



KWES PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Hybrid via Zoom link and at Kyle Wilson Elementary School, 5710 Liberty Hill Ct

BOARD MEMBERS Present: Tracy Woodhead, President | Ashley Shelley, Vice President | Mary Griffin, Treasurer | Karen Manzano, Corresponding Secretary | Jennifer Clinton, Recording Secretary

Call to Order/ Welcome

- Tracy called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. –Motion seconded by Ashley.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Mrs. Yungk to approve minutes from 01/17/2023 General Meeting. --Motion seconded by Mary.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Griffin

- Mary reported that PTO finances continue to track positively
 - Expenses:
 - Clubs starting soon → \$5000 allocated, anticipate spending about \$3000
 - Movie Night → -\$600
 - Mary made a call out for volunteers and donations to help offset PTO expenses in upcoming events
 - Sign-Up Genius lists coming soon
 - Mary announced end-of-year project for a proposed outdoor classroom
 - Call out made for interested volunteers to help plan, design, budget, build, etc.
 - Email Mary at kwespto.treasurer2023@gmail.com if interested
 - Treasurer's report will be made available later this month along with meeting Minutes.

President's Report – Tracy Woodhead

- Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness t-shirt design contest
 - Over 130 student submissions, all grade levels represented!
 - A winner will be voted on by faculty and staff and will be announced later this week.
- PTO is excited to announce and fund the return of student clubs – Art, theater, volleyball, Spanish, and more!
- BINGO night is rescheduled for March 10 – Look for flyer coming soon
 - Pizza, hotdogs, treats, raffle tickets and more will be sold that night.
 - Tracy encouraged interested participants to RSVP in advance.
- Spirit Wear is currently on sale on our PTO website
 - This is only opportunity to buy Wilson Walk t-shirts!!!!
- Volunteers needed for upcoming events this spring
 - HERO Helpers – help teachers inside the school!
 - PTO events (Wilson Walk, Bingo Night, Art Show, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc.)
 - Outdoor classroom – looking for table donations, carpentry skills, etc.

Committee Reports

- Spirit Nights – *Irma Stafford not present, Tracy Woodhead provided report*
 - Very successful February Spirit Night at All American Steakhouse – \$756 raised!
 - Final tally from Barnes & Noble spirit week in December -- \$429 raised!
 - No Spirit Night planned for March

- April 17 – Chipotle Spirit Night – more information to come!
- Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness – *Ashley Shelley*
 - Annual event started by Kyle Wilson’s family to honor our school’s namesake.
 - Volunteers needed for this huge event: set-up, book fair, raffles, directing people, and lots more!
 - Call out for volunteers and donations for this and all other PTO events
 - Looking for vendors, volunteers, raffle items/baskets, and business sponsorships.
 - Brings community together and makes events more fun for our kids!
 - Please reach out to PTO Board for more information at kwespto@gmail.com

Principals’ Report – Mrs. Libby

- Mrs. Libby expressed gratitude and excitement for upcoming and recent past events
 - Clubs – thanks to PTO for funding and supporting.
 - Tech talk night – great information to help us protect our students.
 - Movie Night – Fun night, amazing to see the community gather for an affordable night of movie watching and popcorn!
 - Valentine’s Day treats and message board – Mrs. Libby stressed how important these small demonstrations of support are to the teachers and staff.
 - Reinforced call out for volunteers – any amount of time will be greatly appreciated, reach out to PTO Board for numerous opportunities available.
 - Wilson Walk t-shirts – amazing submissions by students! These are opportunities for leadership building and make a difference in the long-term for everybody.
 - Expressed enthusiasm and gratitude to the community and PTO – so important for our children to see us working together.

Teacher’s Report – Mrs. Taylor Yungk

- Expressed thanks for Valentine’s Day treats and messages from kids – provided many smiles to staff
- Thanks to PTO for funding and supporting the clubs – these types of programs are often paid for out of teachers’ own pockets!
 - Clubs are creating lots of excitement and interest in the student body.

New Business

- Monthly topic – Presented by Mr. Ryan Amato, Children’s Program Manager at Prince William County Department of Parks & Recreation & Tourism – 2023 Summer camps and programs
 - More than 300 programs being offered this summer
 - Over 8000 kids served last year at 89% capacity
 - Programs range in specialty, traditional, half-day, outdoor, sports, technology/coding and more.
 - Ages: 3-17 years old at 16 locations throughout Prince William County
 - Registration:
 - Go to www.pwcva.gov
 - Programs available to preview virtually February 28; print version available about one week later.
 - Can add programs to “wish list” prior to registration start
 - Registration opens Tuesday, March 7
 - Programs are first come, first served; early registration encouraged
 - \$40 deposit for full-day camps due at time of registration; full amount due week of start date
 - For more information go to the county website or email PTO at kwespto@gmail.com
- Special topic – SOL Prep – presented by Ms. Candace Boles
 - “Standards of Learning” tests measure success of student success according to Board of Education expectations for learning and achievement
 - Specific to grade level
 - Measures how much students attained and learned throughout course of school year
 - Tests are administered on computer unless student has special IED accommodation
 - Students living in the United States for less than 12 months will not have to take reading SOL
 - However, still must take math, social studies and science tests
 - Some ESOL students may receive one-time exemption depending on teachers’ feedback

- SOL testing dates announced today:
 - 5th grade – May 3 (reading); May 11 (science); May 17 (math)
 - 4th grade – May 4 (reading); May 9 (math); May 16 (Virginia studies)
 - 3rd grade – May 10 (reading); May 18 (math)
 - Make-up test days – Mondays and Fridays of each week and week of May 22
- Ways to help your child prepare for SOL tests
 - Study and review each night, use review packets provided by teachers
 - Go to bed early; eat a good breakfast, arrive to school on time
 - Control anxiety: don't put too much pressure, reward efforts, keep positive attitude, teach and use relaxation techniques
- Passing scores: 400-600
 - Scores between 300-399 will have opportunity to retake test
 - Teachers will send home note for parental permission for retakes
- SOL clubs
 - Students selected by teacher recommendations
 - Two sessions: March 13-31 & April 10-28 (mornings start at 8am; after school pick up at 5pm)
 - More information to come
- New VDOE writing assessment test in development phase for 5th graders
 - Requires to read nonfiction passage, answer 4-6 multiple choice questions, and write a passage
 - Will measure writing ability.
 - To be administered March 22, no requirement to make up if absent
- Access test question samples VDOE website → [teaching/learning/assessments](#) link → SOL Practice Items → Practice Items and how to use various tools online

Adjournment

- Calendar of Events:
 - March 10 – Bingo Night
 - March 14 – Staff Pi Day
 - April 15 – Kyle Wilson Walk for Fitness, 9:30am-12:00pm, KWES
 - April 17 – Spirit Night at Chipotle (PW Parkway)
 - April 18 – PTO meeting @ 6:30pm
 - May 8-12 – Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 16 – PTO meeting @ 6:30pm --- ELECTION NIGHT
 - May 26 – School dance (TBD)
- Tracy made motion to close meeting at 7:24pm. –Motion seconded by Ashley.