

# Westmore Elementary PTA General Meeting

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2026 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Westmore Gym

**Minutes are considered a high-level overview of the meeting.**

**For more information on any specific topic, please ask PTA officers.**

The Westmore Elementary School PTA met on March 10, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. About 13 people were in attendance in person and 1 virtually.

## **Consent Agenda**

Minutes from February 11, 2026 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))

Treasurer's Report ([Appendix B](#))

Past Committee Activity Summaries ([Appendix C](#))

Caisey Schneider moved to approve the consent agenda. Taylor Thinnes seconded. The motion was approved.

This meeting met quorum.

## **Action Items**

### **PTA Position on D45 Referendum:**

Taylor Thinnes moved for the Westmore PTA to take a position and support (vote yes) on the D45 Referendum. Jacqueline Luna-Montes seconded the motion.

- **MOTION:** I move for the Westmore PTA to endorse a YES vote on the on the District 45 referendum on the March 2026 ballot. Voting YES directly aligns with our values as a PTA: to wholeheartedly support the students at our school.
- A YES vote will help ensure that our schools can continue providing high-quality instruction, maintain essential programs, and support the teachers and resources our students rely on every day. This referendum represents an opportunity to strengthen our schools and provide students with the environment they need to learn and succeed. Strong schools benefit the entire community by supporting families, attracting new residents, and preparing the next generation for success.

The PTA members discussed the next steps. The PTA is allowed to take a position since the referendum affects the district. Other schools chose not to take a position on this, due to having enough of a membership or just decided not to take an official position.

The PTA members then voted to support the motion as proposed to provide PTA endorsement for a yes vote on D45 Referendum. The vote was unanimous by the PTA members. Mr. Dart had to abstain from the vote.

### **Transfer budget from field trip line item to Spirit Wear line item for kindergarten t-shirts:**

Caisey Schneider moved to transfer Back to School Bash, Family Game Night, assemblies, and Trunk or Treat to Spirit Wear budget to purchase t-shirts for incoming kindergarteners. Kendry Risley seconded the motion.

- **MOTION:** The cost of purchasing 90 kindergarten t-shirts at a unit cost of \$7.50 is \$675. We currently have \$386 in the spirit wear budget. There is \$150 from family game night, \$160 from back to school social, \$100 from trunk or treat, and \$105 from assemblies that was unspent for a total of \$515. If we transferred this funding to spirit wear, this would bring the budget up to \$901. This would allow us to purchase 90 t-shirts for all incoming kindergarteners plus purchase 30 additional larger shirts to restock our current inventory for resale at kindergarten round-up in May and meet the teacher in August. Assuming 50% of kindergarteners previously purchased a shirt at \$10, this will result in a loss of income of \$112.50 for the PTA.
- I propose that we transfer the \$515 in unspent funds from family game night, back to school social, trunk or treat, and assemblies to spirit wear to allow us to purchase a t-shirt for all incoming kindergarteners while still allowing the PTA to purchase additional larger shirts to restock out inventory for resale at kindergarten round-up in May and meet the teacher in August.

The PTA members then voted yes unanimously.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Dart shared that the school currently has 205,000 reading steps. 72% percent of the students achieved their goal for the year in testing. The author of the One Book, One School book "Fenway & Hattie" came to the school for an assembly. For attendance, the school is at 94.3%. 4th grade just went on a field trip to Naper Settlement. Kindergarten is going to DuPage Children's Museum soon. 3rd grade is going to the Shedd Aquarium. The quarter ends on March 13, and report cards will be available on March 20. IAR is the last week of March. For April 23 and 24, if there are snow days, these days will be make-up days. If there are no snow days, the students will not have school, but staff will be at the school. On April 28 there will be a Centennial Celebration and a science assembly. There will also be an open house with some performances by the students.

### **Committee Planning (Upcoming)**

- **STEM Night** – Sara Powers shared that STEM Night is March 25. There are eight outside organizations and around 15-16 experiments. There will be some middle school students and Willowbrook students coming to help with the experiments.
- **Giordano's Restaurant Night** – Caisey Schneider shared that this restaurant night is March 19 from 4-9 p.m. It is dine in or take out. They are also donating for Teacher Appreciation Week.
- **5th Grade Activities** – Ande Ngola shared that there is a committee. The committee is in the middle of t-shirt sales. A flyer went out about upcoming activities planned. Ande is documenting things for future years on the committee.
- **End of Year Picnics** – Ande Ngola shared that the class picnics will be May 13-21.
- **Summer Bash** – Jacqueline Luna Montes shared that anyone is welcome to join the committee to help with planning. This will be May 8. There will also be a book fair.
- **Committee Policy Committee** – This was tabled until the next PTA meeting.
- **Nomination Committee** – Taryn Mueller shared that there are no new volunteers for the open positions. The committee will bring the nominations to the next PTA meeting in April.

**Other Business**

**All School Assembly: Wacky Science on April 28:** Ande Ngola shared that the cost is \$1,895 for this assembly. There will be two different assemblies for the different grades.

**Communication proposal with Westmore calendar:** Every month the school provides a paper calendar to the students. The PTA asked if they could coordinate with the office and put PTA information on the back of the calendar. The calendar is put together two weeks ahead of time by the office. Mr. Dart said this can work out.

**Announcements**

There were some questions about parking, car line, and sharing with the Lombard police.

There was discussion about yearbook cover contest. Nikki shared that the teachers vote at their school, and we could think about the process. The committee has the freedom to decide.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8 on a Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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