

Westlake PTA Meeting

March 17th, 2016

Board Members and Teachers Present

Clyde Curley, Principal

Anna Turner, PTA President

Tim Madsen, PTA Vice President

Wes Heim, PTA Treasurer

Julie Graff, PTA Secretary

Mel Sweet, PTA Art Co-Chair

Sufi Fox, PTA Art Co-Chair

Kristen Lenz-Teacher

Approximate attendance: 17 people

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review of last meeting's minutes

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on February 21st, 2016.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Sarah Wickens

Second by Deana Rabiah

Approved unanimously

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve the budget report and check register was brought by Tim Madsen

Second by Anna Turner

Motion approved unanimously

Report from the Principal-Mr.Curley

Walk to read has started. Assessments in math are being looked at closely. We shared

results with site visit.

Qualified for state gold ribbon award. They verified the application today from county office of education. Visited 1st and 4th grade classes today. 7 4th grade students lead the tour. The validators felt the application may have understated our program. Good news. This is a reflection of the teachers and students. Early May is when the award is given.

Last trimester is busy. Budget for our school is less than some of the neighboring schools because of the low number of students we have who qualify for the free lunch program. We will be getting less dollars next year. We need to make sure we keep up with our PTA fundraising.

April 29th is day of dance. It is a great show. State testing is end of April for 3rd-5th graders. Approximately 1 hour per day.

Extra funding for teachers was given by the board \$20-\$25 per student. Half was used for supplies, and the other half is going to be used for planning time and electronics in the class.

Global Citizens Update-Deana Rabiah

Monday April 18th International Day, and International Night is Tuesday April 19th. Signups will be coming out soon. Global Citizens Meetings held at lunchtime. Kids have been talking about equity, world events, and more. These kids will help make posters and decorations.

Education Chair Update-Cristine Chopra

Please see the attached sheet regarding the tests. Most of these tests are for Westlake and the District, but the April tests are for state purposes. We use these standard tests as a tool to make sure we are adequately preparing our students. Teachers and staff make changes to curriculum if the test scores are not at standard. Please let Cristine know if you have feedback about this list.

Life Lab Update-Jane Forbes

Garden is in full bloom! Plant sale is April 15th and 16th. Sign up will be coming soon. Set up, working sale and breakdown shifts are available. District will be helping to fix the green house roof. We will get electricity out there too to help with an irrigation system. A trench will need to be built, date TBD. Monarch butterflies are in the garden laying eggs all over the milkweed plants.

Arts Committee Overview-Sufi Fox and Mel Sweet

Auction was last Saturday. Income was a little down in each area, but final numbers are not in yet. PTA is wondering if we need to revamp the auction. Thinking of sending out a survey asking what kind of fundraising they want to see in the future. One question to ask

is "What are your volunteer boundaries".

April 14th is Wildcats in the Arts. Sign up will come out soon.

Fundraising ideas for before the end of the year

We need the exact dollar amount for what we need to fundraise. We will have a big direct appeal push at the day of dance. Possibly have kids make posters and put them up at day of dance.

Upcoming events

Wildcats in the arts 4/14

Goodwill donation drive 4/15-17

Life Lab Plant Sale 4/15 & 4/16

International Night 4/19

Chair and volunteers needed for all events

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm