

The Westmore PTA met on Oct. 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Those in attendance included: Mr. Dart, Mrs. Chambers, Ms. Bambas, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Rahschulte, Ms. Eichholz, Ms. Scahill, Ms. Lykken, President Katie Mueller, Vice President Kris Castaldi, Treasurer Suzanne Ladle, Secretary Rebecca Fortner, Kelsey Gibney, Raquel Mahoney, Kim Quinney, Kristina Bostian, Robin Lamb, Michelle Deckworth, Margie Stapleton, Rachel Fowler, Amos Ngola, Jim Mahoney and others.

Mr. Dart reported that according to fall MAP results, 45 percent of students are on pace to meet all math standards, while 55 percent of students are on pace to meet ELA standards.

According to check-ins during SEL, teachers see 89 percent of students at “ready to learn,” while 79 percent of students report they are “ready to learn.”

A WE Wednesday, to include Halloween celebrations, was planned for Oct. 29.

Report cards were available online as of Nov. 1, with conference signups starting on Nov. 12.

Kindergarten and first grade teachers presented information about the “home coaching” component of the new ELA curriculum.

It was stressed that it is not how many books are read, but the emphasis is on reading each night.

Students can tell stories by pictures and may not know all the words yet, but this strategy can develop language skills. Coaches can also read to students, which is one of the most “powerful” strategies to develop readers. It also was stressed that students should choose their own books as much as possible and that it is okay to repeat books.

It was reported that the “Trunk or Treat” was very successful, and will be repeated.

Problems with spirit wear are being addressed.

Math Contest, which takes place three times each year, was discussed as volunteers are needed. Snacks for staff during conferences also was discussed.

The next meeting will be on Nov. 29 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.