

PTO Meeting
9-5-2018

Meeting called to order 6:38pm

Previous meeting minutes approved. Motion by Stephanie Titcomb, second Sarah Swanson

Principal report:

Teachers did selfie scavenger hunt as a fun team building activity before the professional development day. Mrs. A showed a slideshow of all the selfies taken. School has a smooth start to the year. Kindergarten joined the school Wednesday. Homework committee has come up with a plan. This plan will be talked about at the open house. Mr. Keith, our school OT, has brought handwriting without tears to Western. Teachers have had professional development on this program. All grade levels will be using this method. There will also be a presentation about this at open house. Teachers continue to work on social emotional learning. Currently Conscious Discipline is being learned. They will go through 10 hours of courses throughout the year on this subject. This is helping kids to learn to be self aware of their emotions that relate directly to their behaviours. Mrs. is considering offering a mini course to parents. Mrs. A also went to a principals conference over the summer.

Membership report:

We currently have 60 members! Membership is \$5 per person. ANYONE from the community with an interest in our children can join. Join on cheddar up or at open house! Join online at <https://wcco-2018-2019-membership-dues.cheddarup.com>

Treasurer Report:

Current balance \$4,145.71

Debits included- Dave's, Dollar Tree, Oriental trading, Staples, and Amazon

Credits included- \$606.97 donation from WCE PTA and membership income

Pending Amanda Auble \$64.71 hospitality debit and Wishkers deposit \$240

Fundraising:

Our biggest fundraiser is walk-a-thon! Donation papers went home on 9-5-2018. Walk-a-thon will take place 9-21-2018. To collect pledges online visit <https://2018sponsor.cheddarup.com>.

Harvest Committee:

The Carnival party has been booked for Glow in the dark Halloween themed mini golf. The event will be from 6-8:30 on October 27th. Tickets will stay the same price as last year, \$4 per person advance purchase or \$6 per person at the door. Trunk or treat will be the main attractions. We hope to get over 20 participants and no more than 40. We have also reached out to Hard Core Hobbies for a potential mobile RC track or attraction to spread the crowd. Volunteers will be needed for set up, hospitality, clean up and manning games. If you or

anyone (adults or students who need community service hours) you know is interested contact Sara Vieira at saravieira803@hotmail.com

Welcome back playdate went very well. Light refreshments were served while the kids played on the playground.

Box tops:

Please send them in ! We get .10 per box top and this money adds up quickly and helps the school. We have envelopes going home this month to make saving them easy and sending them in even easier.

We are now officially a PTO!

Membership and insurance has been purchased.

Board Members are:

Jen Koczan, president
Sarah Swanson co vice-president
Stephanie Titcomb co vice-president
Milissa Fuscaldo treasurer
Jenn Sampaio secretary

Open house:

Please contact Amanda Auble to sign up to bring treats/snacks for this event. Items can be brought in the night of.

Candy bar bing:

This event will take place on 11-15-2018 from 6:30-7:30

Whishkers:

This is a stuff your own stuffed animal event. This will take place on 2-8-2018, time TBA. They come to you to stuff your animal. The animal costs \$12 and the costumes cost \$8. The theme will be PJ party, Mrs. A will be reading a book!

Meeting adjourned 7:14pm

Steph Titcomb motioned, Missy Fuscaldo 2nd