

Westchester PTA  
General PTA Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2019 at 8:05 am

Call to order: Carli Suarez called to order the general PTA meeting at 8:11 am on August 19, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 am.

### General PTA Meeting

#### Welcome and Introductions:

- Carli Suarez is the new PTA president.
- Marlee Ramirez-Santana is the VP of Membership. Any membership questions should be directed to her.
- Beth Fazio is the Treasurer.
- Stephanie Stewart is the VP of Fundraising. Any ideas for fundraisers should be directed to her.
- Tamara Alvarez is the Secretary.
- Nelly Gibilterra is the VP of Programs and Book Fair chair.
- Valerie Leath is the Reflections chair. Reflections is an art/music-based program.
- Nicole Morse is the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee chair. She will be responsible for organizing the Holiday Shop.
- MaryBeth Gebbia is the Partners chair, responsible for banner sales.
- Tara DePaolis is the Room Parent Coordinator.
- Mike Newman is the Yearbook chair.
- Geri Newman is in charge of Safety Town, which is a Kindergarten program run through the police department.
- Danielle Totorella is the Box Tops chair.
- Officer Daniello and Officer Weber are the School Resource Officers.

#### Partners:

- Justin Cheresnick is a representative from i9 Sports, a company that offers sports leagues and clinics.
- Valerie Praznik is a local realtor with Keller Williams Realty.
- Bin Doctor is a Coral Springs company who provides sanitation for trash bins.
- Huntington Learning Center is a local, full-service tutoring company who staff only certified teachers as tutors.

Budget: The projected budget was distributed and reviewed. Valerie motioned to approve the budget. Vanessa Cutrufo 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approve.

#### Administration Update: Ms. Geraine provided the update.

- This year, there will be new field trips and new clubs. If parents have any ideas, they can contact Ms. Geraine by phone or email.
- Staff: There is all new office staff. We have a new guidance counselor and a new assistant principal (Mr. Hartner). We will be getting another campus monitor.

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- Safety and security: Nine more cameras were installed around the building.
- Andrea Geller, cafeteria manager, was introduced. She has almost a completely new kitchen staff this year, including a new cook. They are working with the older grades to get them to learn their lunch numbers to speed up the lunch line. Ice cream sales will begin this Wednesday – cash only.

Security Update: Officer Daniello provided the security update. There are new laws in effect for driving with cell phones. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, motorists can be pulled over for texting while the car is moving is prohibited. Cell phones can only be used in a hands-free manner while in school zones, including school parking lots.

Volunteers: Laura Luzniak provided the update. Marlee is the VP of Volunteers and emails will be sent from her. Laura will also be texting volunteers for help when needed.

School Pictures: Picture days will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Uniforms are not required on picture day.

Old Business: Tabled until the September meeting.

Box Tops: Box Tops have gone digital. Physical Box Tops can still be clipped and submitted, but there is also an app to download onto your smartphone.

Important Dates:

- Open House: August 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Kindergarten 6:00 - 6:30 pm
  - First 6:45 – 7:15 pm
  - Second 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- Open House: August 28<sup>th</sup>:
  - Third: 6:00 - 6:30 pm
  - Fourth: 6:45 – 7:15 pm
  - Fifth: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- School Picture Days: September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- PTA General Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am
- Book Fair: September 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Reading Night: September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Membership Drive Ends: September 30<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned by Carli Suarez at 8:32 am.