



2022-2023

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PTO Meeting Minutes

11/04/22, 7:45am | *Meeting called to order by* Shannon Winer

In Attendance

In Person: [refer to sign-in sheet](#)

Zoom: Cara Meaker, Andrea, Becky,

Principal's Report: Mrs. Marcie Romero

- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
 - ½ our day was spent Backwards Planning. Our goal was to get our plans set for 3 weeks ahead.
 - ½ our day was spent on Data Chats. We reviewed our most recent assessments.
- BOOK FAIR
 - Thank you, Jessica, Heather S, Misty, and everyone else who volunteered to help set up the bookfair, run it throughout the week, and pack it all back up.
 - Some district officers came through to tour Waggoner and they also shopped the bookfair.
 - We had a videographer, and he also shopped the bookfair.
 - Videographer was doing our video for our school.
- TRUNK OR TREAT
 - We had 2 added things this year, both were a success:
 - The added 'room' called the Witches Lair. Kids went through this multiple times.
 - Scavenger Hunt was fun. I didn't realize until after kids 'found me' that i was a part of the Scavenger Hunt; that i was on the checklist to be found. So fun!
- DAY SPRING
 - Day Spring preschool has had their second visit to the library.
 - I read the first time; Miss Mary read the second time. I think we are going to ask 4th and 5th graders that went to Day Springs to be a guest reader in the future.
 - Becky does all the check-in/outs with Heather Squires (22 students)
- WAGGONER PRESCHOOL
 - Our preschool comes to the library right after Day Springs. (10 students)

- CONFERENCES
 - The parent-teacher conferences were set up to accommodate whatever worked best for the parents. Half of them were via Zoom, the other half was in person.
 - Thank you for attending and discussing where your child is at academically.
- FALL PARTY
 - THAT WAS FUN!!!!
 - 1230pm is a HOT time
 - We're going to push for earlier times and spread-out times for future classroom parties.
- PRINCIPALS WEEK
 - Thank you for the sweet/unexpected gifts.
 - Each grade level made a poster for Mr. O'Donnell and I. They are so wonderful. We love them.
- ASA (Arizona Standardized Assessment test)
 - 3rd-5th grade takes this test.
 - Each school gets a grade, and the grades are based on these standardized tests. (see slide)
 - *The grade is calculated based on a formula, a very complicated formula.* Everything is weighted:
 - 30% Proficiency.
 - 50% Growth (pure comparison from 1 year to the next. 25% ELA, 25% in math).
 - 10% ELL - English language learners
 - Up to 10% Acceleration Readiness (based on factors such as chronic absenteeism and subgroup improvement)
 - Proficiency on your child report card is not how proficiency is determined on this ASA calculation. In other words when you see Proficiency above, it does not equal "Pass". On this ASA calculation, the proficiency is calculated or weighted twice. Let's say a kid scores high on proficiency, they multiply it by 1 point. Then they are going to multiply it again based on how long the child has been at the school. 5 for one year, 10 for two years, 15 for three years.
 - Growth looks at how your child ranked compared to other kids in the state last year (every kid is ranked 1-99). They take last year's ranking and compare it to where they ranked this year. They determine the 'growth' from one year to another. Then they compare that growth against other kids' growth to see if they grew more or less. A child who went from 25 to 50 grew less than a child who went from 1 to 30.
 - ELL (English language learners) – You can earn 5 points, but you have to have a minimum of 10 ELL students in the grades being tested. We don't have 10 students in 3rd-5th grade that are still ELL students. The students in those grades that were ELL previously have tested out of the program. (a parent in the meeting stated "So our academic interventionists & teachers are doing their job. They helped the ELL students so much that they are no longer ELL students. Shouldn't that be worth MORE points?")
 - Grades for ASA: A – high performing, performing, minimally performing, and failing. Waggoner landed at a B. We are 2 points away from an A.
 - ASA is a test required by the state and the district. The grade given to Waggoner based on this assessment. It does not represent what is happening at our school or how your child is doing.
 - Look at your own child. How is your child growing? How are they doing in their class? How are they doing on their Dibels? You just had your parent-teacher conference; this is where parents & teachers need to focus; each individual child and how they are growing/doing.
 - This ASA test is ONE test, it is not the true grade of your student or our school.
 - *Megan Powell: ASA it's a moving target. These results are based off of hours' worth of testing that was completed 8 months ago. A 3rd of the students are no longer at Waggoner (they were 5th graders last year). The results take too long to have an immediate impact.*

