

**Wallingford Elementary School  
Parent-Teacher Organization  
November 12, 2019**

**MINUTES**

Christie Cari, Audra Bach, Fran Yan, Beth Benzing, Kathy Laird, Sophie  
Miluski, Heather Warley, Sue Gaur, Kelly Whitehead, Candice Rogers, Lisa  
Hill,  
Kristine Magargee, Gabriel Savage

**Call to Order**

**Approval of minutes from 10/15/19 meeting**

The minutes were approved without revision.

**Committee Thank You's**

- Halloween Carnival: Renee Joyner, Doni Reece, Sarah Rodowicz, Tammy McCauley, Michelle Grunseich, Colleen Glackin, Mr. Bob, 5<sup>th</sup> grade helpers & volunteers
- Pancake Breakfast: Jenny Montague, Jenna Leggette, Jen Ryder, Melissa Carden, Karey Goldberg, & volunteers
- Apple Crunch Day: Kate Fernandez, Emily Glowacki, Erin Costa & volunteers
- Book Fair: Sarah Rodowicz, Colleen Glackin, Renee Joyner, Karen Simon, Martha Lambertsen
- Car Line: Sarah Rodowicz, Theresa Burch, & volunteers
- UNICEF: Lisa Hill, Erin Thomson
- Restaurant Nights: Courtney Kelly, Theresa Birardi
- Teacher Appreciation: Doni Reece, Maria Acosta-Garcia
- John Lyons Remembrance: Jenna Leggette

**Principal's Report:** Gabe Savage

- Lock-down Drill - Intruder alert drill, the school needs to do it in the first 90 days of school, so you don't have to do a fire drill as well. The Teachers language for the kids is - we use this as practice inside the building, we can use it for a visitor without a name tag, a lost child, etc

- Veteran's Day - Proud of the veterans show. The third grade team and other teachers do a great job.
- PBIS Incentives - The team is working to come up with additional incentives to reinforce the children's good behavior. There should be more information by January.
- Sleep Study - The district plans to video tape these sessions, so people can review them. They are having a panel of three school districts tonight at the School Board Meeting. They will discuss what it looks like in their school. Then allow parents to ask questions. Will not meet again till December because they are working on figuring what the High School Schedules would look like.
- What's happening in the classrooms - 2nd grade teachers are doing bar modeling with their students for the first time. In 5th grade the students are bumping up their writing skills to be more like investigative journalist. The best work happens in the classroom from now through March.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Allison Collings, presented by Fran Yan

This report spans: 10/15/2019-11/10/19

- We started the period with a cash balance of \$55,355.03
- We had deposits of: \$3,938.75
- And withdrawals of: (\$10,849.12)
- Leaving us with a balance of \$48,840.66

#### Highlights

- Deposits:
  - o \$3,029.00 – Halloween Carnival
  - o \$604.75 – Visiting Authors
  - o \$250.00 – Swarthmore Pizza Night
  - o \$55.00 - Miscellaneous
- Withdrawals
  - o \$4,916.02 – We Love WES
  - o \$3,300.00 – Teachers (Halloween)
  - o \$1,607.88 – Visiting Authors
  - o \$444.25 – Movie Night

- o \$230.47 – Grounds and Greens
- o \$125.00 – Art Goes to School
- o \$225.50 – Misc.

## Reminders

Deposits have all been labeled, please continue to do so  
 Total Expense vs. Deposits SYTD – 07/1/19-11/10/19

- o Expenses: (\$28,545.10)
- o Deposits: \$38,285.52
- o Net YTD: \$9,740.42

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

- WESMail reminders - Monday morning - send stuff to Erin Mormile the Friday before.
- Box Tops
  - o Collected \$185 in June, \$503.50 was raised in Nov. Our schools goal is \$1000. It looks like we will make it.
  - o Deadlines: Nov 1 & Mar 1 is when they cut us checks.
  - o Ms. Schmid's class was the winner.
  - o An email should go out in the next week to explain it better to parents.
  - o You can send in the cut ones still but they don't prefer this way because they don't get credited right away.
- Pancake Breakfast – feedback on timing of event?
  - o Counted tickets 87 adult / 143 kids
  - o Total revenue \$1080
  - o Tips for Mr. Bob & Carrie \$150 total
  - o Expenses \$446.77
  - o Profit \$633.23
  - o Families were eager to donate supplies
  - o Perfect amount of supplies
  - o They want to know if it was worth it?
    - Like the breakfast. Should we offer breakfast earlier and start the carnival at 10:00 to offset the need for volunteers and give attendees more flexibility with time.

