. PTA needs volunteers with opening up in the Flex Room and breaking down on Friday evening around 6 p.m., and setting up in the gym for Monday.

**Math Contest:** Kelsey Gibney reported that the first one is on December 6. Aurora Scahill is also working on it. The contest is for 3rd-5th graders. Practice tests will be sent out as well. There will be brag tags for the event, too. There are awards at the end of the year for students who attend all contests.

**Coin Wars:** Treasurer Taryn Mueller reported that this should be on our radar. The theme is possibly Mario. We might consider this in February.

**PTA Holiday Party:** President Raquel Mahoney reported that a PTA holiday will be December 5 at Brooks Kitchen and Tap at 6:30 p.m. Appetizers will be provided.

**Trunk or Treat:** The calk walk made \$340.

### **New Business**

Fundraising Committee: The chair has stepped down; Carson Simek and Nikki Sheehan would like to take on the committee and plan the big fundraiser for the spring. The committee is looking for volunteers.

### **Announcements**

November 1-22—Spirit Wear Store is Open

November 15 and 20—Feed the Teachers

November 20-21—Scholastic Book Fair

December 5—PTA Holiday Party (No PTA Meeting)

December 6—Math Contest #1

December 13—Giving Tree Wrap Party

December 21—Book Blizzard

January 9—PTA Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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