- This is why, after spring break, our staff decided to focus more on math. The teachers felt like the students were comfortable with CKLA but could use additional help in math. This was decided by our staff, based on internal school testing, which we were able to see immediate results on.
- STAFF
 - Speaking of math, thank you parents who have been volunteering to help with math until our Math Fluency Interventionalist begins on Monday.
 - We have been interviewing a Music Teacher, along with the district & Colina Elementary. We are looking at a lot of student teachers.
- *WAGGONER is an A+ school*
 - While ASA is just one test in which Waggoner ranked 2 points short of an A, Waggoner is actually an A+ school. The A+ ranking is culture ranking and is better assessment of Waggoner overall.
 - This ranking is based on how we do things at Waggoner. What are our processes? Do we live those processes? The ranking takes into account all of Waggoners assessments, including ASA.
 - The ranking reviews Waggoners climate, programs offered, and how kids feel about the school.
 - *A+ is a LONG process. Waggoner start ours in January and finishes writing it in May. It is due August 2023. The writing and application and interview process is a lot of work; but so worth it.*
 - The ranking lasts 3 years, and you resubmit the 4th year.
 - Community members, Students, and Staff are all interviewed to verify if Waggoner does what they have written & submitted they do. Ultimately it comes down to is Waggoner living the doctrine they submitted to the A+ committee.

Teacher Liaison: Mrs. Erasquin

- Thank you to PTO for all the breakfasts, support onsite, trunk or treat, the bookfair, and really all that you do. All the work you put into our school we always appreciate it and love it.
- Staff wise – we’ve got groups. We have a full K-5 team this year, which is really exciting. There’s 1 and ½ of me. We have 3 reading, and we also have math.
- Another thing we are doing to support math: We are piloting a math kit. Typically, these are only available in Rise Up schools, but we advocated for additional math help. We received these BFF kits which help students work on math fluency. We have 1 IA who is working in each grade level to pilot this program. Teachers are also using these kits in their classroom to help support students with math fluency.
- *Also, i did announce after fall break that I am pregnant.*

Treasurer Report: Kim Reitz

- Reviewed October statement.
- Current balance: \$60,212
- Highlights:
 - Step It Up - \$29K
 - WNO from Zoyo & Panera
 - Book Fair - \$2400 in profit
 - Expenses: Printing and Staff Appreciation
- Audit of previous years records needs to be reviewed. Volunteers: Misty, Heather N, and Susan.

Review & Approve October Meeting Minutes

- 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? No.

Committee Chair Reports

- **Trunk or Treat - Susan Fishman**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/trunk-or-treat>
- Thank you all. Committee worked well together.
- New additions were well received: Witches Lair and Scavenger Hunt
- Jamie did a really good job on the Photobooth.
- We are waiting on all the receipts to be turned in, but I'm pretty sure we ended under budget.
- Recommendation: Cut it off at 7pm

- **Turkey Trot - Susan Fishman**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/turkey-trot>
- Wednesday, November 23rd
- Mrs. Levy is doing the ra-ra in the beginning.
- If you'd like to help; please see the signup genius on the website. We are looking for additional obstacles. You should be able to run with your kid and then man the obstacle before or after.
- Picnic Style lunch. You can bring your own lunch or purchase in the cafeteria.

- **Changing Hands Event – Meghann Powell**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/wno>
- In December, our Waggoner Night Out is going to be multifaceted. It will take place at Changing Hands, Wildflower, and Sacred Pi.
- We are going to have Storytime at [Changing Hands](#). Books will be read by teachers & principals.
 - After story time you can eat at [Wildflower](#) or [Sacred Pi](#)
- Recommendation: pay for dinner of the teacher/principal volunteers.
 - In the staff SignUp Genius, we will ask the volunteers which place they would like their gift card from: Changing Hands, Sacred Pi, or Wildflower.
 - We will purchase day off to contribute to the fundraiser.
- Any \$ spent at these 3 places (wildflower, sacred pi, changing hands) will contribute to the fundraiser for Waggoner.
- That week we're going to do a theme that week. (will include the Waggoner preschool).
 - Monday: crazy socks day
 - Tuesday: crazy winter hat day
 - Wednesday: Holiday sweater day
 - Thursday: jammie day (which you can wear TO CHANGING HANDS for story time!!!)
 - Friday: school spirit day