- Should it be more of a service to the community than a fundraiser?
  - It seems like people want to keep it the same as usual.
- Halloween Carnival
  - Sarah thanked all the teachers that helped. The kids did a great job shining and taking ownership. The parents were generous to volunteer and donate baskets. Brought in \$4000+ (W/O expenses being taken out)
  - Recommendations to make it cohesive by offering wristbands that offer both breakfast and the carnival together. People can pay a little extra for a wristband that includes breakfast or just charge a little more and everyone can get breakfast. People already get confused and think they are getting breakfast with the carnival. It would help solve that.
- UNICEF collections were \$866.33 - Lisa Hill
- Swarthmore Pizza Night – made \$250
- Fall Book Fair
  - Wednesday night - 6pm to 8pm (wrap up Thursday)
  - People can order online till the 19th of Nov. The money will go toward the bookfair and can be sent directly to your home. People do recommend kids buying it at the school though because Martha does make a big deal about the kids sharing the books.
- Milk and Cookie stand - Next week - Erin Mormile will put out a special e-mail to the parents this week. Money will be donated to the American Red Cross. Ms. Gaur is hoping to raise \$1300.

### ***BAKERS NEEDED!!!***

Mrs. Gaur is looking for WES families to donate freshly baked chocolate chip cookies (or purchased at the bakery...just no Chips Ahoy please!!!) for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 18, 19, 20. Cookie donations should be placed in a container marked with your name and dropped off at the office by Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The WES staff will be supplying the milk. All the proceeds will go to American Red Cross.

2 people came forward and volunteered to make GF (Audra Bach) & Nut Free Cookies (Kristine Magargee).

- Spirit Wear – Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to order, delivered the week of the 16th
- Turkey Drive – The 5th Grade team is working with CityTeam in Chester to provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families. Please support their efforts by donating non-perishable food items (no glass containers).

Frozen turkeys will also be accepted on Nov. 20 and 21st. Please send a note into your teacher letting them know which day you will be dropping off.

Thank you in advance for your support! Send a note to the teacher saying who is sending in a turkey.

- Dinner for Teachers during Conferences – Nov. 25th
  - Doni and Maria wanted to remind everyone to sign up on sign up genius.
- Lost and Found – donated after conferences
- Iron Hill Night – December 3
  - Coupon needs to be brought with you. We get 20%.
- Hour of Code – December 2 - 6 (was typo in WESMail)
  - Full disclosure: We can not have it the same week as the National Hour of Code. It is celebrating computer science week.
  - It will be done in each classroom with laptops, chromebooks and Ipads.
- Gift of Giving – Winter party project
  - Kelly said we are going to have children make cards for local nursing home residents for the holiday parties.
- Foreign Language – Second Session
  - Will start after the winter break. They will send out the sign-up soon. There are two separate sections and will likely have review since they will be expecting some new kids.
- Chess Club – Thursdays March 5<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup> after school
  - Need parent volunteers - Mr. Sharrah (technology support) will be the staff member present.
  - HS students can help with a parent
  - Grandparents that are cleared can help as well.

**Vote #1: John Lyons Remembrance – Memorial Bench and Tree from Seeds of Life**



**Description**

- Seat/Back: Recycled plastic
- Seat Length: 6 ft.
- Frame: Powder-coated cast aluminum
- Personalize our best selling bench
- Handsome recycled plastic boards with high-gloss inlay engraved lettering
- Contoured seat & back provide hours of comfortable seating
- No painting, rotting, peeling, rusting or cracking
- Black powder-coated cast aluminum frame pre-drilled for surface mounting
- Easy to assemble with included stainless steel hardware

Cost including shipping \$1,290.74



Dogwood memorial tree to be sent to the Lyons family from Seeds of Life  
(shipped in May 2020)

Cost including shipping \$104.95

**Total costs \$1395.69**

The motion was approved.

**Vote #2: Mini-grant request from the first grade teaching team**

(Irma Kubiak, Jeanette Kaplan, Michele Rufo, Lillian Amenta)

The WES first grade team would like to purchase materials for STEM activities.

We currently do not have a variety of manipulatives for building and creating structures. We want to offer opportunities for our students to use their imaginations to create structures out of various materials and manipulatives so they can cooperate and think outside of the box while problem solving. Thank you for your consideration!

Here is a list of the items from Amazon:

Keva blocks: [https://www.amazon.com/KEVA-Structures-200-Plank-Set/dp/B0050DG2WW/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?keywords=keva%2Bblocks&qid=1573067616&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-1-spons&spLa=ZW5jcmlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzUVJlKUBjBYMjFIRjRPJmVuY3J5cHRlZElkPUEwMTQyMjY5MzNGVUdVOU1VNDI0TiZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZElkPUEwMTk0NjY1MlpIU1FTSElDU0s2UjZ3aWRnZXROYW1lPwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/KEVA-Structures-200-Plank-Set/dp/B0050DG2WW/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?keywords=keva%2Bblocks&qid=1573067616&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-1-spons&spLa=ZW5jcmlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUEzUVJlKUBjBYMjFIRjRPJmVuY3J5cHRlZElkPUEwMTQyMjY5MzNGVUdVOU1VNDI0TiZlbnNyeXB0ZWRBZElkPUEwMTk0NjY1MlpIU1FTSElDU0s2UjZ3aWRnZXROYW1lPwX2F0ZiZhY3Rpb249Y2xpY2tSZWRpcmVjdCZkb05vdExvZ0NsaWNrPXRydWU&th=1)

