

Wisdom Lane PTA Meeting 3/11/2024

Call To Order: Kathleen calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm, she welcomes everyone to the meeting and thanks them for signing in.

Approval of Minutes: Janette asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from our last meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Going and Tara Reyes approve the motion. The minutes will be written as filed.

Principals Report: Mr. Avena welcomes everyone to the meeting as well as all the staff members who are attending. Just a reminder that all messages will be sent out through Parent Square. If you do not have Parent Square please download it. Last time he looked 755 of the 757 people in the building have access to emails and messaging through Parent Square. We are in the middle of the 3rd quarter, just a reminder to log in and check Powerschool weekly. If you do not have it already please download it. Finally, state exams are coming up shortly. The Rla and English exams will be held on April 8th and 9th. There was a message sent out through Parent Square with information on opting your child out of exams if you so choose too. All exams will be computer based. Last year we piloted the exams with our 8th graders, as well as our bandwidth to hold all exams computer based. If you are opting out it would be great if you can fill out the form as early as possible so we can plan accordingly.

1st VP: Lauren Sica

NO REPORT

2nd VP: Tara Reyes

We now have 250 members, we have gained one member since our last meeting

3rd VP: Yeliz Cipriano

We currently have the Puravida bracelet sale going on and the sale closes Friday 3/15/24. We sold 20 of the first design and 32 of the second design. If you opted to pay cash you will receive an email regarding payment. We will be ordering some extra if anyone would like to buy. We will have a Rikos fundraiser sometime next month, information will be forthcoming.

4th VP: Ms. Going

- Ro Daly Volleyball Tournament was on Thursday, February 29th.
 - \$1400 was raised for the American Cancer Foundation Thanks to Mrs. Anderson & Mr. Bradley for organizing the event.
 - Regional Science Olympiad competition at Kellenberg HS- March 9th ~ Our team came in 3rd place and will be heading to NYS competition in April.
 - 6th grade trip to Medieval Times
 - This Friday, March 15th
- Any Questions contact Mrs. Carrillo

- World Language week started today,
 - Fred's deli will be serving hot drinks with coozies made by Wisdom students (as long as supplies last)
- Dress Boutique is Wednesday, March 13th
 - Not just prom dresses ~
- 8th grade trip to the Long Island Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center in Glen Cove – students will be divided into three groups (museum cannot take more than 100 kids per day).
 - Trips dates are March 19th, 20th, and 21st
- GO sponsored Spirit week will be March 18th - 22nd
 - Themes will be Pajama Day, Western/Cowboy & Cowgirl day, Color block day (dress head to toe in favorite color), Hawaiian day, anything but a backpack
 - Raffles can be entered by bring in food for the food pantry
 - Prize are given for best attire for some theme days
 - Scavenger hunt
 - 2nd Skate Night will be during this week
- Yearbooks can still be purchased.
 - Go to [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) for ordering
 - Photo submissions library is closed but photos can still be sent to Mrs. Going to be used in the end of year slideshow. cgoing@levittownschools.com
 - NO baby photos please
- Builders & SADD club Pizza & Play ~ Friday March 22nd @ DAHS With Ms. Medina
Pizza & Addams Family
- Wisdom will celebrate “Minds of All Kinds” to honor Autism and other diversities in April
more information will be shared before the Easter break
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- Canine Companions visitation Tuesday, April 9, - Sign up to attend w/ SADD or Builders Club email Mrs. Mastronardi or Ms. Medina with any questions.
- Community Service Opportunity @ Earth Day Community Clean Up Saturday, April 20, 2024-
 - Any questions email Ms. Medina
- Living Environment Trip to Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center - April 16th

- NJHS and World Language Inductions- April 17th
 - Applications are due by March 21st
 - Applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Kowalczyk room 322 or Mrs. Zacconi room 305
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- Blood Drive Wednesday, May 1st 3:15 - 7:45 Gym or Cafeteria
- Parent Google Classroom Training
 - Thursday, April 11
- Ms. Katcher and Mrs. Spainer are in the midst of fundraising for the musical trip to Six Flags Great Adventure. ~ Saturday, May 11th
 - They are selling gift basket raffle tickets during lunch periods (Stanley cup, Gatorade Cup or another cup)
 - March 26th Calda Fundraiser
 - March 27th ~ Music in the Halls to kick off Spring :)
 - The Art show will be rescheduled

Dave- Kiwanis Club:

We will be holding our annual blood drive 5/1/24 from 3:15-7:45 at Wisdom Lane, please share on your socials and however you can. The more information that gets out there the more donations we can get. The blood banks are critically low, we need all the help we can get. If your child needs community service hours we are holding a Kiwanis Club food drive on 4/6/24 from 9-3. We are also having a park clean-up on 4/20/24 for Earth day.

