

The Westmore PTA met on Monday Nov. 29. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

Those in attendance included Mr. Dart, Mrs. Chambers, Ms. Steinway, Ms. Stutler, Ms. Farquhar, President Katie Mueller, Vice President Kris Castaldi, Treasurer Suzanne Ladle, Secretary Rebecca Fortner, Kim Quinney, Denise Montgomery, Raquel Mahoney, Lisa Ticaric, Margie Stapleton, Kathleen Carnahan, Amanda Fioti.

Mr. Dart reported that the Quarter 1 celebration was a success, with two grade levels in the gym at a time. Students were recognized for their reading and math success, as well as meeting school expectations.

In other news:

- Student council food drive ends this week.
- Feedback on conferences via email is welcomed.
- Mrs. Chambers reported that a literacy day is planned for just prior to winter break.
- After winter break, the One Book, One School book will be revealed.

#### **Reading Presentation:**

A fourth-grade team of teachers put on a reading presentation focusing on the reading skill cards. This included noting that students should read in a distraction-free zone. Reading “coaches” at home do not need to help choose books and should offer help as needed while reading, but allow students the opportunity to learn the words. Reading skill cards have questions that can be used for discussion.

“The more you can talk about books, the better.”

#### **Reports:**

- A dining fundraiser at The Simple Greek netted \$94 for the PTA; an event at Portillo’s is planned for January.
- \$630 was raised for a staff luncheon during conferences. The remaining money can be saved for Staff Appreciation.
- A gift-wrapping party is planned for Giving Tree items.
- Math Contest will be held 12/6 via Zoom – open to grades 3-5.
- Mr. Dart ordered the mascot costume.

There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday, Jan. 24.