



Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 6:30PM

WDP 5-8 PTO Minutes

IS Commons

- Introduced new board members, Lucy Lozar, Phys Ed teacher and PTO Co-President, Chelsea Heller, Secretary. We are still seeking a Vice President.
- **WDPD Web Page- Helpful Links**
 - www.wdpsd.com contains many helpful links for parents.
 - Library pages for each school has weekly agendas for all classrooms, as well as supportive resources for learning.
 - Announcements & Newsletters available online on each school's respective websites.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Distributed an outline of past years' expenses and profits from fundraising, as well as predicted needs for 2024-2025 school year.
- **Committee Chair Opportunities- WE NEED YOU!**
 - Cross Country meet at Southwest Park Mon Sep 23 @ 3:45PM
 - Need volunteers to purchase concessions, run concession stand, sell food/water. There is a DJ and they make it fun for kids. Could be a family activity.
 - Organize food for teachers during conferences Oct 16-17
 - We will hold a sign-up for families to help- potluck, opportunity to order meals/subs, provide a beverage station.
 - Field Trips
 - The PTO helps fund the school field trips.
 - Teacher/Staff Holiday Gift Cards
 - Students and families can donate towards the purchase of gift cards for the teachers around the holidays. Starts around Thanksgiving.
 - Organize food for teachers during conferences Feb 20
 - Teacher Appreciation activities May 4-10
 - Food, fun events for the students and staff.
 - Staff Lunch- TBD
 - 8th Grade Promotion and Dance- June 4
 - Ceremony at high school, food & drinks during dance, chaperones needed.
 - Incoming 5th Grade Swimming Party Aug 2025
 - Held at VFW Aquatic Center. We're looking at getting plastic wristbands, each with the house color to help kids identify who is in which house. Would like adults to plan activities to engage the kids in meeting new friends.

- **Fundraising Ideas**

- Cash drive fundraiser. We paid for this service last year. Family and friends can purchase or donate online.
- Pizza- Hydrant Pizza will bring a truck to the school and anyone can come and purchase pizzas. Pre-purchasing available. No storage needed. We could do this during conferences.
- Penny War within the homerooms. Compete for notoriety and small prizes.

- **Meeting Dates for 24-25 School Year (Second Tuesdays)**

- 9/10- IS
- 10/8- MS
- 11/12- IS
- 12/10- MS
- 1/14- IS
- 2/11- MS
- 3/11- IS
- 4/8- MS
- 5/13- IS

- **Principal Messages**

- SmartPass- a way to keep an eye on hallway activity. Gives data on students location, as well as collects data on habitual hall pass users. Gives teachers opportunity to communicate and be able to see how many times a student has needed to use the bathroom, etc.
- Year is off to a good start. Goal is to visit classrooms more frequently.
- Gaga Ball Pit is very popular this year thanks to donation from PTO.
- Monday Walk with Mr. Marsden
- Announcements online

- **Google Classroom Demo- Ms. Lang**

-**Open Floor**

- Nothing additional

- **Adjourned at 7:35PM**

PRESENT:

Theresa Duckart, President
Lucy Lozar, Co-President, Phys Ed Teacher at IS
Evelyn Ceesay, Treasurer
Chelsea Heller, Secretary
Ms. Sara Lang, Bear House- presenting Google Classroom
Mr. Scott Marsden, Principal of WDP Intermediate School
11 parents in attendance
MS teacher in attendance