(1 set to be divided among the 4 teachers)



## Magnetic

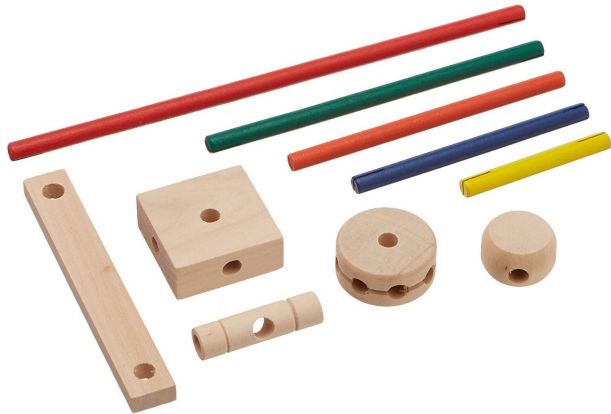
Tiles: [https://www.amazon.com/PicassoTiles-Construction-Inspirational-Recreational-Conventional/dp/B00AU56C5W/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?keywords=magnetic+tiles&qid=1573065949&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.com/PicassoTiles-Construction-Inspirational-Recreational-Conventional/dp/B00AU56C5W/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=magnetic+tiles&qid=1573065949&sr=8-5) (4 sets)



## Wood Construction

Toys: [https://www.amazon.com/Schylling-MKT-Classic-Construction-70-Pieces/dp/B000BN8YAO/ref=sr\\_1\\_6?keywords=wood+rod+toy+with+sticks&qid=1573065485&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-6](https://www.amazon.com/Schylling-MKT-Classic-Construction-70-Pieces/dp/B000BN8YAO/ref=sr_1_6?keywords=wood+rod+toy+with+sticks&qid=1573065485&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-6) (4 sets)





Zoob:

[https://www.amazon.com/ZOOB-BuilderZ-250-Piece-Kit/dp/B0007ZYY14/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=zooob+pieces&qid=1573065758&s=office-products&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/ZOOB-BuilderZ-250-Piece-Kit/dp/B0007ZYY14/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=zooob+pieces&qid=1573065758&s=office-products&sr=8-1) (4 sets)



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Sticks: [https://www.amazon.com/MONILON-160-Magnet-Building-Sticks/dp/B07DB77ZNF/ref=sr\\_1\\_13\\_sspa?keywords=STEM+materials&qid=1573065648&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-13-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFdSE8zRlc4VIBUNUcmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA1MDMwNjczMjZMQjcxMDBXSFU4JmVuY3J5cHRlZEFkSWQ9QTAxMTM4MjIxSFA0T0FYnkW0QUtHJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfbXRmJmFjdGlvbj1jbGlja1JlZGlyZWNoJmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ==](https://www.amazon.com/MONILON-160-Magnet-Building-Sticks/dp/B07DB77ZNF/ref=sr_1_13_sspa?keywords=STEM+materials&qid=1573065648&s=toys-and-games&sr=1-13-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUFdSE8zRlc4VIBUNUcmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTA1MDMwNjczMjZMQjcxMDBXSFU4JmVuY3J5cHRlZEFkSWQ9QTAxMTM4MjIxSFA0T0FYnkW0QUtHJndpZGdldE5hbWU9c3BfbXRmJmFjdGlvbj1jbGlja1JlZGlyZWNoJmRvTm90TG9nQ2xpY2s9dHJ1ZQ==) (4 sets)



Keva Blocks: \$89.95 for 400 pcs = \$89.95

Magnetic Tiles: \$49.99 for 100 pcs x4 = \$199.96

Wood Construction Toys: \$21.98 for 70 pcs x4= \$87.92

Zoob Kits: \$32.96 for 250 pcs x4 = \$131.84

Magnetic Sticks: \$32.99 for 160 pcs x4 = \$132

**Total costs = \$641.67 – about \$160 per first grade teacher**

-A parent asked about getting parents to donate these items?

We all agreed that it wouldn't be worth the hassle, but if people would like to donate some of these items they can be added to the purchased ones or be used for recess.

The motion was approved.

### **Open Floor (A time to share new ideas, ask questions, general discussion)**

- Lisa Hill suggested a bathing suit drive for Philadelphia Pools for the Spring. She will work on organizing it for the Spring.
- Lisa Hill mentioned a parent suggested doing a day that the kids can wear PJS to school but have to pay to do so as a fundraiser. Everyone

agreed they didn't like this idea, but thought the above suggestion was great.

**Adjournment @ 8:04pm**

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