

Westmore Elementary PTA General Meeting

Meeting Date: April 8, 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 April 8, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. About 11 people were in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Minutes from March 10, 2026 PTA Meeting ([Appendix A](#))

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

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

Treasurer Report updates:

The donation line listed was \$750 for Stem night/art show and it gets added to the local PTA. Also a deposit from Giordanos, and donations from Sunburst. Movie Night payment was added, as well as disbursements for Kinder-field trip.

Rachel Fowler moved to approve by consent agenda, was seconded by Caisey Schneider. The motion was approved.

The meeting met quorum.

Action Items

Nominating committee:

We overlooked a step in the nominating process where we were supposed to approve the nomination committee. The qualifications are at the back of the packet (Section 4.5)--see (agenda) for exact verbiage for Bylaw wording. We will correct for this to have them officially elected today. On the committee, we have Alison Alison, Taryn Mueller, and Kendra Risley from the Exec committee, and Kim Loll and Christina O Sullivan from the general PTA population.

This motion was pushed forward by Taylor Thinner, this was seconded by Caisey Schneider. The motion was approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Dart shared that it will be getting busy for the 33 school days that are left. They would like to continue the amazing reading, with exceptional growth in their reading. He has never seen this growth in the past 25 years, so this is great to see. Attendance is at 94.2% out of the 95% goal—we were there for the 1st 3 months and are aiming to get there by the end of the year. Fourth grade is at 95%. This is the best attendance in the past 3 years. The Centennial celebration is Tuesday, April 28th where they will have student performances, recognition, and the Open House—they are hoping alumni also show up. The talent show is coming up on April 17th at Jackson @ 6 PM. The Q3 celebration assembly happened with brag tags given out for reading and math. We have field trips coming up, with the help of the PTA (3rd is

Shedd, Kinder is Brookfield zoo). The picnics are coming up on May 13-21. Math contest is finishing up on April 15th. No school on April 23rd and 24th. The art show will be at Schaffer this year. Ms Nikisher is gathering items to be on display on April 23rd. Stem day is at Jackson and is coming up.

Committee Planning (Upcoming)

- **Nomination committee** – Alison Hitzker read the bylaws for the Officers and their Election (Article VI - Officers and their Election). As the chair of the nominating committee, she also presented the following nominations for officers of the PTA for the year:
 - For Vice President, Taylor Thinner
 - For President, Ande Ngola

The PTA was reminded that any other interested candidates and qualified candidates, can be nominated from the floor during the May election meeting on Tuesday May 12th, ensuring all eligible candidates still have an opportunity to be considered by the full PTA membership. Required for voters to be a PTA member for 30 days prior to election. The committee will have ballots prepared with a write-in option.

One person asked about online voting. Ande will look into this to see if there is an option.

Taylor Thinner reminded us that we have a Code of Conduct and suggested we have that in mind for the May election meeting, especially considering we may have new Kindergarten parents present at that meeting.

- **Chik-fil-A Restuarnt Night** – Caisey Schneider shared that this restaurant night is Wednesday April 22nd. There will be a drive in, sit down and app order option. This is the last restaurant night of the year.
- **Teacher appreciation:** Kendra shared that they will have Mocktails, trailmix, Giordanos on Friday. Theme is Roaring 20s. The sign-up genius is out, and flyers have been put into mailboxes to be taken home in the next couple of days. Nothing else is needed for this at the moment.
- **5th Grade Activities** – Ande Ngola shared that the shirts have been picked up at Sunburst and will go out to students this week. They have identified a DJ and a contract is being signed. They will put together a flyer to coordinate the decorations and another email will be sent out to the committee.
- **End of Year Picnics** – Ande Ngola shared that the class picnics will be May 13-21. Ande met with Jackie today. She will send out communication through the teachers for volunteers. She is scheduling a meeting for the following week for people that have helped in previous events.
- **Summer Bash** – Taylor Thinner mentioned that we are going to have stations for past 10 decades with a different activity at each station. We are trying to use the budget for everything. Also Kona ice is coming. For the Kindergarten 1st grade social or Back to School bash, they will consider using Lemonlicious, a business owned by Westmore moms. They will also have a passport where students will get a stamp and each station with a prize at the end. They will send a sign-up genius out soon. There is some water left in the closet from STEM night to potentially use for the event.
- **Book Fair** – this will happen the same day of the summer bash
- **Committee Policy Committee** – A draft was created and they are waiting for feedback from the committee

Other Business

- **Little Library:** Taylor Thinnies shared that they want to launch this over the summer, rather than at the EOY bash. Jackie priced out materials at \$250 for the little library. We will look to see where we have money left to spend on this (President's contingency fund?), to discuss at the next Exec board meeting. They would put this vote forward in May. We may have money left over from Kindergarten t-shirts to allocate here, as we only have 45 signed up so far.
- **"Adopt-a-Family" proposal:** Kim Loll shared that she has an idea to try to connect families to new kindergarten families to a mentor family. They would be a resource to share information, including PTA and other school events. The purpose is to connect new families. Kim is working on a flier to share at Kindergarten night. For next step, we can get a list from Ms Quinney to send out an invitation/ QR code/ link to them. The mentors can help with PowerSchool set-up, or if they bring a lunch on a half day, or share information about teachers in the other grades. This will assign organic connections to help new families be a better part of the community. They will send out PTA communication via newsletter/ Facebook and also get this into the newsletter.
- **School Directory proposal:** Taylor Thinnies shared that we can't share contact information before others opt-in, so they are looking for a solution. In the 2027-2028 school year, this can be added to the registration so we would have the information up front. We would try to work it into the budget for 2026-2027 as a line item to include the cost of the directory. That proposed budget would come before the entire PTA in August, so we can vote on the updated budget. This would mean we would be a little behind the first year. The reason we are looking to do this is to help parents connect with one another (i.e. birthday party invites, etc). This would be for the entire school, not just the PTA.
- **All-school assembly:** Ande shared that the assembly will be on 4/28, the same day as the Centennial celebration. The assembly will be Wacky Science. There will be 2 different sessions.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th on a Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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