

Wisdom PTA Meeting 11/18/24

- Zoom Meeting Scheduled for 7pm
- President's Report - Lauren Sica - report attached

Hello Everyone, I can't believe we are halfway through November! This is our last meeting of 2024! Our next meeting will be held on January 13th. I just have a few items to mention:

* New York State has increased the payment to the state from \$2.25 to \$3.25. This increase will take effect on July 1, 2025. I will discuss this further with our executive board and PTA Council to determine whether Wisdom will need to increase our membership dues.

* Mr. Winch has requested that the units inform their families that the upcoming November 20th Board of Education meeting will have a public be heard portion. At this meeting, the board will discuss the possibility of armed security for Levittown Schools. It is important to note that this does not mean that armed security will be implemented immediately; there is absolutely no plan to adopt anything pertaining to this at Wednesday's meeting. The board will conduct an investigation and gather all relevant information and do their due diligence before making any decisions. It is also worth mentioning that there are as many as 15-20 school districts between Nassau and Suffolk counties, including Farmingdale, Massapequa, and West Islip Schools districts, that have already implemented armed security.

- Principal Report - Mr. Avena - Welcome everyone!
 - Thank you PTA for paying for our assembly with Mark Mero. He is a terrific speaker and was well received by all the students
 - Halloween Dance was a success, almost 350 students attended. Costumes were great. A little work with the DJ to get some age appropriate music and not "kids bop" stuff. After that all went smooth
 - The quarter ended last Thursday. Report will be sent out 11/26 around noon. Please check the parent portal. Very important for parents to check report cards and stay on top of grades please.
 - Turn it over to Anna and Jakob, two of our school psychologists interns in the building, and they will be giving a presentation on social media usage with teens as one of their assignments. For more information or to get the slide show presentation contact Anna Koullias - akoullias@levittownschoools.com or Jakob Diehl - jdiehl@levittownschoools.com
- Assistant Principal Report - Mr. Arvelo-Shaw - Welcome Everyone
 - Kids and Staff will take a climate survey from the association Wisdom Lane MS has joined (AMLE It is the Association of Middle Level Education) Mentioned at the last PTA meeting. Once we have this data we will be applying to the school of distinction designation. 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.
- Approval of minutes will be done at the next meeting - we had technical difficulties
- 1st VP - Janette Ruddy - No Report but reminder to Karen you are the delegate for the next Council Meeting 1/7. Please send reports 2 days prior to the meeting.
- 2nd VP - Ronna Duarte - As of today membership is 227 members.

- 3rd VP - Yeliz Cipriano - Thank you to everyone who ordered from our Miss Chocolate fundraiser. This Tuesday coming up is pie pick up. Any issues please contact us and let us know to make other arrangements. We are discussing other fundraisers and hope to report back soon.
- 4th VP - Ms. Going - Report attached at the end.
- Treasurer Report - Anthony LoPinto - Please see attached report
- Corresponding Secretary - Tara Reyes - No Report
- Honorary Life - Tara Reyes - If you are interested in being on the committee please put it in the chat.
 - Ms. Going, Karen Martinez, Ronna Duarte, Yeliz Cipriano and Faith Dermody
- Delegate report - Samantha Stanley - See Report attached at the end
- Transportation - Yeliz Cipriano - 11/13 via zoom
 - Struggling with staffing, down to 43 drivers and 17 attendants. Normal is 65 and 35 They will be trying to use an agency for bus attendants.
 - The electric bus has put on hold for now, more info to follow for that
 - Next meeting is 12/10/24 via zoom
- Picture Retakes - Lauren Sica - 10/28, went well. If your child took retakes please send in the original packet you received. If you mixed the retakes you can reach out to Class Act and go to the studio.
- Spirit wear - Lauren Sica - All orders should be ready to be picked up
- Reflections - Due to Lauren by 11/27 due to region by 12/9
- Nominating - Temporary Chair will be Karen Martinez Many open positions that will need nominations
- Food Services - Will try to get a report
- High School - Division PTSA meeting is next week
- SEPTA - Dr Ippolito - Next meeting 12/9 on a great topic. Executive functions, ADHD and its impact on Social Emotional Learning by Jackie Waldman, MS.Ed, ACC. 7PM Levittown Memorial
- No Old business No New Business
- Mr. Avena - Just an FYI a survey will be going out to ask questions about the parent teacher conferences and why they were very poorly attended this year. Brief discussion about why that may be the case - some missed parent square messages and some felt they weren't supposed to if their child was doing well. Some say there are too many parent square messages.
- Next meeting is 1/13/25 via zoom
- Meeting Adjourned 7:48

