

Webster Elementary School PTA  
32401 Pembroke, Livonia, MI 48152



**PTA Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, May 10th, 2022**

Attendees: Shelly Pung, Mrs. Lakatos, Natalie B, Chelsea Coulson, Maddy Daraj, Prasad, Vanessa, Mrs. Vine, George Pacer, Siri challa, Angela Eke Usim, Novel Path Trademark Law, Hilla Family, Annie Wilk, Tracey Schenk, Mrs. Boka, Kelly Leciejewski, Sarah Pelletier, Karlee Kerr, Liz Biddle, Jill Jablonski, Jessica Connolly, Kristina Zubarev, Nikki Mehelich, Liberty Blunier, Chris Chmura, Fadi Chalhoub.

- I. Call to Order (Tracey) 7:01pm
  - A. Tracey wants to thank the new families for joining us tonight and for everyone's continued support.
- II. Principal's Report (Mrs. Boka)
  - A. Mrs. Boka was excited that the playscape is finally going in and it is a ship, symbolic of her setting sail to her next adventure. She is not going into retirement, but back to where she started with student services.
- III. Event Follow Up
  - A. Reflections (Kelly): The reflections ceremony months ago was very nice as it honored all who participated, not just the winners. Webster students won many awards, Alexis Tsang went on to the National Level.
  - B. YMAD (Sarah): YMAD had 60 participants this year. Many of the projects were food drives, shoveling snow, pet supply donations, etc.
  - C. Science Fair (Karlee): The kids were very excited to show the judges their projects. As a refresher, science fair happens every year and it is a requirement for Family 2 students. This year we had 16 judges from the community.
  - D. Abilities Awareness (Liz): The month of April was dedicated to Abilities Awareness month. Karlee Kerr designed new shirts that were available for purchase. There was a parade through the school, the Howell family made us another amazing balloon arch and we also had gift card winners for participation in the spirit days.
  - E. Staff Appreciation (Annie): We made sure to celebrate our entire staff, including kitchen staff, custodians, social workers, etc. We had over \$800 in donations which made it a lot easier to spoil them. We were able to provide a beverage cart, ice cream sundaes, a taco truck, gift cards, homemade treats from a student's family as well as another special lunch that was donated by a staff member's husband.
- IV. Guest Speakers (Mrs. Jablonski and Mrs. Zubarev)
  - A. Mrs. Zubarev explained that the local libraries have their summer reading program and kids can earn free books. They also have free events, music concerts and scavenger hunts. She also explained that the Museum Pass that you can get through the library offers discounted tickets, it is referred to as the

MAP pass, Michigan Activity Pass. She also shared her book recommendations for each family and explained that the Livonia libraries bundle books for you per your request if you give them info such as your favorite genre and the child's age.

- B. Mrs. Jablonski would like to present a way for kids to learn from everyday projects during the summer such as housework, laying mulch, painting, building a deck, etc. Learning from real world projects and how math is used in those projects. Other options that kids could do during the summer is to write a project about where they are traveling, the distance, gas needed, historical significance, etc. Making a recipe, comparing prices in a store, and visiting a museum are also other ideas. She would like the kids to document the projects and turn them in by August 15th. They could win gift certificates for spirit wear.
- V. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (All)
  - A. Jessica Connolly was the first motion to approve with Liz Biddle providing the second motion to approve the minutes from April.
- VI. Budget Updates and Dine Outs (Annie): Kroger community rewards brought in \$160. Another bonus bit of income is the 20% back that we get from spirit wear, this year it totals up to over \$800. We had expenses this month with staff appreciation, field trip requests and we still have the 6th grade send off and more field trips to come before the end of the school year. We did not have a dine out in April, but there is one planned for May, Panda Express. Webster will get 28% of all sales nationwide that mention Webster but they must be ordered online. This will be May 26, 2022.
- VII. LPS Pep Points (Chris Chmura) We won the \$125 gift card by winning the PEP points, a contest against other Livonia school PTAs. One aspect that helped us win was to have more members than we had last year, this year we had 190.
- VIII. Updates
  - A. STEAM Fair (Mrs. Lakatos and Tracey): This is the 3rd year that Webster has had a STEAM fair. It combines art, math, science, engineering and technology. Mrs. Lakatos explained that the art portion had to be changed last minute due to staffing issues with the company she was going to use to frame and sell the art pieces. The PTA helped find two food trucks, Waffle Cabin and Heavenly Hot dogs. There will be outdoor games, origami, music presentations, etc. Thursday, May 19th from 5:30-7:30pm.
  - B. John Waling Grant Program (Annie): We provide 2 \$500 scholarships each year to former Webster students. 1 to a local ACAT high school grad and one to a grad of the Western Wayne Skills Center. The Biddle family has been generous enough to donate \$1,000 towards those scholarships.
  - C. Livonia Spree (Kelly/Annie): This year it is called Spree 70.2. We will be selling wristband vouchers for \$18 vs \$30 if you buy them onsite. We need exact money or a check made out to Webster PTA.
  - D. 6th Grade Send Off (Tracey/Annie/Mrs. Boka): Mrs. Boka explains that every year PTA partners with Webster to help celebrate our 6th graders as they graduate. This year we are going to do what we did last year and have parents bring chairs, sit in the parking lot as we go class by class with our 6th graders.

Teachers like doing it class by class and over 2 days. June 13-14th on the Webster Plaza. Teachers share words about the kids, there are certificates, memory books, treats and pictures taken afterwards.

- E. Summer Playdates and Facebook (Tracey): We are excited to have the summer playdates on the new playground this summer. We will vary times and days as we try to accommodate families.
- F. Nuts about Science Summer Camp (Tracey): Nuts about Science has a summer camp and registration is already open. Flier will be available.

VIII. 2022-2022 Executive Board Nominations/Elections (Liz):

- A. Corresponding Secretary: Liz nominated Jessica Connolly. Liz and Annie motioned to approve it.
- B. Recording Secretary: Liz nominated Sarah Pelletier, Liz and Karlee made motions to approve it.
- C. Treasurer: Liz nominated Annie Wilk, Liz and Chris C made motions to approve it.
- D. 2nd VP: Liz nominated Kelly Leciejewski, Liz and Nicole made motions to approve it.
- E. 1st VP: Liz nominated Karlee Kerr, Liz and Sarah made motions to approve it.
- F. President: Liz nominated Tracey Schenk, Liz and Nicole made motions to approve it.

IX. General discussion and questions: Tracey spoke and gave the PTA farewell to Mrs. Boka. She thanked her for supporting the PTA's ideas, being flexible, promoting events, never being too busy to chat and making us feel special. Tracey invited everyone to stick around and enjoy the food and beverages that Tracey's family donated to tonight's meeting.

Adjournment and small reception to follow at 8:10pm.