

**Wallingford Elementary School
Parent-Teacher Organization
October 13, 2020**

AGENDA

Attendance

Christina Gaffney	Fran Yan
Jen Griffin	Kelly Whitehead
Jency Weeks	Janine Berstein
Candice Rogers	Audra Bach
Mr. Gabriel Savage	Christine Greco
Allison Collins	Kristine Magargee
Amanda Weinberg	

Call to Order - 6:05 PM

Approval of minutes from 9/22/20 meeting

Committee Thank You's

- Website: Abbie Mello (A Girl Scout troop used the website for the coding page.)
- New Parent Reps: Anne McFadden, Gina Lazzari
- 5th Grade Reps - Kim Graham, Melissa Carden, Sara Fritz, Kristine Magargee, Chris Schmidt, Katie Czaplicki
- Directory: Christine Greco, Jennifer Griffin, Paul Nuschke, Christie Cari and Blakely Minton
- WES Mail: Erin Mormile
- Foreign Language: Amanda Weinberg, Marissa Brant

- Movie Night: Jen LaViola, Anne McFadden
- Treasurers: Allison Collings and Fran Yan
- Grounds and Greens: Sam Simonsen, Colleen Thom, Joni O'Connor, Sarah Taub, Kristin Miller
- Homeroom Parent Reps: Stephanie Cavanagh, Janine Berstein
- Car Line: Cindy Bean and Fran Yan
- Book Fair: Sarah Rodowicz and Colleen Glackin
- Publicity: Coco Kaminski
- Citizenship: Lisa Hill and Erin Thomson

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Fran Yan

This report spans: 9/22/2020-10/10/20

We started the period with a cash balance of \$48,200.99

We had deposits of \$472.15

And withdrawals of (\$2,988.00)

Leaving us with a balance of \$45,685.14

Highlights

Deposits:

\$256.00 – Mum Sale

\$211.15 – Spirit Wear

\$5.00 – Other

Withdrawals:

\$2,475.00 – Mums

\$435.00 – Movie Night

\$75.00 – School Kids

\$3.00 – PTO Admin

Reminders

Deposits have all been labeled, please continue to do so

Total Expense vs. Deposits SYTD – 07/1/20-10/10/20

Expenses: (\$4,708.58)

Deposits: \$10,772.15

Net YTD: \$6,063.57

Committee Reports

(Committees at work have the opportunity to report, share good news/feedback, ask for help/advice/input)

- New Parent Reps -
 - Kindergarten Playdate tomorrow 4 pm to 5 pm (all masked)
- Swarthmore Pizza Night -
 - Tuesday, October 20 - next week (Honor all three ways of dining - Indoor, Outdoor and Take Out. Must mention “WES Pizza Night”)
- Fall Book Fair -
 - Follett, instead of Scholastic (it will be all virtual for three weeks) Nov 1st to 21st. Books will be delivered to WES and the Committee will work out a way for pick up/delivery to include all WES families in the sale.
- Homeroom Parent Reps -
 - In a holding pattern until more is known about Halloween.
- Directory - Christine Gaffney -
 - It is done. SOLD 128, printed 250. They are on sale at the school store. There was a pick up last Friday. \$456 cost to print profit \$5046. Total with ADS - \$5296. May sell at the playdate tomorrow. Delay on the APP. We need to get it reapproved through Apple.
- Movie Night -
 - \$800 for movie night already in budget. There were 130 cars that RSVPd; 82 cars attended. \$1346 paid to farm, \$435 for license. \$1275 taken from reserve.
 - Feedback - Not having to panic looking for your kids when it is at the school. Radio quality wasn't good. It is a fun activity for the family. Maybe we should do something for parents to contribute to the cost.
- Spirit Wear -
 - \$925 for the year and another sale will be in the beginning of November.
 - Jency mentioned having a drawing contest for some spirit wear logos.
 - T-Shirt for Kindergarteners with the year they will be graduating. Ms. Dankinich did it and the parents paid for them. It was suggested to bring it back.
- Foreign Language - Amanda reported
 - They were unable to get a French teacher so our French class is operating through SRS.
 - Spanish I and II, German I and II, Mandarin
 - 5 Scholarship Students; 32 students participated

- o 45 minutes is a good time frame for being online
- Box Tops/Amazon Smile
 - o Will be sending an email for inviting friends and family.
 - o People have been contacting Kristine about Box Tops.
 - o November 1st is the deadline for cut out ones.
 - o Putting reminders in WES Mail
- Teacher Mini Grants -
 - o Will approve and send out the application in the next week to the teachers. The vote will be over our next PTO Meeting over Zoom.
- Pancake Breakfast/Halloween Carnival
 - o No Pancake Breakfast this year
 - o 5th Grade Reps working on something Halloween related for the 5th graders, since they will lose their Haunted Hallway. They are going to try something special for them for that weekend.

Principal's Report: Gabe Savage

- Thank you for your patience with Carline. They have moved it to the back of the school. It is getting a bit faster each time.
- Symptom Tracker - Mr. Savage thinks the calls that went out early this morning to reminding parents to do the symptom tracker was helpful. They only had to check 12 kids today. During the first week they had to check 80 kids on some days.
- Spirit Wear - Thanked the people selling the Spirit Wear and stated that he purchased another one.
- 30th is 1/2 a day for everyone - Teacher In Service Day - Dr. Palmer and the Pandemic Team are working to figure out what they can do with safety for the Halloween Parties/Parades, etc. They want to do something that is normal and what they are used to. Hoping to have something for everyone by Friday.
- November 3 - No School
- Specials - 2 a week synchronous and 2 a week asynchronous
- Safety Drills have to start happening - Lock Down Drill with 90 days of school starting. Hoping for the end of October. It doesn't mean he will do it for both Cohorts. Will do Cohort A then Cohort B. Then will split the grades outside.
- Virtual Conferences - November 17-18 -
- Students are off the whole week of Thanksgiving.

Open Floor

(A time to share new ideas, ask questions, general discussion)

□Christina Gaffney - Asked about walker protocol after school...She mentioned she picks her kids up at the walker door. One of them has their bike. They come from the walker door to the back of the school where parents are picking up their kids with cars. They haven't really found a safe way to take them. Teachers are lining the sidewalks and the circle is full of cars. They have been going through the circle, but don't think it is the safest way. She is asking how she should pick up? Mr. Savage recommends taking the sidewalk not crossing in the parking lot. It was suggested to have the teachers stand in the fire lane to make room for walkers.

□Audra - Asked about School Photos and there is still nothing happening right now. Candice mentioned just doing pictures of each student and no class picture. For the OA there is a lot of logistics that would go into it. Like where would the students get the pictures done, their homeschool or one school with assigned slots, etc?

□Carline - Fran Yan - Students seem to be cooperating with masks. They need more volunteers, especially for Cohort B. A parent who happens to work the carline is a doctor asked about having shields for the parent volunteers. Mr. Savage has face shields that he can give to each parent volunteering for carline.

□Candice mentioned meals for teachers for Conferences. It will have to be re-thought. They may need more funds for this. We will vote on it at our November meeting. We will probably have to get it catered.

Adjournment 6:48 pm