Ms. Going Report for November

- 11/21 ~ Mrs. Zellers Classes will be participating in mock interviews, Mrs. Zeller would like to thank the volunteer interviewer in advance
- Garden Club Poinsettia Sale - December 11th & 12th. Students will be able to shop during their lunch periods.
 - 4 1/2 inch \$7
 - red,
 - white
 - blue
 - 6 1/2 inch \$11.00 each-
 - red,
 - white
 - Marble (pink and white),
 - Jingle Bells(red with white specks)
 - 6 1/2 blue \$15.00
- Yearbooks ~ Email Mrs. Going with questions
 - order online at Jostens.com
 - Ads and personalization deadline Jan. 31
 - Email Mrs. Going for info to submit photos
- 8th grade trip to Philly~
 - Registration closed on Friday, 11/15

Any questions email Ms. Baker

- 7th grade trip to Boston~
 - Registration closed on Friday, 11/15 BUT there are 10 spots available if you missed the deadline

Must speak to Mrs. Belz and NO ONE ELSE

- 6th graders are going to see A Christmas Carol on December 18th @ the Argyle Theatre \$65

Any questions email Mrs. Carrillo

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- Mrs. Fenley celebrated National French Week, last week with crafts, food, films, trivia and art.
- Blood Drive date December 18th from 12:30-6:30 in The WLMS Gym.
Dave Cummo will be picking up posters & flyers this Thursday to place around the community in storefront windows. Dave will be going to businesses asking for gift card donations as previously stated for donors to have a chance to win after the blood drive in a raffle. If anyone has connections to get some good raffle prizes that would be great. WLMS Builders Club & DAHS Key Club is also asking for student volunteers to give donors juice/water & snacks
- 11/21 ~ 8th grade art classes going to DAHS to visit the art wing, meet teachers, and create art. Trip is from periods 3-7
- 11/21 ~ Tri M Music Induction Ceremony @ WLMS Library during period 3&4
- 11/22 ~ DAHS Business electives coming to Wisdom to give presentations to 8th grade students during lunch period in WLMS auditorium
- 11/26 ~ 8th grade chorus classes going to DAHS
- 12/2-6 Scholastic Book Fair WLMS library
- 12/19 ~ Holiday Music Club performing for Village Green Assisted Living

Anthony LoPinto Wisdom Lane Middle School PTA Treasurer's' Report
Oct 1, 2024 - Oct 31, 2024

Opening Checkbook Balance - \$17,788.67

Expenses:

NYS PTA Fees - \$912.00

Total Expenses - \$912.00

Income:

Membership - \$110.00

Fundraiser - \$2.44

Bank Interest - \$3.05

Total Income - \$115.49

Checkbook balance as of Oct 31, 2024 Closing Checkbook Balance - \$16,992.16

Bank balance as of Oct 31, 2024 - \$17,342.16

Checks Outstanding: Total: \$350.00

1035 \$150.00 Council Fees

1022 \$100.00 Personal Best - Alexis Arechiga

1026 \$100.00 Personal Best - Madison Messina

Council Delegate Report - Samantha Stanley 11/12/24

- Adopt-a-Family is underway
- 1/7/2025 next meeting
- Mr. Winch reported that there are still paving projects taking place in the district. They should be completed soon.
 - Schools are participating in various ways for Hurricane Relief. We are partnering with Asheville City Schools Middle School
 - Driver's Ed is still very limited due to low staffing (only 2-3 instructors). They are trying to rebuild the program but until then, they will continue to prioritize by date of birth.
 - Regionalization Update- a letter was sent asking state to consider changing their wording.
 - Graduation Requirement changing for 2027. Moving away from Regents and into one single diploma.
 - He addressed there were issues with Teacher Reacher and apologized for the inconvenience they caused. They are looking into a possible platform change in the future,