Treasurer's Report:

Opening Checkbook Balance \$28,892.42
 Expenses:
 Total Expenses \$0.00
 Income:
 Membership 58.00
 Bank Interest 4.60
 Total Income \$62.60
 Closing Checkbook Balance \$28,955.02
 Checkbook balance as of Feb 29, 2024 \$28,955.02
 Bank balance as of Feb 29, 2024 \$29,105.02
 \$150.00
 Checks Outstanding: Total: \$150.00
 226 \$50.00
 230 \$50.00
 231 \$50.00

Council Meeting:

The Budget Meeting will take place on March 6th. Vote will be on March 20th.

- Increase currently at 4.2%
- Ways & Means Expo will be on April 22nd.
- Todd Winch Report
- Adams Family musical @ Division Ave March 22-23
- Todd will be visiting each PTA unit to discuss the budget.
- Efforts to increase safety at the SALK traffic circle are ongoing.
- Late bus - 4pm bus available at MS level. Ridership has been 5-6 students per bus which is the minimum needed to keep them running. There will be discussions regarding adding additional late buses but ridership will be needed to make that happen.
- SEPTA - Miss Chocolate fundraiser has begun. They're also running a student membership raffle - \$25 gift card prize.
- The Board of Ed strategic plan is available online.
- Students were able to participate in a climate survey on March 7th.
- College Tour - July 22-24. \$555 cost per student, they'll visit 6 campuses, Dorney Park. Incoming 9th graders are welcome on the tour!
- Council Nominating committee met 2/28. Slate was voted in during tonight's meeting.
- Food Service - Continuing discussion on efforts to reduce food waste.
- 2nd Trimester is ending - reminder that report cards will be coming out soon!

Nominating Report:

Janette Ruddy read the upcoming slate for 2024-2025 school year.

Wisdom Lane PTA 2024-2025

Proposed Slate is as follows:

President: Lauren Sica

1st VP: Janette Ruddy

2nd VP: Ronna Duarte

3rd VP: Yeliz Cipriano

4th VP: Mrs. Going

Recording Secretary: Faith Dermody

Corresponding Secretary: Tara Reyes

Treasurer: Anthony LoPinto

As per our Bylaws- If you would like to run against anyone on this proposed slate, please have your signed letter of request in writing (2) two business days prior to our April 15th meeting. Please send any letters to the Wisdom Lane PTA mailbox, addressed to Janette Ruddy (Nominating Chairperson).

Honorary Life:

Lauren sent an invitation to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for the dinner which will be held in May. We are having our last Spirit Wear sale for the year, all orders must be in by 3/15/24.

Staff Rec:

We will be having our Staff Rec on 5/22/24, any and all ideas for themes are welcome. We will definitely need help that day.

Food Service: Jeanine Quigley

Cafeteria visits are going well. I last visited on a day when they served a new version of Mozzarella sticks, similar to the Bosco stick. It was a hit, it seems to be a popular pick with the kids. The district is looking to upgrade ways to post food menus in the schools. It will be just a bit longer as there are some coolers and freezers that need to be replaced first. New menu item being tried is Turkey Barbacoa soft tacos. As always feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Septa:

They are holding their biggest fundraiser of the year, Miss Chocolate, all sales will be online. This fundraiser funds all our scholarships, we were able to increase to 10 winners this year. Our next meeting 5/6 where we will be voting for our new board.

Old Business: NO

New Business:

As we near the end of the 3rd quarter and start of 4th, it gets harder to keep kids focused. Lets do our best to finish the year strong. We are still waiting on word when our Field of Dreams renovation will begin. Hoping to start construction this summer, and be ready for next spring.

Our last meeting was to be held 5/6/24 unfortunately we need to reschedule and will be held on 6/3/24. This is an in person meeting.

Adjourned: Kathleen adjourns meeting at 7:28pm

Notes written by: Janette Ruddy