

**Westgate PSO Meeting**  
**Westgate Elementary School**  
9601 220th St SW  
Edmonds, WA 98020

May 16, 2023

**Agenda**

In attendance: Kristin Greco, Ellen Sontra, Dessie Petrova, Kalina Shouse, Sarah Lemmon, Maura Caley, Katie McGee, Kara Gillanders, Courtney Newhouse, Amanda Rowland-Smith, Michele Hamilton, Steve Hearn, Andrea Sisley (Zoom)

- Introductions
- Approve minutes from last meeting
  - Kalina S moved to approve, Kara G seconded, motion to approve passed
- Treasurer report – Kalina
  - Science Night was a success financially and paid for itself with \$300 in excess
  - 6<sup>th</sup> graders have rented Yost Pool for their end of year celebration
  - Field trip busses are being utilized in these spring months and bills will roll in to use up more of that budget
  - Safety Patrol celebration will be a walking field trip to City Park with lunch and games
  - Teacher grants have been used this year more than in the past! Hooray!
  - School grants have also been being used – examples are SBA snacks for all students and \$150 to Mrs. Hamilton for ground cover plants at the recent landscaping day
  - PSO will put together the proposed budget for next year in June and approve it in the Fall at the first PSO meeting
- School update – Mr. Hearn
  - Westgate has been affected by the recent budget cuts but not in as large of ways as other Edmonds schools.
  - We will not have a Health Assistant in the office next year.
  - Our behavior & discipline specialist (Mr. Nicholson's position) will move to half time.
  - Our counselor will actually be on site at 1.0 FTE instead of .6 FTE.
  - Kindergarteners will return to campus.
  - Our ISES program will be re-located to Martha Lake Elementary. We have been given a grant for a third teacher in the secondary level to ensure our class sizes remain similar to as they are now.
- Yearbook recap – Kristin
  - The yearbook sales and generous donations from families made it possible for each child to receive a yearbook and we came out even. Hooray!
  - We are looking at new companies next year to see what other options are out there.

- We are seeking a volunteer to handle the yearbook next year. This would be a great way to participate in the PSO without taking on a full board position! Please email [westgatechair@gmail.com](mailto:westgatechair@gmail.com) if interested.
- Auction and Art Walk recap – Ellen
  - The Art Walk and Auction were a big success! We had lots of attendees, cookie donations (thank you!), a wonderful concert from the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and lively bidding on our online silent auction. In total, we raised \$8,122 to fund school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- Upcoming Events
  - 5/31 – Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten Open House
    - PSO will be on site with a treat of sorts (likely Otter Pops)
  - 6/22 – Field Day
    - Our Field Day this year will be extra fun because of funds that were reallocated from the theatre program, which did not take place this year. The PSO is supporting Field Day in a bigger way instead of hosting a carnival.
- Upcoming Positions 2023-2024 school year
  - We will still be seeking interested parties for the PSO Board in the fall. Since we have so many new incoming families, we would love for them to have the opportunity to get involved. If you are interested in serving on the PSO Board, please reach out to [westgatechair@gmail.com](mailto:westgatechair@gmail.com). Thank you if you have done so already!
- Questions/Comments