



**WCMS PTA
BOM Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2023**

Meeting called to order – 12:06 pm

Secretary – Misty Mullis read the minutes from the August BOM meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report – Lina Yi

Closing Balance – \$14,592.69 (as of 8/10/2023)

Receipts - \$6,436.99

Disbursements - \$1,235.54

Closing Bank Balance - \$20,519.78 (as of 8/31/2023)

Principal Report –Principal Tyler Salyer

- Thank you to PTA for the bus driver breakfast. The drivers really enjoyed this. These incentives help to encourage the drivers to keep driving for West.
- Parent Nights – All went well. 6th grade had the largest attendance. Next year the plans are to have Parent Nights over a 3 week span instead of having them in the same week.
- Currently, WCMS is at 1340 students. This count ended up being under target goal, but the district has agreed to keep all teaching positions. As a result, class sizes will be smaller. Overall, Kindergarten enrollment is down across the district.
- The Central Office has agreed to pay for after school programs (Tues. & Thurs. 3:30 – 5:30) for the students who fall in the “middle” academic range. The state is paying for this for the school. Children selected will be based on TCAP scores.
- Sept. 13 – Grant a wish day at West for a patient through the Make A Wish Foundation. This year it’s a 16 year old female. Her wish is to stay at the Star Wars Hotel in Disney World. More information to come on Parent Square.
- Sept. 14 – Parent Conference Night – Thank you to PTA for providing teachers with dinner for all the teachers that night.
- Oct. 3 – It will be announced publicly that WCMS is an Apple Distinguished School.
- Tues., Sept.5 – A club list will go out for the school year so that parents and students can see what clubs their students may want to be involved in.
- Very proud to announce that WCMS has been named a Level 5 School for the 2nd year in a row! Way to go!

Old Business:

- Susan Schwartz reported that we currently have 347 members in the PTA. Unfortunately, this came in under the goal 450 members. The numbers ended up being pretty much the same as last year. The popsicles that were going to be the reward will now be sold at West Fest.

New Business

- Beautification - Lauren Johnson spoke with Dr. Kelsey and the school received a grant to have the windows tinted on the green house. Instead of helping with this project, it was suggested that the teacher's lounge (beside the cafeteria) be put on the PTA wish list. They would like for the PTA to help make the lounge nicer and to provide a full size refrigerator. The PTA will look at this request after West Fest to evaluate the funding available for this project.
- Teacher Treats – Julie Gentry
Sept. 13 – 8th grade will provide treats for teachers – A message will go out to parents regarding this through Parent Square.
Sept. 14 – Parent/ Teacher Conference Night – Carrabba's will be provided for the teachers. The food will be set up by 3:30. Volunteers will meet at 3:00 to unload and set up.
- DEI – Balaji Kamalakannan – Balaji explained what DEI stands for (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) and the difference between equity and equality. He would like to hold a meeting to discuss what has worked in the past with DEI and what has not, involve parents and allow them to be a part of the planning process. Nov. 2 is Explore Culture at West day.
- West Fest – Amanda Cantrell (for Rebecca Coleman) – Sept. 7th will be the kick off for West Fest. Currently, Rebecca is working on a video. She will work with Beta Club again this year to deliver doughnuts to students who meet goals. Sept. 29th – the actual day of WEST FEST! All PTA board members should plan to attend all day! We may need volunteers to count cash money. Most students are expected to register through Give Backs.
- House Keeping – Amanda Cantrell –
Emergency Buckets – These were provided to the teachers and they looked great! Still working with a sponsor to get backpacks for teachers to carry supplies in the event of an actual emergency.
Principal Round Table – Topics were discussed such as: 10 yr. Celebration Luncheon in May, Trivia Nights, Funding, and Rezoning (elementary for the 2024 – 2025 school year).
Glow Run – Proceeds will benefit the Family Resource Center. This is housed at WCMS and services all of Collierville schools. They provide clothes, school supplies, food, etc. students and student families. There will be an actual WEST team to run in the Glow Run this year.

Meeting Adjourned – 12:50 PM