

# January 2022 Meeting Minutes



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Board members: Nicole Harthun, Elise VanKampen and Liz Recoulley

Staff Member: Mr. Lemmon and Sean Parde

Number in attendance: 8

- In-person meetings will be the 2nd Monday of every month at 5pm (unless it is decided 30 days prior that one is not needed)
- All are welcome to attend
- PTA website is linked off the Facebook page, twitter account and school website
- Joining the PTA (\$5.50 membership fee) is not a requirement to volunteer or attend meetings, if you chose to pay dues you may be a voting member and this will be collected online. See website for more details.
- One does not need to attend every meeting if they decide to join the PTA

*Meeting called to order by Nicole 5:04pm.*

### **Introductions**

- Went around the room and everyone introduced themselves and shared who their children are.

### **2021 Reflection**

Thank you to all volunteers and staff, especially Mrs. Kouw and Mrs. Zeinstra and Mr. Lemmon for their support. We were about to celebrate Patriot Day, Waukaboo, Veteran's Day, Winter Workshop, new sleds for the school and snacks for November and December for the school staff.

Mr. Lemmon shared the great improvement of having zero arguments over sharing sleds.

Going to work on replacing the broken sleds.

Mr. Lemmon reflected on how nice the community is at Waukazoo and how rare the community is among schools these days.

### **Principal Report**

Each meeting Mr. Lemmon will have a summary of what is coming up at the 'Zoo and thank the people who make it happen

- It's been 7 school days since the last meeting

### **PBIS –**

Annual theme is Family

3 Rs – Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn

January's root is Perseverance. This month's activity is led by Upper Montessori.

Pride tickets – to date there are 6014 in the school already. If the school hits 12,500, Mr. Lemmon will spend 24 hours on the roof.

There will be 10 winners each week.

There is a new district deputy that comes down to check on the school periodically.

### **Ongoing/Upcoming**

Dibels/ Acadience testing – all grades this week

Popcorn Day on Friday

½ day on 1/21 (last day of the marking period)

1/27: Kinder Showcase 6-7pm

\*Change in procedure- they will hand out t-shirts on the first day of school and take a picture of the class on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school

Park Township and BPW are planning on changing the water mainline in front of the school on Lakewood Blvd. This project may start as early as March 1<sup>st</sup>. It's dependent on the weather and how they can plan out the project. There will be a lot of communication with parents when they set a start day.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:

We're looking for anyone affiliated with local history to help with this project. The school is the oldest in the district.

### **Teachers Report**

Mr. Parde shared the teachers' gratitude for everything. Wanted to check in on the sleds.

Nicole shared the bank update and Elise is now an official signer on the account.

### **Treasurer Report**

Savings balance: \$4130.67

Checking balance: \$34,381.19

### **President's Report**

Reading Month (March)

Going to have Mr. Kesterke (former principal of Waukazoo) read his book You can Do It, Rocket! to the school.

Spring Family Event:

Planning phase- current ideas

Who: Waukazoo families

What: A family picnic/ ice cream/ games/ entertainers/ police and firefighters

Where: Waukazoo playground/ field

When: May? After tulip time, have a rain date?

Why: Continue to build community and strengthen our WZ family connections and FUN!

Celebration of Learning – 5/24

HS Graduation – 5/26

Half day – 5/27

Tulip time half day – 5/12

Considering 5/20 could a good night for the Family Picnic

Elise shared about the idea of having Parent Education Nights

Making in-house resources known

- A parent education night?
- COVID support?

This would be an open invitation – pull from school and community resources

End of the year activities:

Brainstorm – the possibility of bringing in some kind of activity

Van Andel STEM project or Critter Barn – possibly Thursday before Memorial Day.

The plan is to do Field Day with Mr. Metz helping. That will probably be the last Monday of school.

***Nicole adjourned meeting at 6:00pm.***