

**March 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 March 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. About 12 people were in attendance in person.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from February 11 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))

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

Jacqueline Luna-Montes 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 has 201,000 reading steps, and One Book One School has started. There will be an activity off the end of the book when it's over. The school is in field trip season. The quarter ends March 21. IAR is coming up for 3rd and 4th grade the last week of March. 2nd grade is taking the CogAT assessment right now as well. School picnics are coming up as well, and PTA will help out. The picnics run March 16-22. Next week is Spirit Week at school, and report cards will come out March 28.

Committee Planning

Family Game Night: Ande Ngola reported the new date for Family Game Night is Thursday, April 10.

5th Grade Committee: Kris Castaldi reported that all of the big things are booked and the committee met last week. They are working on the small details now and set up a SignUp Genius. There are about 15 people on the committee. Kris is documenting things for the future of the committee.

Staff Appreciation Week: Kendra Risley reported that there are 12 committee members. The theme is Wicked. There are many donations coming in and volunteers helping out. Staff Appreciation Week is May 5-9. There will be gift cards for everyone on staff.

Summer Bash: Jacqueline Luna-Montes and Taylor Thinnes reported that the theme is Community Connected Throughout the Summer. Businesses participating include Villa Park and Lombard Rec Centers, Morton Arboretum, Helen Plum Library, DuPage Children's Museum, Kane County Cougars, and cheerleaders. Community officers will attend as well. There will be rock painting and games. Kids can make business cards for playdates, too. There will be a Book Fair. This will be May 9, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee: Taylor Thinnes reported that the committee includes Mike Thinnes, Becky Murray, Kendra Risley, Taylor Thinnes, and Ande Ngola. There needs to be a chair of this committee, and Taylor Thinnes is nominated. Adriana Rodriguez is interested in treasurer and introduced herself. Nominations are due at the next PTA meeting in April. The vote will be in May.

New Business

- **Planning for Class Picnics:** The budget is \$545.91. Ande Ngola shared there is a little over \$100 per grade per picnic. If anything needs to be purchased by the school, it needs to be by April 11.
- **Committee Chair Transition Planning:** Ande Ngola shared that there needs to be committee chairs next year for the following committees: STEM Night, K/1 Social, Movie Night, Yearbook, Trunk or Treat, Back to School Bash, and Spiritwear. Reach out to Ande Ngola if interested in

these committees. Jacqueline Luna-Montes shared that Movie Night will need more than one chair. Taylor Thinnes offered to do Trunk or Treat and the K/1 Social.

Announcements

- The Spiritwear store will be open March 14 to March 31.
- There will be a \$1 dues increase for the next school year.
- The last PTA meeting of the year (May 13) will be the same day as kindergarten orientation. Kris Castaldi will be there with Spiritwear. Possibly create a sign-up form.
- The NachoRita Fundraiser is March 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 6:30 p.m.

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