

**Westlake PTA Meeting
November 19th, 2015**

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
Papaya Van Dyke, PTA Parliamentarian
Kristen Lenz, Teacher
Adrienne Cramer-Teacher

Approximate attendance: 15 people
Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Welcome/Introductions

Review of last meeting's minutes by Julie Graff

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held on October 15th, 2015.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Papaya Van Dyke
Second by Tim Madsen
Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report by Wes Heim

2015-16 budget and check register are attached.

*****MOTION**

Motion to approve the budget report and check register was brought by Clyde Curley
Second by Anna Turner
Motion approved unanimously

Principals report

- Student Learning Teams are finished
- Report cards are done.
- Only 8 out of 96 students in 5th grade have not hit benchmark for the end of the year.
- 2nd round of walk to read will start December 3rd.
- Teachers will continue with the new writing curriculum, they will have days out of the classroom to help build this.
- PBIS-Spirit day tomorrow-Pajama day. Kids filled the cool cat jar in the library.

Cristine Chopra- Education Chair

Walk to read is a way to group kids together based on ability groups. Groups are reassessed 3 times a year.

4th and 5th grade teachers feel walk to read is working based on the reading they are seeing this year.

Walk to read builds community by moving classrooms, seeing different children and getting to know the other teachers.

Parent Question: Who are the other adults that work with the children who aren't teachers? Are they the yard duties?

Answer: They are using a program that is laid out for them. They have been trained in this program. These aids are not necessarily certified. Higher groups are larger and teachers know how to deal with that many children. This is why many aids are with the smaller groups.

Thinking of making a response to intervention link on the website.

Enrichment Programs-Angela Dobkin

See attached Spring 2016 Proposed Enrichment Programs

Angela is looking for a Co-Chair. Please contact the PTA if you are interested.

3-5 Run for Fun proposal in the works.

*****Motion**

Motion to approve the Enrichment Programs for Spring 2016 brought by Clyde Curley

Second by Tim Madsen

Motion approved unanimously

Arts Committee Update-

Family art night was a success. Great turnout. Kinder project went well. They will do a kinder time for Wildcats in the arts too.

Music Informances will be December 11th-16th this year.

Art card fundraiser will kick off after Thanksgiving break. Art will be scanned in soon. You can also upload your child's artwork from home and Westlake still gets a percentage.

News and Programs updates-

Artisan fair Saturday. 27 vendors, taco truck and bake sale.

Book fair-Parent teacher conference days and the week after Thanksgiving.

Dining for Dollars will be Dec 9th at Surfrider Cafe all day

Dining for Dollars at Marini's-Wildcat Wednesday. New Marini's store every Wednesday will give a percentage to Westlake.

Movie Night Dec 11th-Inside out

O&P have passed!!!

A new measure will be coming up next year for facilities. It can only be used for physical things. In January more information will be coming out.

Open Forum for Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm