



2023-2024

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PTO Meeting Minutes

3/5/2024 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Meghann Powell

In Attendance

In Person:

- refer to sign in sheet

Zoom:

- Ashley Boca
- Liz Bevan
- Nicole Brown
- Vanessa Minteer
- Stacey Clarken
- Brooke Wolfe
- Jen and JP Coughlin

Welcome & Introductions: Meghann Powell

- Welcome everyone.
- Welcome Save our Schools and Kevin Walsh

Principal's Report: Mrs. Romero

- Kyrene's budget is transparent and online.
- Waggoner is being reduced by one certified classroom teacher: Ms. Nunez is going to Cierra.
- Mrs. Crane is going to 1st grade.
- Mrs. Fahye is going to 5th (She will not be looping with her class).
- We will only have 2 -4th grade teachers next year (31 per class).
- We are reducing from 2 resource teachers to 1 resource teacher.
- Question from



- Brittany Westfall: Do we know our kindergarten numbers for next year. Not yet, we have around 33 enrolled.
- Jen Gianetta: Will the 2nd grade numbers work in future years with only 2 4th grade teachers? We will be high but it should still work.
- Gracie Knutson: Do we know who will be teaching compact math in 5th?
- Jen Gianetta: Do we think that this will be a trend? Possibly.
- Thank you to everyone who helped for Field Day
- Thank you for Super Conferences! We had the most compliments.
- Thank you for the Book Fair.
- Tomorrow is Wax Museum.
- One Book/ One School for Chalk Art on Friday.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Walsh and Leda DeVlieger, SOSAZ

- Kevin Walsh: Kyrene funding continues to get smaller and our population is changing. In AZ funding correlates to enrollment. As enrollment goes down so does our funding. We need to look at funding from the state and be informed about AZ State Funding.
- SOSAZ: 501-C3 to Educate the community.
 - 92% of students attend Public Schools
 - District 72% of ESA vouchers
 - Public schools receive funding from Federal grants/ State Tax and Local funding.
 - AZ is 49/48th per-pupil spending
 - 49th in the nation.
 - Bottom 5 for teacher pay.
 - Worst teacher retention.
 - Worst counselor to student ratio (1:667).
 - 2nd most crowded classroom.
 - Equipment is breaking down.
 - AZ administration spending is below the national average.
 - AZ scores are on par with national average in both Math and Reading.
 - 95% of schools are rated A, B or C in 2023.
 - Only 1% of AZ Public Schools rated F

ESA: Empowering Scholarship Accounts

- The voucher was ruled unconstitutional in 2009 due to the funding going to the educational institution.
- Now they are no longer called vouchers and the funding is given to families not educational institutions.
- ESA costs the state 1 billion dollars (\$7,200 per student).
- The ESA program has very few restrictions on how the funding can be spent.
- Public Schools are having to close due to our lack of funding.
- This funding is making an impact in the entire AZ budget not only for public schools.



Help educate peers. TALK ABOUT IT

Questions:

- What are the next steps? We would like to put more restrictions in place. Know your legislators. Get the community involved and share this information.

Treasurer Report: Brittany Westfall via Zoom / Meghann Powell

- Reviewed MONTH statement.
- We are in great condition.
- Highlights:
 - Deposits in February:
 - \$170 from Clockwork
 - \$30 t-shirts sales
 - Expenses:
 - \$500 for illustrator.
 - \$787.48 Exploration station
 - Instruction Supplies: \$1,304.59
- Current balance: \$56, 583.72
- Overall: Financially we are on track.

Review & Approve Month Meeting Minutes: Misty Pavlovic

- Minutes are available on the PTO Website: <https://waggonerpto.com/meeting-minutes>
- There are also a couple copies at the back of the room.
- Did anybody have any questions about them?
- Motion to approve: Stacey Clarken
- Seconded: Brittany Westfall
- Minutes are approved.

Budget Presentation: Brittany Westfall/ Meghann Powell

Meghann Powell reviewed our actuals and estimated budget for 2023-2024 and Proposed 2024-2025 Budget while highlighting proposed changes outlined in attached paperwork.

Motion to discuss: Stacey Clarken

What should we plan to do with our funds next year?

- Site Council will need more support from PTO to help support student Field Trips
- The Site Council is making less and spending more.
- We have a large budget next year and we will need to have a big project as well as supporting the Site Council.



Motion to Approve: Misty Pavlovic

Second: Jenn Giannetta

Vote: Unanimous

Committee Chair Reports

Book Fair: Misty Pavlovic

- Total Sales: \$7,363
- **Estimated Sales Profit: \$1,348**

- Teacher Books Donated: 96
- Student Books Donated: 28

- Spin to Win Funds made throughout the week: \$406.50
- My Weird School Series purchased: \$120
- Raffle Books purchased: \$44
- Library Book Purchased: \$96
- **PTO Spin to Win Profit: \$146.50**

Total Estimated Profits: \$1,494.50

Teacher Appreciation: Gracie Knutson/ Brooke Warwick

- Brooke Warwick joined the team.
- Everything was well received.
- Nurse and Secretary's Appreciation will be combined and we have great things planned.
- Teacher Appreciation: Sign Up Genius for parents to bring in treats/ lunch/ coffee for the teachers and staff.
 - Buying classroom teachers the Bosch Staplers.

Nominating Committee: Jen Gianetta

- We need new volunteers. Ask your friends.
- We are in pretty good shape for next year but we would like new parents to join.
- We will vote on PTO Board and Trustee Members in April.
- Contact Jen if interested in any committees or Board Positions.

Yearbook: Heather Nakagawa

- Get your 5th Grade Love Letters in.

Chalk Street Art : Meghann Powell

- March 8 Chalk Art
- All Day Event: Please volunteer.
- One School: One Book: Just Ask



- No Place for Hate Posters

Waggoner College: Meghann Powell

- Registration (3-5) is the Tuesday after Spring Break.
- We need volunteers.

Waggoner Carnival: Stacey Clarcken

- April 12 4:30- 7 pm
- 3/7 @ 7:30 am organizational meeting.
- We have someone in charge of each area.
- We will need volunteers on the day of.

Calendar of Events Meeting

- March 8 Chalk Art
- Barro's Pizza Thursday: WNO
- March 9-25 Spring Break

NEXT PTO MEETING

- April 5th @ 7:45 am

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15

Stay up-to-date by linking to the PTO Calendar: <https://waggonerpto.com/calendar>

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

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Minutes reviewed by officers and submitted by Misty Pavlovic