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General Assembly Meeting

MINUTES

Date: 10/10/19
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Library

Westbriar Librarian Presentation

1. The cataloging software was recently updated and is now accessible through Blackboard. Students can log in and search for books, place holds on books, and see what books they have checked out.

Introduction to Meeting

1. Dr. Bell from Stemtreet presented a check to the PTA for \$1,000 and expressed thanks for the opportunity to teach Westbriar's students.
2. Trish Vanstory called the General Assembly meeting to order at 7:24pm.

Approval of last meeting minutes

1. September 12, 2019 meeting minutes from the last PTA General Assembly meeting were presented. Deirdre Naughton motioned to approve them and Suneeta Rana seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Budget Report

1. The budget is in good standing.
2. Review of Fall Teacher Grants have been completed and \$4,400 has been approved and awarded.
3. Westbriar PTA 2019 taxes were completed. Members may request a review copy.
4. A revised budget for Pumpkin Fest was presented.
 - a. Amanda Aragon motioned to amend the budget from \$1,500 to \$2,038. Aja Chaker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by the general assembly.

Membership Report

1. Since the last general assembly meeting, 62 new members have joined for a total of 450 active members, of which 26 are active Westbriar staff.

Enrichment Report

1. We had a high turnout for the Fall Session.
2. Katie has begun preparing for Winter Session.

Principal's Report

1. Enrichment dismissal policy changes were a proactive measure to improve the security of our students and staff.
2. Teachers are very appreciative of the welcome back checks and grant opportunities
3. Testing update from Mr. Simms Smith:
 - a. A lot of testing is wrapping up such as the first round of ability testing COGAT, the first round of iReady testing, and VARP. Results will go home at the end of the first quarter.
 - b. The next round of testing will occur the week of November 11th and the test that will be administered is the Naglieri test for 1st graders only.
 - c. Results of the COGAT will come back at the start of the new calendar year. For AAP applications, you do not have to wait for COGAT test results to come back before applying for AAP consideration. There will be a meeting in December that will provide more detail about the AAP application process.
4. Parent question: When is the AAP exam?
 - a. All of Grade 2 takes the COGAT. This exam has already been administered
5. Parent question: Can a bench be added to the second shade?
 - a. No because concrete can't be placed there.
6. Parent question: Can PTA provide movable furniture to be placed there?
 - a. This can certainly be discussed.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

1. The committee met and made several proposed changes, see attachment for details.
2. There were no questions from the general assembly.
3. Members will have at least 30 days to review and comment before voting to amend the changes to our bylaws.

PTA Volunteer Opportunities

1. Pumpkin Fest raffle boxes: Evgeniya, Priya, and Jelena volunteered to help Amanda.
2. Dining for Dollars: Jesse Holtslander and Nisha Thakker volunteered to be co-chairs.
3. Falcon Arts: Three parent volunteers are needed to fill classes with no volunteers.
4. Book Fair: Parent volunteers are needed for student preview days on Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12.

Next Meeting

1. Deirdre Naughton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Aja Chaker seconded the motion.
2. Next meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 9:30am in the Cafeteria

In Attendance

First Name:	Are you a current member of the PTA?
Colleen	Unsure
Deb	Yes
Heather	Yes
Amy	Yes
Sheila	Yes
Aruna	No
Siritha	Unsure
Nandita	Yes
Dessi	Yes
Aruna	No
Ghada	No
Priya	Yes

Sandi	Yes
Jelena	Yes
Gin	Yes
Dom	Yes
Anikanchan	Yes
Yoonhye	Yes
Valerie	Yes
Hina	Yes
Gulcin	Yes
Caren	Yes
Adam	Yes
Anahita	Yes
Mandy	Yes
Daniel	Yes
Evgeniya	Yes
Jesse	Yes

Nisha	Yes
Swati	Yes
Manan	Yes
Aja	Yes
Heather	Yes
Amanda	Yes
Tarek	No
Julianna	Yes
Suneeta	Yes
Deirdre	Yes
Mary	Yes
Katie	Yes
Trish	Yes