

## **Wisdom PTA Meeting 10/21/24**

- Zoom Meeting Scheduled for 7pm
- President's Report - Lauren Sica - Hello. Nothing to report. Approval of Minutes from the first meeting.
- Principal Report - Mr. Avena - Welcome everyone!
  - Wonderful start to the school year for everyone. Weather has been great for outdoor gym and courtyard during lunch periods.
  - All the clubs are off to a great start as well. It's never too late to join a club. If you're interested please check the bulletin board for information.
  - Tomorrow we have an assembly with Mark Mero for all grades. Really looking forward to it. Thank you to the PTA for providing it.
  - Friday, the author of this year's summer reading book, Rob Buyea, will be coming in to talk to students about the book.
  - Parent Teacher Conference will be virtual. Sign up on teacher reacher. More information coming on parent square.
- Assistant Principal Report - Mr. Arvelo-Shaw - Welcome Everyone
  - Wisdom Lane MS has joined AMLE It is the Association of Mlddle Level Education. Focuses solely on middle schools, help to maintain an excellent middle school for now and in the future. We are doing this under the guidance of Dr. Z, the superintendent of curriculum. The goal is to be recognized as a nationwide school of distinction. The organization will give a climate survey to students and staff to help guide us to hit the 18 characteristics that make a great middle school. More information to come.
  - Halloween Dance Friday 7-9pm
- Mr. Dave - TA at Wisdom and Kiwanis Club member doing a Blood Drive at Wisdom on 12/18 12:30-6:30pm Please see the flyer and share wherever you can and promote as much as possible
- 1st VP - Janette Ruddy - No Report but reminder to Samantha Stanley you are the delegate for the next Council Meeting
- 2nd VP - Ronna Duarte - As of today membership is 28 members. Big thank you to Ms Going for her encouragement to all the staff to join PTA. Please join.
- 3rd VP - Yeliz Cipriano - Miss Chocolate fundraiser sale, pies and cookie dough going on now extended to Friday 11/1 Reminders will be coming out.
- Spirit Wear - Lauren Sica - Sale Closed, you have received an email from LIA that your order is ready to be picked up, if not please reach out to them
- Treasurer Report - Anthony LoPinto - Please see attached report
- Corresponding Secretary - Tara Reyes - No Report
- 4th VP - Mrs. Going
  - Fire Island Trip 7th grade Thursday & Friday 9/26 & 9/27 using coach buses so the students can be there longer and get more out of the day, thanks so much to Mr Winch and the district for that
  - Halloween Dance is the week prior to Halloween on Friday 10/25, 7-9pm \$10 includes two snack tickets. Costumes but no masks or weapons, prizes awarded for best costumes.
  - Adventureland trip on 10/31 for all grades. Pay on schoolbucks and permission slips on parent square. There were some issues so if you are not sure please reach out to your grades advisor
  - Ms Auer and Ms Mastronardi did locker skins in their classrooms and some kids were asking about them and how to get them, so thought you may want to send the link I sent you to Yeliz to do as a possible fundraiser.
  - French trip tomorrow
  - Yearbook - Picture retakes 10/28 during lunch. Order and place personal ads on Jostens.com

- Delegate report - Jeanette Eichele - Council Meeting 10/8/24
  - District is sending out information on fundraising for Hurricane Relief on parent square and Wisdom PTA facebook and Instagram
  - Adopt a Family - PTAs can adopt a student or a family for the holidays, anyone interested send your information to the district by 11/12
  - Todd Winch reported that they are doing a state controlled audit and he wanted to make everyone aware that it is normal, every year the state picks schools at random to be sure spending and budgets are well maintained and accurate. He also mentioned sportsmanship at school sporting events and they will be getting stricter with penalties for bad behavior of fans at games.
  - SEPTA is doing BOO Bags for halloween and they are having a family fun night on 11/28 and their next meeting is 12/9
  - Please use the hashtag "BookLove" across all schoolwide and PTA events wherever applicable. District is doing monthly read alouds in the schools to promote this
  - Reflections - Theme is Accepting Imperfection, submissions due by 12/9
- Fundraiser for Galina Family - they had a house fire - Vincenzo's this Friday - and there is Go Fund Me for the family as well
- Curriculum - Faith Dermody -
  - District wide climate survey from last year will be discussed at the Board of Ed meeting.
  - Dr Z, the curriculum superintendent and the chair of this committee is the one promoting the #BookLove so she stressed to use and share this as much as possible.
  - Two presentations for state of the district, at the board of ed meetings, for grades 9-12 on 11/6 and for grades K-8 on 11/20.
  - Career Exploration is a new special class for elementary schools and it is being very well received so far.
  - Starting this year the district will be offering a test prep for Military Test that's required for anyone interested in joining the armed forces after High School
  - Division and MacArthur are both being recognized as nationwide schools of distinction and they received the gold award for AP excellence as well
- Lauren Sica - I need to secure a nominating committee, 3 members from the executive board and 2 members from general membership, if you are able to help please let me know
  - Cultural Arts - Mr Avena spoke about an upcoming assemblies above
- Transportation - Yeliz Cipriano - first meeting was 10/16
  - Still hiring, lost two drivers and gained two drivers
  - They upgraded their system which is why there was some delay in bus passes and schedules
- Picture Retakes - Lauren Sica - 10/28, if you are re-doing pictures you MUST return the entire package that you received in order to get the new pictures
- Food Services - No report
- SEPTA - Marie Loeffel - First meeting was two weeks ago with a guest speaker that was mainly for financial advice for anyone that needs help planning for their special needs child's future. Boo Bags were mentioned already. They are planning a career/college expo for the Spring, more information to come. New district liaison is available to help and advise for special education students to plan for what comes after high school. Next meeting is in December.
- High School Liaison - Faith Dermody - Division's Meeting is next week
- No Old business No New Business
- Next meeting is 11/18/24
- Meeting Adjourned

*\*Attached Reports\**

**Treasurer Report - Anthony LoPinto**