

## **DRAFT - MARCH WESTMORE PTA MINUTES**

The Westmore PTA met on Monday, March 14, 2022 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

There were 18 people present, including Mrs. Chambers, President Katie Mueller, Vice President Kris Castaldi, Treasurer Suzanne Ladle, Secretary Rebecca Fortner, Ms. Coco, Ms. Scahill, Mr. Ritt, Ms. Peterson, Denise Montgomery, Raquel Mahoney, Kim Quinney, Kristina Bostian, Rachel Fowler, Andrea Ngola, Jennifer Alexander, Kelly Saurbaugh, (several people were difficult to identify based on Zoom names displayed).

1. The fifth-grade teaching team of Ms. Coco, Ms. Scahill and Mr. Ritt gave a presentation on college-ready readers. These are skills that students are progressing toward throughout their school career. They include practices in the categories of authors, fiction/literature texts, nonfiction/informational texts and building reading communities. It was stressed that these skills are a progression worked on throughout kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Mrs. Chambers reported that Westmore continues a spring focus on positive behaviors. In addition:
  - Each grade level is also continuing Unit 4 in ELA, which is something parents can ask students about. Each grade level study focuses on a different topic.
  - Each student has a goal to read 22 “steps” a week. Last week, 42% of students reached this goal, a high for this year.
  - For 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Mr. Ritt will start intramural activities soon, and a Jackson visit and social is planned for May.
  - The end of the quarter is March 18, and report cards will be available electronically through PowerSchool on March 25.
3. A Dine to Donate fundraiser is planned for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Anyway’s. The PTA will receive 15% of proceeds from those who show the flyer when ordering.
4. Plans for a parent social/mixer in mid-April were discussed. Volunteers will be looking into potential locations.
5. Plans for an outdoor family event toward the end of the school year were also discussed. Mrs. Mueller asked that ideas be emailed to her by the end of the week (3/18).
6. The PTA Web site also was discussed, with reminders to check it out for PTA and Westmore information.
7. Reminders about registration for full-day kindergarten, the yearbook cover contest and math contest on April 6<sup>th</sup> also were noted.
8. The meeting adjourned at 7:19pm. The next meeting will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm