

PTO Meeting Minutes
Western Avenue School
Tuesday, September 11th 2018
7pm

Executive Board Members

- Stephanie Fellingner & Lyndsay Gruetzmacher: Co-Presidents
- Jill Johnson & Margie Mollner: Co-Presidents
- Elizabeth Nguyen & Amanda Tuccini: Co-Vice Presidents
- Nicole Jones: Treasurer
- Sarah Walkington: Assistant Treasurer
- Kim Sumrak: Secretary

- I. Call to Order & Welcome
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Introductions of All Present – PTO Board, Mr. Zeman, Ms. Kovarik, Mrs. Skok, Kristi Kusak & Angele Byskosh
- IV. Motion to Approve May Minutes
 - 1st - Elizabeth Nguyen
 - 2nd - Amanda Tuccini
- V. Treasurers Report - Nicole Jones
- VI. Principals Report – Mr. Zeman (see detail below)
- VII. Old Business/New Business
 - A. Directory Spot Follow-Up
 - a. The directory has been updated with 2018-2019 families and teachers.
 - b. The administration, staff, lunch monitors and PTO board are also listed in the “teachers” section.
 - c. Users have the ability to update their own information. This includes teachers.
 - d. PTO board members, committee chairs and room parents have all been granted permission to message groups or the

entire directory, and the instructions for doing so have been sent.

B. Western Western Report

- a. The Western Western will be held at the Geneva Golf Club on Saturday, September 22nd from 7pm-11pm. This adult-only event includes dinner, and the ticket price is \$50.
- b. Ticket sales will close on Friday, September 21st around noon.
- c. As of September 10th, 82 tickets have been purchased.

C. Pumpkin Fest Report

- a. The WAS Pumpkin Fest will be held on Friday, October 12th from 2:30-4:30.
- b. All pumpkins will be donated again this year and Mrs. Thompson and the 5th graders will harvest the gourds in the garden for the festival.

D. Executive Board Changes

- a. Co-Presidents Stephanie Fellingner & Lyndsay Gruetzmacher announced they will be stepping down for the 2018-19 school year. The role of active Co-Presidents will continue with Jill Johnson & Margie Mollner.

VIII. Open discussion to the floor

- a. Discussion topic from Angele Byskosh regarding International Walk-to-School Day and the facilitation of students who wish to walk but live farther from the school. Mr. Zeman to send follow-up communication regarding this matter.

IX. Motion to adjourn

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New Families

- 15 new families who have brought us 27 new students in grades 1-5. Out of our 53 Kindergarteners, 26 of these students represent brand new families to Western.

New Staff/Building/District Changes

- ✓ Nicole Cancialosi – Student Assistance Coordinator.
- ✓ Nico Teti-Teal – Physical Education Teacher.
- ✓ Kellie Jerals – Kindergarten Teacher.
- ✓ Lindsay McEachern – Structured Learning Classroom, (SLC) Primary Program.
- ✓ Megan Burnett – Structured Learning Classroom, (SLC) Intermediate Program.
- ✓ SLC Assistants: Natalia Scherer, Cathy Ostergard, MaryAnn Aritzmeni, and Eileen Morrissey.
- ✓ Molly Hurley – Interpreter.
- ✓ Band Teacher – Michelle Keppel
- ✓ Ben Weaver – Shelby Schaden’s long-term maternity sub.
- ✓ Julie Hughes – Reading Tutor. Mrs. Hughes is a Geneva parent and resident.
- ✓ Kelly Lienau – Instructional Assistant long-term sub.

Building Changes:

- Paved parking lot and playground.

District Level Changes

- Dean Romano – Asst. Supt. Business
- Melissa Groot – SLC Admin. Supervisor
- Leah Stevens – District Nurse

School Improvement Plan Focus for 2018-2019

- Year 2 New Science and Writing Curricula
- Math
- Reading
- SEL →

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| Mindfulness |
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- Climate

What Have We Been Doing?

- 8/20 - First day back – PTO Breakfast
- 8/21 - Back to School Party
- 8/30 - Curriculum Night
- Benchmark Assessments
- 8/31 - Teacher Institute Day
- Safety Drills
- 9/11 – Mindfulness Assembly

Upcoming Dates

- 9/13 – Picture Day
- 9/17 – 9/19 - 5th Grade Outdoor Ed
- 9/21 - Tribes
- 9/22 – Western Western!
- 9/25 – Grade 2 to Geneva History Center
- 9/27 – Running Club begins
- 10/2 – Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/4 – Chess Club after school
- 10/5 – 11:20 Dismissal for SIP
- 10/8 – No School – Columbus Day
- 10/9 – ROE Inspection
- 10/10 – International Walk-to-School Day
- 10/11 – Chess Club after school
- 10/12 – Pumpkin Festival – 2:30 – 4:30
- 10/12 – Grade 3 to Sholes School
- 10/17 – Picture Retakes

- 10/19 – Tribes
- 10/12 – Grade 3 to Sholes School
- 10/19 – Grade 5 to Friendship Station
- 10/19-10/20 – Fall Clothing Sale
- 10/31 – Halloween Parade and Parties
- Week of 11/5 – Grade 2 Service Project
- 11/9 – Veteran’s Day Assembly & 11:20 Dismissal