



MINUTES

Date|Time 12/5/2018 8:30 AM | *Meeting* PTA General Meeting

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Time	Item	Owner
8:40/8:40	Welcome/Thank You (fall recap) Thanks to Outreach and Christina Hengehold. Thanks to Members for joining. Thanks to Beth for work on Back to School BBQ, Teacher lunches, Pumpkin Carving Contest. Thanks to Sheena and Room Parents for Class Socials. Thanks to Dee for Original Art \$8500 - \$2k will go to WES Art Program. Thanks to everyone using the WES Amazon link. Family Photo Shoot - Thanks Craig/Helena - School Photos should be coming to your mailboxes this week. Hopefully get them by Xmas but definitely by New Year's. All this money goes to Teacher Grants, which allow teachers to purchase additional items to further enhance their curriculums. Thanks to Melissa Land for After School Programs. Thanks to Jen Upson for Garden and Garden Fest. Monies raised will help build a metal teepee for hanging plants on in the WES Garden.	Devon Kohler Julie Mandia
	Emily Joubert Event has agreed to raise matching donation from 10% to 15%. Scrip Cards are in the WES Office. Thanks, Tina Adolph for managing! Gift of Giving is in the WES Office. Drop gift cards that can be distributed to WES families in need. Shop with Scrip App, Benefit App -- additional ways to donate.	
	Question: What about Alumni parents? Suggestions: Perhaps invite them to future WES events: Gardenfest, Book Faire, Emily Joubert...? Maybe add Alumni Parents to JCOP? Maybe create an opt-in newsletter/web site for Alumni and greater Woodside Community? Dee will investigate this last option.	
8:45/8:50	Audit Approval Dee has reviewed the financial records of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary and finds them correct. All in favor of approving? Vote: Unanimous approval.	Dee Simonelli
8:50/8:50	Auction Announcements Christine Hutchinson: 82% participation so far. \$1.1 million collected so far. Collect monies up through February. TK=100%, 2nd and 4th grade very close to 100% participation.	Staci Cole
	Staci: Thanks to Dana and Melissa for all their WSF Auction work. This year's theme: Myths and Legends, thanks to Craig for the ideas. Thanks Karen for all the artwork. Several changes this year based on feedback.	

Sit-down dinner this year. Bringing back the cocktail ticket. Format will return to what it was several years ago.

Alumni: Tickets will also be for alumni, who will have their own special party. Katy Williams/Simpson, Alicia, 21 and older graduates from WES, as well as all alumni families. They will have their own dedicated bar put to side of main event, where they can also find one another. Going through old yearbooks to help publicize. Dana will help work to coordinate this. WSF wants to help Administration reach out to WES Alumni.

Open House is 2 days before Auction this year. Online auction will open on that Thursday. There will be a Village Hub party to celebrate opening the online auction. Bouncy house, community event. Online Auction will remain open through night of the live auction. 3 auctioneers this year, with effort to highlight online auction items as well.

Spread the word: Jan. 9th Auction Kickoff Meeting. This year will not be tied with PTA. 10:30 am Jan 16th Coffee -- Education 101 for new parents re: Auction
Folks involved: Meghan Party, Scotty Operations, Alana/Eva running Live (love ideas and creative input!), Chandler and Julie will be running Online: Lots of categories - still have plenty of room for Volunteers.

8:55/9 am Ravenswood Library (Gift of Giving)

Meghan Clark
Beth Nash

Meghan describes Ravenswood Project. Her experience about the large contrast between Ravenswood District vs. WES.

A group of WES parents are working to support the district.

Ravenswood District K-8: 2,500 students, 89% low income, compared to 7% in surrounding area. 44% homeless and/or home insecure (sleeping on couches). 76% students not reading at grade level. This affects all their classes, since they can't read in the other disciplines, either.

Ravenswood Action Team (RAT) - Adopt a Teacher in the District: volunteering in classrooms/library, donating money, table at Ravenswood Auction, Teacher Appreciation luncheon, money for field trips, art supplies.

If you're interested in getting involved: time, money, sign up sheet on th table at the back of room for volunteering. Please contact Meghan for more information.

Beth: 2 ways you can give:

- 1) at Book Fair - Ravenswood librarian has requested specific books you can buy.
- 2) Gift of Giving Gift Cards - box in WES office for donations.
- 3) Donate K-5th grade reading books. You can drop them at Meghan's house or in box at WES library. Please donate only reading books in good condition. In particular: Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones series.

9:00/9:10 Follow-up on "Teacher/Parent Communication" talk

Tom Limbert

If you have any thoughts for improvement, please email Tim, Beth P., or Steve.

1. Open lines of communication early - there's built-in anxiety on both ends of the relationship, especially early in the school year.
2. Treat each other respect. Always go to Teacher 1st for solving problems.
3. Remember Teacher is responsible for the whole classroom, not just individual kids.
4. Praise and Appreciation always good to do.
5. Start by inquiring, not accusing.
6. Avoid becoming defensive in the face of criticism.
7. Teach kids to advocate for themselves.
8. Don't try to resolve major issues by email. Make an appointment with teacher rather than try to discuss at drop-off or pick-up. Back to School Night is a good place for Teachers to communicate how they'd prefer to be contacted.

Main takeaways:

Teachers are here because they love their work and your children.
They share your goals: your child's success.

Reach out.
Respectful communications/solutions with parents/children/teachers.
Teachers have the whole class in mind.

Beth P.: Please don't wait if you have an issue. The sooner you tackle the problem, the easier it is to deal with. The longer there's a delay, the more awkward or difficult it becomes to deal with.

9:10/9:15 Open Board Slots for Next Year Julie Mandia
Open PTA Board Slots will be advertised online, since we're out of time for Book Fair today.

9:15 Optional School Board Q&A Claire Pollioni

9:15/9:20 Head to the Library for Book Fair and Holiday Songs from Kindergarten

9:15 Announcements:

Student Council fundraiser: Elf Movie next Friday night 12/14.

Claire/Sabrina: Plug for Village Hub

Fri 12/21: Champagne and shopping 11-12pm, Mini day. Bring your kids back to Hub after pickup for lunch.

Environmentally friendly wrapping paper available for purchase at the event.

Sharon is looking for volunteers to help wrap gifts

Famous Lasagna - you can buy a tray to take home: feeds 10.

Hub web site includes the details: where you can buy tickets, where you can volunteer.

Please come visit the Hub, enjoy coffee.

Future Meetings

December 5, 2018 - Holiday Season of Giving

April 3, 2019 - PTA Board Elections meeting

June 5, 2019 - End of Year Line Up & Appreciation Awards

Want to volunteer?

Follow this link: <http://www.woodsideschool.us/PTA/All-Volunteer-Opportunities>

You can still join the PTA and receive a school directory.

Follow this link: <http://www.woodsideschool.us/PTA/PTA-Membership--School-Directory>

More PTA info.

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Minutes submitted by Lisa Frieden, 12/5/18