

**White Oaks Elementary
PTA Meeting
December 18, 2018**

The meeting convened at 7:02 pm at the White Oaks cafeteria

Reviewed November meeting minutes, motion passed by membership vote.

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and approved by membership vote.

Old Business

Gobble grams: Total raised \$266.70, discussion to have .50 option for next year instead of or in addition to \$1 option

Movie night: well attended, \$311 raised by 6th grade in concession/ pizza sales toward end of year party

Spirit night: Flight total raised \$213.60

Armchair: total raised \$7,715.00, discussion to allocate \$7,000 toward books for classrooms and up to \$715 toward author visit. Approved by membership vote. If Ms. Darling doesn't need all \$715, any extra funds will go toward supplies/ bins for classroom libraries.

Winter Breather: 20 families attended, participated in making stress balls, mirroring, breathing exercises. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially the wellness committee, and Ms. Borsos and Ms. Gilmore for your assistance.

New Business

Bingo: flyers will go home in January, date of event Feb 22 at Lake Braddock. Volunteers needed to help with donations for prizes, please contact Bel if interested. The raffle basket themes have been selected by the room parents, sign ups will go out in January. There will be 2 kid only rounds this year with Lego prizes.

Advocacy: Our school board members would like to speak at a PTA meeting, we will set that up for later this year. Committee chair Shaw encourages parents to reach out and get to know your school board member.

Going green: Discussion on going to 100% electronic communication instead of Friday folders. Some concerns are that approx. 10% of the school population has no internet at home, privacy guidelines, multiple languages. Will further investigate if other elementary schools do e-folders only. PTA will try to do more ½ sheet flyers whenever possible, sending home only to the oldest instead of every student in the same household (which administration currently does).

Emotional Wellness: Next event is Rachel Bailey parent night Jan 22 from 7-8:30 pm. Topic is Raising Resilience. This is a parent only event, childcare will be available from Dietrich. Event is open to other elementary schools which feed to W.O.

School Beautification ready to start, looking for adult artists to help after school hours to paint murals with positive messages. 8 locations and messages have been approved- e.g. Be Kind, You're Beautiful, etc. Please contact woeaglewellness@gmail.com if interested in helping paint.

By Laws: The PTA is looking to get the by-laws revised by February so they can be submitted and approved by the state PTA board. Volunteers needed to review current by-laws and make suggestions for any changes which need to be approved by the general membership. Discussion on

having additional Vice Presidents to delegate more of the responsibilities and share the time commitment among more volunteers.

Teacher Appreciation: Still need a room parent for Mr. Probst

Principal's Report

Construction: started moving counselors and support staff into new area, remainder of classes will move in early January during winter break. This would be K, 2 and 3rd grades. Everyone will now be in the building in new rooms.

Cafeteria monitor position open, work hours approx. 10:30 – 2 pm, pays \$11.11 per hour. Please contact main office if interested.

Principal's coffee in Jan date TBD, will announce when date selected

New E-notify went live, should have received welcome from system, if not please check FCPS website on updating information and signing up

Gift card drive, thank you to all who contributed. Every family received at least \$75, additional amounts determined by number of kids in the household.

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 8:00 pm