- **School Garden – Meghann Powell**

- Todd Nakagawa sent over a rendering, which i will share once we have numbers for it.
- Mrs. Romero sent over to the district. They are not in a position to give us turf, but they should be able to help with the drainage. The drainage is what needs the most work.
- Once we find out the total cost, we can look into proposals for Site Council, Grants from district (Kyrene foundation), etc.
- Firm up plan with cost, get it approved by district, and then gather all the \$ (garden grants, etc)
- Goal: end of the school year is our deadline.
 - Are there ways to donate?
 - Can companies donate to 501c3? (granite, trees, etc.)
- We can put up a rendering on the windows to say “coming soon” for the project that it is in the works, for when the A+ committee visits.

- **Teacher Appreciation**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/teacher-appreciation>
- Conference meals were provided. Decorations & details are AMAZING!

- **Exploration Station – Cara Meaker / Susan Fishman**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/exploration-station>
- Thank you for all the continued volunteers. 5 people volunteered yesterday
- We just need to make sure that teachers remind their students that it is available on Thursdays.

- **Art Masterpiece - Cait Sabato**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/art-masterpiece>
- Official order by Thanksgiving to refill the Art Masterpiece closet.
- Signup Genius for this year: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f44aad2fa57-waggoner1>
- ***We need more volunteers.*** For those of you new to Art Masterpiece: Everything you need is on the Art Masterpiece Google Drive. There is a slideshow to present to the class that takes about 10-15 minutes to present. The last page or so of the slideshow has ideas for projects. All materials for the projects are available in the supply cabinets and drawers.
- ***If you need a partner;*** reach out to Cait, Shannon or Meghann.
- We have added links to the signup genius, google drive, and art masterpiece photos on the art masterpiece website.

- **Book Fair – Misty Pavlovic**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/book-fair>
- \$10,132.93 (without tax) \$800 tax.
 - New this year: we had to pay tax and a fuel surcharge. Tax was \$800, Fuel was \$150.
- \$2,421.24 (25% of sales) profit
- \$1000 in scholastic dollars. Each teacher got \$25 gift certificate. (in the past it was \$20 each)
- We were able to buy all the books the library wanted!!!
- Recommendation: If the bookfair takes place during parent teacher conferences, have the book fair open.

- **Zoom – Paul Beakley**

- <https://waggonerpto.com>
- Zoom will continue.
- Camera is important

- **Waggoner Night Out - Shannon Winer**

- <https://waggonerpto.com/wno>
- Next one is at Kneaders on November 16th – you can preorder pies & such for thanksgiving.
 - Reminder: they close early. If you preorder add a reminder to your calendar.

- **Veteran's Day Stars - Shannon Winer**

- Stars went home with students this week. They are due back to the school on Monday, November 7th. Do not use original photos; they will not be returned. Just make a copy to use on the star.
- *You can make more than one star, just print from the newsletter.*
- When the Stars are taken down, they will be delivered to the Tempe VFW.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

NEXT PTO MEETING

- December 2nd – PTO Meeting 745am

NOVEMBER

- November 7th-11th – School Psychologist Week
- November 11th – Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- November 16th – WNO: Kneaders (Elliott & 101)
- November 19th – Student of the Month
- November 24th – Turkey Trot
- November 25 & 26 – NO SCHOOL
- November 7th – [Ms. Beth Ladley](#) birthday
- November 8th – [Ms. Jerri Thompson](#) birthday
- November 26th – [Ms. Laura Kelley](#) birthday (1st)

DECEMBER

- December 2nd – PTO Meeting 745am
- December 5th-9th – Tax Credit Week
- December 15th – WNO: Changing Hands & Wildflower
- December 22nd – 2nd Quarter Ends
- December 23rd – (NO SCHOOL)
- Dec 26th- Jan 6th – Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- December 5th – [Ms. Nicole Wintring](#) birthday
- December 17th – [Ms. Alyssa Six](#) birthday
- December 21st – [Ms. Caitlyn Brooner](#) birthday
- December 28th – [Ms. Janelle Rodriguez](#) birthday

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36am

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