

**White Oaks Elementary
PTA Meeting
January 24, 2019**

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm at the White Oaks cafeteria

Reviewed December meeting minutes, motion passed by membership vote.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and approved by membership vote.

Old Business

Rachel Bailey- very well received, 20+ families attended, looking into having her again in the future

Spirit night Ledo's Pizza- had no one participate, no funds received

Rescheduled Ms. Fee's presentation for February after having to change Jan PTA meeting day due to school closing

New Business

Bingo- Feb 22 at Lake Braddock Secondary School

- Flyers going home on Friday in folders, also available on PTA website
- Raffle baskets coordinated by room parents, donations due by 2/15, raffle tickets will be on sale at Bingo
- Volunteers needed to help solicit donations for prizes, please contact Bel Hanson if interested

Multicultural Night- next meeting 2/14 8:30 am in Mrs. Higgin's room

Clubs

- Global Spanish and Korean started this week, programs are full
- STEM club program for 1-6 grade, meeting Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 pm, 6 weeks starting March 5, Mrs. Darling and Ms. Griffear teaching, kids will be split into 2 groups: 1-3 & 4-6 grade, \$115 per child, registration flyer in folders or on PTA website
- KinderTECH STEM program for K students only. Meeting Thursdays 4:30-5:30 pm, 6 weeks starting March 7, Mrs. Darling and Ms. Griffear teaching, \$115 per child, registration flyer in folders or on PTA website
- Eagle Running Club for grades 4-6, meeting Tuesdays 7:45-9 am, 9 sessions starting March 26, \$50 per child, registration flyer in folders or on PTA website
- Parent volunteers needed for additional clubs in the fall. Please contact wopta.clubs@gmail.com if you are interested in leading a club next year or have any questions about the current clubs

TJ HS offers outreach activities for students during PTA meetings, this is something we can look into for future meetings to encourage more families to attend

Emotional Wellness

- Feb 9 Youth Mental Health First Aid training, still a few spots available
- Apl 6 Reconnecting military families mental health awareness event, look for more information when closer to date
- Beautification project will start Fridays after school, suggestion was also made to reach out to art students at Robinson and Lake Braddock who are WOES graduates who might like to help

Advocacy- Monday Jan 28 is PTA day in Richmond to lobby state representatives, coordinating to have our school board representatives speak at our March PTA meeting

Teacher Appreciation- next meeting Feb 13 @ 5:30 pm Pohick Library

By Laws- Please contact Sarah Tran if interested in being on this committee to update our PTA by laws for next school year

Furloughed employee support- discussion on how WO and PTA can support our families who may be impacted by the shut down. Suggestion for a gift card drive, also will post links on Facebook to community events/ assistance available. Please contact the school if impacted by government shut down.

Principal's Report

Construction finishing punch out list in evenings, quads to be removed and sod will be put down and fields installed in spring.

Open door policy- if you have any issues regarding the school, teachers, etc. please contact Mr. Richardson or Ms. Cho first rather than posting on social media. They do not check our PTA FB group and can not assist with any issues if they are unaware.

Principal's coffee Feb 22 @ 9:30 am. Discussion about offering at later times, suggestion that if unable to attend you can always contact the office or attend a PTA meeting to speak to Mr. Richardson then.

Please check out our website www.whiteoakspta.net and Facebook group, White Oaks PTA, as they are great ways to get information about what is happening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm