

Waterville Valley Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: December 5, 2022

Time: 5:30- 6:30 pm,

Location: In-person and Zoom

In Person Attendees: Nicholas Cassie (President), Katherine Brennan (Treasurer), Colleen Sullivan (Recording Secretary), Lindsay Costello (Principal), Katie Smith, Alison Darnell, Claudia Frechette, Kim Rawson

Zoom Attendees: Wendy Nelson (Vice President), Jill Courville (Communications Secretary), Pooja Deveau, Steve Larkin

Principal's Report – Lindsay Costello

- Fire on the Mountain came to WVES and did ornaments with the students
- Uniforms for WVES Basketball team have arrived. Their first game is Wednesday December 7th at 3:15pm.
- Ethel Gaides and the Fisher Cats will be coming on 12/15 for a reading assembly
- The Winter Concert is on 12/19 at 6pm. She will check with music teacher about dress code for students.
- The Rec Dept and WVES students will be creating Candy Cottages on 12/20
- Trout in the classroom project will be starting in January when the Trout eggs arrive. Student will be able to watch them grow and release them in the Mad River in the Spring.
- On Mondays during PE classes, students will be doing Nordic Skiing. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Sidor.
- On Wednesdays, student will be doing Alpine Skiing. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Sidor.
- Report cards are available for viewing on power school. No signatures are required for parents.
- Plymouth Regional High is hosting a Robotics competition on 12/10. Students and families are encouraged to attend. Middle school students can volunteer at the event. One of the judges is a WVES alumni, Carolyn Fernandes.
- No update for Middle School trip, still in discussion. Exploring the possibility of multiple day trips.
- WVES will do their own middle school dance as a fundraiser. January 7th at 7pm.

Rec Update – Brooke

- No Rec update

Treasurer's Report -Katherine Brennan

- PTO are awaiting costs from Conference Center and Coyote Grill. Our goal was to earn \$2400, we brought in a little over \$2300. We earned about \$90 from the pies that Alison

made.

- Trees and Wreaths are being sold at Dreams and Visions, goal is to earn \$2600.
- Merchandise sold at Harvest Dinner \$80.00
- Starting Balance 19, 747.43. Outstanding- cost of pies, check for bball uniforms, holiday gifts
- Current Balance \$18,987.49

Past Business

Fall Harvest Dinner Recap

- In person was successful, in the future the downstairs of conference center should be closed off.
- 4:30-7:30pm was too long, in the future Katie Smith recommends being open 5-6:30pm for in person, maybe as early as 4:30pm for to go.
- Consider changing menu next year, possibly to food that is more economical for Sean Stout
- Consider looking at sending mailings to residents about the event. It was suggested by a member to include an advertisement with water bill.
- Members discussed day of the week. Some felt Sunday worked well last year, others suggested Thursday.

New/Ongoing/Future Business

Holiday Gifts

- PTO asked room parents to coordinate room gift for teacher.
- PTO purchased holiday gifts for all WVES staff from Dreams and Visions.
- Guidance Emma Gagnon is coordinating holiday gifts for those in need, members have asked for more time to coordinate. Lindsay Costello will check with Guidance.

Trees and Wreaths

- Order was placed, 70 trees and 75 wreaths. Last year the order was delivered the Monday before Thanksgiving.
- Dreams and Visions is selling trees and wreaths for us. Cost \$65 per tree and \$35 per tree.

Bookmarks/Valentines

- Wendy Nelson asked Lindsay Costello about student's creating bookmarks or valentines this year with Art teacher's assistance. These will then be mailed out by PTO to all residents of WV. Mrs. Costello requests that we do bookmark's March to prepare for "Love to read" month in April. This also affords more time for students to complete than mailing out before Valentine's day. Membership agrees.

Town Meeting Soup Service

- Katie Smith spoke about tradition of soup service during annual town meeting in March. This has not been done since before COVID. The PTO would like to bring it back in 2023.
- PTO will ask parents for soup donations and volunteers for setting up/clean up
- Town meeting will be at the Conference Center this year, around the middle of March

Pizza Fridays

- After the holiday break pizza Fridays will resume January 9th through March. The cost will be \$50 for first student and \$45 for additional students in same family. Sign up genius and flyers will be released soon.

Open Forum Discussion:

- Kim Rawson asked for donation of 4 work benches, approx.. 43” x 21” for stem stations. Approx. cost \$250 per bench. Katherine Brennan informed membership that there is \$500 budgeted for Robotics that has not been used yet, that could go towards cost of benches. Nick Cassie made motion to allocate another \$500 to robotics to fund the full cost. Motion approved.
- Wendy Nelson asked membership how to engage more parents in the PTO, especially PTO meetings as the turn out has been low until today. Lindsay Costello suggested we ask membership to “bring a friend” to the next meeting. Change of meeting time was discussed, moving it up from 6:30pm to 5:30pm may allow more parents to come.

Other potential fundraisers/PTO events

- Adult only 80’s party
- Discount card for 2023
- Mabel’s Labels
- Online 50/50 raffle
- Clothing swap