

Westlake PTA Meeting
September 17th, 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
Papaya Van Dyke, PTA Parliamentarian
Jen Simington, Teacher
Kristen Lenz, Teacher

Approximate attendance: 30 people
Meeting called to order at 6:42pm

Welcome/Introductions

Sprout up presentation by Sally

The Sprout up program teaches 1st and 2nd graders at Westlake
Sprout up is holding a carnival in November. All of the money for the Sprout up
program comes from fundraisers like the carnival. Please support sprout up and attend
the Carnival Saturday November 14th 11am-2p at Laurel Park on Washington St.

Review of last meeting's minutes by Julie Graff

Secretary, Julie Graff, reviewed the minutes of the last PTA meeting, which was held
on May 28th, 2015.

*****Motion**

Motion to approve minutes was brought by Iris Weaver
Motion was seconded by Anna Turner
Minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

Principal's Report by Mr. Curley

Overview of the year:

The Big 5=Response to intervention. PBIS=positive school climate
Common Core and English as a second language.

Walk to Read started today for grades 1-5. Kids settled in well. Last 3 weeks were
assessments. We use that assessment info to break them into groups. We have a ratio
of 1 to 4 for children who need extra help. We reassess after the 1st trimester and
again after the 2nd. Learning assistants and resource teacher help, as well as teachers.

PBIS, first part of 2nd step program, skills for learning...learning to be good
participants. Awards will be given at an assembly in a few weeks.

Common core state standards. 4th and 5th will get the state test results soon. We are
still interpreting what the results mean. Language arts were higher than math at
Westlake.

Our focus in school this year is writing. Writing will be based on the work of Lucy Calkins.

Looking at learning progressions of common core. New idea for math, already implementing in reading.

English as a 2nd language is up and running. Rosetta Stone is happening each morning. SELT =test for english as a 2nd language students. They need to hit a proficient level to be considered an English-speaking student.

Mr. Curley thanked the executive board for all the recent welcome events, and asked that everyone try to help out with an event this year.

Communication will be given on a weekly digest from Mr. Curley with information from Anna Turner added. Sign-up genius is added to each digest.

Treasurer's Report by Wes Heim

2014-2015 budget is attached.
Motion was approved unanimously.

2015-2016 budget is attached.

***Motion

Motion was to approve budget was brought by Pamela Chamers.
Motion was seconded by Anna Turner.
Budget was approved unanimously.

Check Register was reviewed, a copy of which is attached.

***MOTION

Motion to approve the budget report and check register was brought by Papaya Van Dyke.
Motion was seconded by Deana Rabiah.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Direct Appeal Campaign-

The Direct Appeal Campaign is at \$19,000, \$2,000 is waiting to be deposited. Our goal is \$60,000.

Arts Committee Update by Dorothy Franks

21st anniversary of art committee at Westlake.

New K-2 music teacher, Ann Cleveland. Katrina Haegar is doing general music and bringing back the band in sectionals.

Visual arts are all year 2-5th, and k-1 is half the year.

K-2 music is happening now.

Westlake received a \$1,000 grant for 5th grade culminating art project.

Art committee meetings happen once a month. Dates are online. Please come to a meeting to learn more about the art programs at Westlake.

Open studio guides are free this year!!!

Life lab update from Jane Forbes

We have a new orchard from common visions. Planted with help from the students. 11 new fruit trees. 5th and kinder planted and 4th grade made signs. Money was given by the PTA for this project.

Life lab has been here for 35 years. Jane has been here 12 years. Every class comes out once a week. Classes harvest all year.

Workday October 18th. Please come. Beds need replacing.

Plant sale in the spring. The moneys from this support Life Lab supplies. Date TBD.

Parent volunteers are needed for K-1 so each student can attend class each week. Contact your teacher or Jane for more information.

Environmental club starts next week. It is at lunchtime.

-International Night/ GCC- Deana Rabiah

3rd year of Global Citizens Committee. The goal is to have kids exposed to international activities and news.

Each classroom makes a poster on an assigned country, which is presented at International Day and night. Parent volunteers needed in each class to help with the posters.

Family event in the evening. Live entertainment by community artists. Dance and music from around the world.

Global kids club for 3-5th. Once a month in the library. Focus will be movement this year.

-Wellness Committee and Fair-Pamela Chambers

The wellness committee is going to provide support to the Westlake community members to stay healthy and active. It will be a way to educate and support.

The Fair will be held once a year. This year will be a planning year and the first Wellness Fair will take place during the 2016-17 school year. Please contact the PTA or Pamela if you have an interest in helping.

Enrichment Programs-Angela Dobkin-Co-Chair

Enrichment programs are before school, during lunch, and after school.

Full menu is on the PTA website. Link on Westlake Elementary Website to the PTA site.

Education Chair- Christina Chofra

We are hoping to get a resource area on the website. Christina would love to have feedback from the parents regarding what programs at the school you want to hear more about. If there is a program like walk to read that you want more information about, please let her know.

Drive For Schools-

Drive for schools starts next week. Tickets are supplied by Drive for Schools. All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to the school. 100 + prizes. They will go home in next Monday's folders.

Saturday playground painting-

Bring the whole family. Sign up genius was sent home and will be sent out again tomorrow in the digest by Mr. Curley.

Back to School BBQ-

The Back to School BBQ will be October 1st. Sign up genius link will also be sent out tomorrow. It is a great family event...come and enjoy.

Dining for Dollars-

Will be at Hoffman's October 5th. Part of the proceeds go to Westlake. Mention Westlake.

Spirit Wear is on sale on the PTA Website, and Fridays after school.

PTA Chair Meeting-

This will be held at Anna Turners house 9/24 at 6:30pm. Email invites will be out soon.

Chair and Volunteer Needs

- *Marquee- (Julie Atkinson and a Friend Volunteered tonight!)
- *Jump-a-thon Fall and Walk-a-thon Spring
- *Spirit Store and Movie Nights. Sabine Crawford needs help.
- *Popcorn/Popsicle Fridays to work with Amy
- *1st Movie Night will be Despicable Me 2. All movie nights need volunteers
- *Family Arts Night-November 12th
- *Spring Art Auction and Gala

Measures O&P Discussion-

Measure P is for the elementary schools. It helps keep credentialed librarians, small class sizes, life lab and more. This is a renewal of an existing tax.

Measure O is for the secondary schools, Middle and High Schools. Supports ROP classes, photography, marketing, and over 38 programs. Supports athletics and other after school programs. This will allow more students to participate and not have to spend their time soliciting the neighbourhood for money for the programs.

The measure needs local support, monetary, phone banking (Monday through Thursday), precinct walking and posters.

Please research these, volunteer to help and vote! Contact Tim Madsen for more information.

*****Motion**

Motion to Endorse the Measures O&P by Amanda Jarosz.

Second motion by Deana Rabiah

Approved unanimously.

Open Forum for Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm