

Waterville Valley Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: March 7, 2023

Time: 5:30- 6:30 pm

Location: In-person and Zoom

In Person Attendees: Nicholas Cassie (President) Katherine Brennan (Treasurer), Colleen Sullivan (Recording Secretary), Wendy Nelson (Vice President), Claudia Frechette, Alison Darnell

Zoom Attendees: Kelly Cannon

Principal's Report – Presented by Nicholas Cassie

- I love to read month is approaching in April. Books have been purchased for the classrooms, 3 different titles . They should arrive at the end of this month. Student will be creating bookmarks that will be mailed to residents. There are 276 residences. WVES needs 300 envelopes to mail them out.
- Report cards go home this Friday.
- District Meeting for School Budget is Monday, 3/13/23. All are encouraged to attend and vote.
- SAU 48 Cultural Arts night is Thursday 3/16 5-7pm. K-5 artwork will be on display at Plymouth Elementary. 6-12 will be on display at Plymouth High School. 6-12 Musical performances will be from 6-7pm at Plymouth High School.
- There is no school on Friday 3/17, there will be parent teacher conferences that day.
- Graduation planning has started. It will be 6/20-6/28 but exact date has not been selected yet.
- Last day of school as of now is 6/23.

Rec Update – Brooke

- No Rec update

Treasurer's Report -Katherine Brennan

- Starting Balance \$23,800.
 - Cost of Pizza for February, \$652
 - Cost of books for I love to read month, \$333
- Current Balance \$22,828.18, \$40 in petty cash
- We are currently budgeted to spend: \$300 for social event, \$200 for bookmarks, \$10,000 for middle school field trip, \$700 assemblies (likely will not be spent), \$1400 for teacher appreciation week, \$200 for graduation.
- We are in the process of developing a budget for next year, feel free to submit feedback

New/Ongoing/Future Business

Black Bear Marathon 2023

- This event/fundraiser is a lot of work for membership, but does raise a good deal of funds. \$6300 raised last year from sponsorships.
- President Nicholas Cassie announced: Race Director, Andrew Hostetler from Fresh Tracks Racing, proposes that we supply 16 volunteers this year for 3-hour slots each. PTO will collect 30% of net proceeds.
- PTO boards vocalized discomfort with this plan because of transparency concerns on proceeds collected and that we did all the “leg work” for collecting sponsorships in years past and have created relationships in the community. President, Nicholas Cassie suggested the PTO collect the same sponsorships that we obtained last year and receive 75% of those funds with race director receiving the other 25%. Any NEW sponsorships collected by race director this year -75% of those funds will go to race director and 25% to PTO. PTO will recruit 16 volunteers as requested. Membership/Board in attendance is in agreement with this proposal. Nick will communicate proposal to race director and report back.

Teacher Appreciation week

- Teacher appreciation week falls on the week we return from April break.
- Proposed schedule:
 - Monday: Coyote Grill catering lunch. Peony Keve has volunteered to coordinate this. PTO will fund it.
 - Tuesday: Breakfast for teachers, Sign up genius will go out.
 - Wednesday: Flowers for teachers
 - Thursday: Dessert for teachers, Sign up genius will go out.
 - Friday: Cinco de Mayo! Alison Darnell has volunteered to supply a taco bar for lunch for the teachers.

Scholastic Book Fair

- Book fair will be held over the week of 4/10/2023, over 3 days. There will be time for students to attend with their classroom, students, their families and larger community after school hours.
- Katie Smith and Collen Sullivan have volunteered to organize the event.
- It will be a case book fair this year instead of a tabletop fair. There will be more of a selection for purchase.
- Marketing: to students and larger community. Flyers on bulletin boards, Facebook, emails, communication line. PTO does not feel advertising in the wig wag is necessary.

Town Meeting Soup Service

- Town meeting is 3/14/23 at Conference Center
- PTO will ask parents for soup donations and volunteers for setting up/clean up. Rec dept. has agreed to allow us to serve soup in their space and school has agreed to allow residents to consume soup in the gym.
- Sign up genius is out! Wendy will obtain soup bowls with covers from Jug Town for the event.

Social Event

- Tubing was not feasible due to time constraints and cost
- Night skiing is not possible.
- Alison Darnell suggested doing smores on the beach later in the year.

Pizza

- Pizza will be purchased from EXIT 28 from April until June 16th.
- Cost will be \$20 per student
- Be on the look out for sign up genius for drivers!

Elections

- Elections are held in May, we will ask for nominations soon!
- There are 5 positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Communications Secretary.
- Katherine Brennan and Wendy Nelson announced that they will not be running for board position next school year.

Open Forum Discussion:

- No items