

Wisdom Lane PTA Zoom Minutes
April 24th 7 pm- Quorum Met

Approval of Minutes-

1st- Erica Kerr

2nd – Cheryl Denecke

The Executive Board Slate was announced for the 2023-2024 year.

President: Kathleen Pedrick

1st VP: Lauren Sica

2nd: Tara Reyes

3rd: Yeliz Cipriano

Recording Secretary: Janette Ruddy

Treasurer: Anthony Lopinto

Corresponding Secretary: Jeanine Quigley

4th VP: Carole Going

Motion to Approve Slate

1st Janette Ruddy

2nd Tara Reyes

Principal Report: Wednesday to Thursday are State Exams. There is a 70% opt-out of ELA Exams. Testing will be during 1st and 2nd periods. Math testing had a higher opt-out, and math will be computer-based testing.

During the Month of May, we are honoring Mental Health Awareness. There will be activities planned as well as a guest speaker Kevin McKella. The speaker will be here on May 16th. They will be discussing good decisions.

Boston Trip for the 7th grade and Philadelphia for the 8th grade is quickly approaching. There is information for both trips on your child's Google Classroom.

The 8th grade moving-up ceremony will be on June 13th and it will be followed by a dance. The 7th grade Adventureland trip is being planned, as well as the 6th grade picnic. 8th grade BBQ is when the yearbooks will be delivered.

Vice Principal Report: We had a great 6th-grade medieval times trip. We have been told we have the most productive trips in the building. We have 6 teachers retiring. The BOE meeting will make it official.

1st VP: NO REPORT

2nd VP: 234 Members

3rd Fundraising: We had a Riko's fundraiser, which made \$318. Sold 58 Yankee tickets.

Lauren Sica: Joes's Ice Cream truck is returning starting the 1st Friday in May. He will be here every Friday until finals. There were 82 orders for 8th-grade lawn signs.

Treasurer Amy Hoffmann: \$27,706 starting balance. Income \$1134.71. Motion to approve summer budget of \$1500. Motion approved, 1st: Erica Kerr, 2nd: Carole Going

4th VP Ms. Mortillaro: 6th Grade Picnic is May 25th at Wisdom Lane

Transportation: Still hiring, looking for full-time drivers, not part-time.

Spirit wear: WISDOMPTA23 -please pick up at Long Island Athletic.

Honorary Life: Mrs. Byrne is our Honorary Life recipient. The senior awards dinner will be Held at the Coral House on April 26th.

May 24th is Staff Appreciation, donations are requested /accepted.

Food Service- March 15th. There is a large amount of debt on meal accounts. Please check your child's lunch account as lunch is not free this year. Anyone can request assistance. Chartwell our food vendor is piloting a hydroponics in-house growing system.

SEPTA Report

At our last meeting, we had the Special Education presentation of the Budget for the 2023/2024 school year. They have increased the Special Education budget for next year to open up 3 new ABA sections which will need 3 new special education teachers, 6 new teaching assistants and 3 new classrooms. They are also adding to the social-emotional learning and mental health by adding in 1 new Psychologist and 1 new speech teacher. They are also training Staff in Responsive Classroom. They are expanding training in the Orton Gilligham Approach for reading. Having additional training in IEP Goal Development and Progress Monitoring. They are also continuing the Suicide Prevention training. Don't forget to vote for the school budget on May 16th.

The SEPTA Proposed Board was announced and will be voted on during our May 15th meeting. The Proposed slate is:

Lauren Kircher and Jennifer Messina - Copresidents

Allison Tierney - 1st VP (Membership)

Lisa Glynn - 2nd VP (Programming)

Cheryl Denecke - 3rd VP (Fundraising)

Jennifer Bruno - Treasurer

Holly Kennedy - Recording Secretary

If anyone wants to run from the floor, please send an email to [cradical88@aol](mailto:cradical88@aol.com) and levittownsepta@gmail.com 2 business days prior to May 15th meeting.

Our Miss Chocolate fundraiser was a huge success, we sold \$14,795 which SEPTA made 40% of that. Our next fundraiser will be Graduation Grams. You can surprise your family/friends with a graduation hat lawn sign with a graduation hat lollipop with a message. They are great for any graduations, Preschool, Elementary, Middle, HS and College. They will be \$5. please stay tuned for link to place your orders.

Just a reminder that our SEPTA scholarship applications are out and due back soon. Please check our Levittown website for application. We are hoping that we get more students that apply this year so that we are able to hand out more scholarships. SEPTA Scholarships are awarded to students receiving Special Education services including special class, integrated co-teaching, resource room or related services.

We have a raffle going on for our teacher/staff members of SEPTA. If you aren't a member of SEPTA and there is still time to join and be entered into our raffle. We are raffling off a gardening basket.

This years transition fair was a huge success. Everyone was very excited that it was back in person. They will be running it again next year so if you have a child that is graduating next year and transition about of HS it is an amazing event to get all the information you need about the next steps to take.

Our next meeting is May 15th and we have a special presenter for this meeting. We will be having author Amy McCoy. She writes amazing books about living with a sibling with a disability. She has a son with autism and a neurotypical daughter.

No New Business

No Old Business

Meeting adjourned 7:37pm