

DRAFT MINUTES

The Westmore PTA met on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Those present included Mr. Dart, Mrs. Chambers, President Katie Mueller, Vice President Kris Castaldi, Treasurer Suzanne Ladle, Secretary Rebecca Fortner, Ms. Findysz, Ms. Tobin, Ms. Blumstein, Ms. Otteson, Ms. Peterson, Denise Montgomery, Raquel Mahoney, Kelsey Gibney, Kim Quinney, Kristina Bostian, Amanda Fioti, Rachel Fowler, Andrea Ngola, Jenny Jahn, Dessislava Tantcheva, Patrice Phipps.

1. Mr. Dart reported:

- report cards were available as of 1/24 on Powerschool. Those needing assistance can call the Westmore office.
- The One Book One School program started, with the book, *Dragons in a Bag*.
- ACCESS testing will take place soon
- For Valentine's Day, cards may be brought in, but no food
- Construction is on track for next year's planned full-day kindergarten
- The Five Essential Survey is available. The school needs a response of 20% in order to receive the data. Westmore is currently at 10%

2. Mrs. Chambers thanked the PTA for help with the Reading Night that was held and coincided with the reveal of the OBOS book. There were over 100 students attending the Zoom event, and Mrs. Peterson later added that the school had a "special vibe" all day as kids helped decorate the school.

3. Teachers gave a presentation on reading, focusing on "Hook Books." Ms. Tobin discussed a list of books and series available for each level of reading. These include high-interest selections. The list will be included online and in newsletters and is also available from teachers and Mrs. Peterson.

Students should not feel they have to keep to a certain reading level as interest and background knowledge can play a large role in reading skills and comprehension.

In other news:

- Math Contest will be held in person at 2:45pm on Feb. 9 in the gym. Practice packets will be distributed beforehand to those interested.
- A roller skating party is being rescheduled in the spring.
- PTA officers, including President and Vice President, are needed for next year.