

WCCO PTO MINUTES  
10-3-18

Meeting called to order 6:38pm

WCCO has a FB group. Search Western Coventry Community Organization and answer 3 questions. Please join so you can stay informed of all the events and latest school information. Please encourage other families to join as well. The more involvement we have the better our school will be. There is also a "What we need doc" over at [www.wcco.us](http://www.wcco.us). This is under the volunteer tab. Please email Sarah Swanson at [wccovps@gmail.com](mailto:wccovps@gmail.com) for access.

Principals report:

RIDE attendance information was handed out at meeting. We are the school with the lesser attendance issues. However here is the attendance breakdown for the first 20 days of school: Students that have not missed a day or been late or dismissed early this year: 138/352 or 39%  
The number that have not missed a day of school this year: 228/352 or 65%  
The number that have not been tardy: 274/352 or 77%

The number that have not been dismissed early: 241/352 or 68%

The absences at elementary effects well into high school and can affect grades.

We have a new recess cart that is better able to hold all balls, hula hoops and jump ropes. If you have any extra balls please consider donating to recess. Balls are lost frequently over the fence. Laser magic Halloween presentation will take place November 1st. There will be two shows K-2 and 3-5.

Picture day will be November 7th. These pictures will be in before the holidays.

2018 Walk-a-thon Summary is as follows:

162 students collected pledges. This was up 23 participants over Last year.

We raised \$9233!

Prizes are going to be sent home next week. They are being bundled this weekend. Trophies will also be awarded to classrooms.

For surpassing our \$8000 goal we celebrated with a color explosion party. Families attended at Western the following friday Sept 28, 2018

We had very generous business sponsors as well. These are as follows:

Kamco

Rebecka Richards Photography

Cumberland Collision

OSS

Dial Oil

LLR Michelle Curran

Stella & Dot Dana D'orsi

Philips Precision Plumbing

Munroe Dairy  
Lynn Brosnanhan with Experience Real Estate  
A friend of WCCO in Loving memory of Tom Poole.

Thank you to everyone who participated in prep, pledge collecting, sharing the event, volunteering, organizing and executing the celebration evening.

Mixed bags is a catalog fundraiser consisting of not only bags but kitchen supplies and many other great gift ideas. These will be ready to send home 10-5-18.

Holiday happenings and Santa sale will take place 12/1. Book fair will conclude during the holiday happenings and Santa sale.

Treasurer report is as follows:

Bank Balance \$13324.35

Outstanding:

\$240 wishkers

\$28 Jen S

\$71.77 Amanda A

\$150.00 Popcorn's dream candy shoppe

Other transactions (Sept)

Amazon, Oriental Trading, 10/1 IXL Wrong card used in ERROR(Repaid 10/3), BJ's, Munroe dairy, staples and PTO Today.

Recent Deposits: (some funds are on cheddar up already for Harvest and westie wear.)

\$520 walk-a-thon

\$35 Membership

\$1180.00 Westie Wear

Anticipated Expenses this month:

\$495 Balance to carnival party

\$100 Steve K

Anticipated Income this month:

Harvest Fest

Westie Wear

Membership

Membership voted on a few new line items added to budget. These were as follows:  
Adding line item for enenchiments and clubs for \$8,000(this came from our walk a thon monies)

Hospitality is close to budget due to having to buy new popcorn machine and adding mobile shelving. Vote to increase +\$300.

February event needs coco and cookies. Vote for \$.50 budget.

This was motioned to approve by Steph Titcomb and 2nd by Amanda Auble.

Update from Ann Dickson EdD

Coventry School Committee

District 1

The Policy committee will meet on October 11 at 4PM. Fundraising and distribution policy for non school-sponsored activities is on the agenda from 4-4:45PM We then need to move onto other agenda items at 4:45PM. If you have any ideas, please let Ann Dickson know.

The School committee also has a Career and Technical Education Committee which is looking at our career center and what we can do to improve its operation and offerings. Ann is chairing that committee.

As a reminder, all SC meetings are open meetings and posted at the RI Secretary of States website. During the week of Oct 9th, I will be attending the Wellness Breakfast for Leaders where the focus is on healthy eating for our students, the Safety Conference on the 10th and the Governor-sponsored Prepare RI conference on the 13th. Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the education and well-being of our students.

Fundraising and distribution policy per the school committee would not allow any for of communication to go home with the students. This includes school events and PTO events. Currently they are willing to revisit this policy on October 11th. Possibly to make an all policy that anything that came into the school would then have to go home with students.

Mid-year event date is 3-23 from 6-9pm. This is will be a dance like last year. More info to follow.

7:27pm motion made to adjourn meeting by Steph Titcomb. 2nd by Jenn Sampaio