

**February 11, 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 Feb. 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. About 13 people were in attendance in person.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from January 14 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))

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

Kris Castaldi motioned to approve the consent agenda as it stands. Taylor Thinnes seconded the motion. This was approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Dart shared that the school is at more than 169,000 reading steps. There was a Quarter 2 assembly celebrating math, language arts, etc. Winter MAP testing results went home on Feb. 11, with the school's best growth ever. One Book, One School is coming up soon from February 27 through March 19. The Family Reading Night will be February 27.

Mrs. Mariner, Reading Specialist at Westmore, shared about her background, family, and career.

Committee Planning

5th Grade Committee: Kris Castaldi reported that the committee met last month with 12 or 13 people. The committee has the budget and activities planned. They are working on locker decorating day. The committee plans on meeting again on March 6. A packet is being created to send home to 5th grade parents with more information. There will be a 5th grade webpage created on the Westmore PTA website with more information. The 5th graders will be visiting Jackson Middle School on May 13.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Kendra Risley reported that a theme has been decided. Kendra plans to work on a Sign-Up Genius. She's working on decorations for the teacher's lounge as well. Taylor Thinnes is going to look into a possible raffle.

End of Year Bash: President Ande Ngola reported that PTA is looking for a chair for this committee, but the Executive Committee will take this over as well. Taylor Thinnes asked if we could do a Trunk or Treat Career Fair for this event. PTA will discuss at the next few meetings.

School Supply Kits: President Ande Ngola reported that Caisey Schneider will be taking over school supply kits.

New Business

- **Bylaws Amendment:** There was previous discussion about updating quorum in the bylaws. Ande Ngola shared the revised proposal. ([Appendix C](#)) Taylor Thinnes motioned to approve the amendment as written. Kris Castaldi seconded the motion. This was approved.
- **Nomination Committee:** President Ande Ngola shared that PTA will need a new secretary and treasurer next year. The Nominating Committee seeks out those who are interested and

nominates the candidates. Ande will send out a message to PTA members asking to be part of this committee. The elections will be in May, and nominations will be made at the April meeting.

- **Planning for Class Picnics:** Mr. Dart shared he will reach out to the grade level parent volunteers to see if they will volunteer for the class picnics. There will be food and games. Dates will be determined in the near future.
- **Committee Chair Transition Planning:** As committee chairs leave Westmore, PTA is working on documentation for future chairs. Math Contest and School Supply Kits are set for next year. Ande is looking for ideas from everyone on how to have a good transition. A shadowing opportunity would be helpful.

Announcements

Westmore is having a Portillo's Restaurant Night, February 19, at the Elmhurst location, from 5-8 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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