

Webster Elementary School PTA  
32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152



## PTA Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 7:00 pm**

Present: Chris Chmura, Sarah Pelletier, David Zyczynski, Crystal Frank, Angela Ere-Usim, Wendy Stone, Nicole Mehelich, Lora Boka, Heather Mezzadri, Patti Vassas, Annie Wilk, Alicia Densel, Karlee Kerr, Lisa Higginbotham, Valerie Jackson

- I. Call to Order (Chris Chmura) - 7:02pm
- II. Questions and Answers with Mr. Zyczynski, Family 2 teacher and ACAT Administrator
  - A. Mr. Z discussed anxiety in high-performing kids, then opened it up for questions.
  - B. Is there something we can do to help with standardized testing?
    1. New this year (encouraged in all classes): Data conferences to show students how they performed on iReady and what their goal is for the year.
  - C. There is a national conversation about TAG programs - is Webster in good standing in this regard?
    1. Mr. Z is not worried about the state of the ACAT program, and is confident that LPS supports all 3 TAG programs in Livonia Schools: ACAT, MACAT, and MSC.
    2. Crystal Frank spoke as a LPS board member: the board is happy with the variety of programs offered in our district.
  - D. How do we help our children cope with explaining their answers in math (particularly fourth grade math)?
    1. Acknowledge that it is hard.
    2. Frame it as slow, steady progress.
    3. Keep your cool when students are frustrated.
- III. Principal's Report (Mrs. Boka)
  - A. Source for whether or not students will go outside for recess: AccuWeather link on the Webster website - it has to be 15 degrees or higher.
  - B. New student furniture (last part of the bond) was delivered.
  - C. The LPS district budget turned out better than expected.
    1. Every teacher will receive \$10/student to build their classroom libraries.
    2. Schools will receive \$10/student toward school supplies (not sure how exactly this will be used yet).
    3. The school will receive \$5,000 for beautification in any way we see fit.
  - D. Mrs. Boka asked staff whether they still wanted to do an all-school holiday bowling field trip or a holiday assembly, and they voted for both, so both are in the works.
  - E. New quarter-mile walking trail was installed - it would be a nice place to have students walk during the Walkathon.
- IV. Budget Report (Chris Chmura)
  - A. Fall Fest was a huge success - particularly the raffle prizes.
  - B. We met our Walkathon goal.
    1. In addition, we received \$500 from Jimmy Johns, as well as \$260 from Goldfish Swim School which we will raffle off at the STEAM fair.

- C. Box Tops is going digital, but they are still honoring physical unexpired Box Tops clips.
- V. Review and approval of meeting minutes (All)
  - A. Minutes from meeting held on October 9, 2019: Sarah Pelletier made a motion to approve, Wendy Stone seconded. The minutes are approved.
  - B. Minutes from meeting held on May 20, 2019: Wendy Stone made a motion to approve; Lora Boka seconded. The minutes are approved
- VI. PTA Committee Reports/Other Business
  - A. Walk-A-Thon & Fall Fest Debrief (Monique Cadoret & Valerie Jackson)
    - 1. All families who donated should have received a photo of the aerial art project.
    - 2. Mr. Z. is a fan of the aerial art - it is a way to bring all students together.
    - 3. Feedback on Fall Fest:
      - a) It was great - lots for kids to do.
      - b) Some kids did not know that they were supposed to trick or treat first, and by the time they went to trick or treat it was closed.
      - c) It was really dark - maybe we could use can lights in the future.
      - d) No staff policing the play areas, so they got crazy.
  - B. Holiday Shop (Alicia Densel)
    - 1. December 2-5 (shopping on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th; no school on the 6th).
    - 2. We will try to schedule inventory delivery for Monday, December 2, and set up on the same day.
    - 3. We use Fun Services, and we only pay for what we sell - the rest gets sent back.
    - 4. Holiday Bucks - teachers nominate kids in need and those kids get a \$7 voucher to shop at the Holiday Shop.
    - 5. Teachers will communicate classroom shopping times.
  - C. Holiday Parade (Chris Chmura)
    - 1. Sunday, December 8
    - 2. Mrs. Lakatos is organizing with the Art Club - dress up as an art supply, famous artwork, artist, or in holiday-themed gear, but no float this year.
  - D. 6th Grade Send-off Gift (Chris Chmura)
    - 1. They want to re-do the Grandparents' Garden and have asked the PTA to help sponsor their project (a bottle top bench).
  - E. Science Fair Update (Chris Chmura)
    - 1. April 20-23.
    - 2. Kickoff assembly - January 13 - Nuts About Science will do an assembly with student participation about the scientific method.
    - 3. Mrs. Gezahegn is our point-person for Family 2.
  - F. Dine Outs & Fundraisers (Heather Mezzadri)
    - 1. Buffalo Wild Wings - \$153
    - 2. Noodles & Co: \$115
    - 3. Riverside - \$85
    - 4. November 19, 5:00-8:00pm - Culver's
    - 5. December 9-15 - Five Below on Haggerty
    - 6. December 13 - Barnes & Noble Book Fair (6th grade choir - 5:00pm)
    - 7. December 13 - Menchies
    - 8. January 22 - CPK
- VII. Comments/Questions
- VIII. Adjournment - 8:05pm