

**January 14, 2025 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 Jan. 14, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. About 12 people were in attendance in person.

Ande Ngola has shared that the format of the agenda has changed. Reports are in the appendices linked below.

Consent Agenda

Past Committee Activity Summaries ([Appendix A](#))

Minutes from November 12 PTA Meeting ([Appendix B](#))

Treasurer's Report ([Appendix C](#))

Taryn Mueller motioned to approve the consent agenda as it stands. Kendra Risley seconded the motion. This was approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Dart reported that after winter break, students did an amazing job of reading. The Book Blizzard went well with the grandparents. The quarter ended on January 10, and report cards will be issued on January 21. January 29 will be a quarter-end celebration and a half day of school. The school is doing the READBowl Challenge, a national reading program where classes can be recognized. Weather guidance: Mr. Dart will try to send out texts or messages with updates on this.

If there's a possible day for e-learning, Chromebooks would be sent home the day before and a packet of paperwork. Chargers would stay at school. 8:30-9 a.m. would be live. The students would get an online link for this. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. would be asynchronous work. 12-12:45 p.m. would be lunchtime. 12:45-2:30 p.m. would be asynchronous work.

One Book, One School will be coming in February. A kick-off event for this is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 27.

Committee Planning

STEM Night: President Ande Ngola reported that is currently scheduled for March 25. There are two options: This can be slimmed down without outside vendors and some volunteers, or we cancel the event. PTA discussed canceling the event this year but trying to plan this event earlier the next school year.

Movie Night: Taylor Thinnes shared that the gym is reserved for February 21. There's a flyer that will be sent out with students near the end of January. She is setting up CheddarUp registration and volunteer sign up for this soon.

February Restaurant Night: Caisey Schneider shared that the next restaurant night is February 19 at Portillos in Elmhurst from 5 to 8 p.m. They will be donating 20%.

Family Game Night: President Ande Ngola shared that the new date for this will be March 25.

New Business

- Bylaws Amendment: There was previous discussion about updating quorum in the bylaws. Ande Ngola will have the revised proposal at the February PTA meeting.
- Safety Patrol Field Trip: Ande Ngola shared that the field trip will be to a Schaumburg Boomers game this year. There will be a Restaurant Night coming up to help with the costs for this. PTA discussed possibly only paying a portion of this field trip in the future. This is the only line item that doesn't benefit the whole school. They could also be recognized in a different way.
- Event Planning Process: The next school event is picnics in May. PTA can discuss this at the March meeting. Ande Ngola would like feedback on this process.
- How to Increase Participation: Jacqueline Luna-Montes said that getting information out sooner on what we'll talk about could help with PTA meeting participation.
- PTA Code of Conduct: Taylor Thinnes drafted a code of conduct and can bring a final version to the April PTA meeting. Once finalized, this will be part of PTA membership registration.

Announcements

We need a Nomination Committee soon for secretary and treasurer. We need a chair of the committee and two PTA members. The election is May 13, so names need to be put out at the April PTA meeting. Taylor Thinnes offered to chair this committee.

Kendra Kinsley shared that in art class, students made thank you art for a graphic to use for PTA thank you cards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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