

Westgate PSO General Meeting

October 25, 2023

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm - In attendance: 11 in-person, 3 Zoom Attendees



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Attendees:

- **In-Person**
 - Kristin Grecco, PSO Co-Chair
 - Ellen Sontra, PSO Co-Chair
 - Kalina Shouse, PSO Treasurer
 - Krysta Johnson, PSO Secretary
 - Sarah Lemmon, PSO Enrichment Chair
 - Eddy Lindenstone, PSO Fundraising Chair
 - Maura Caley, PSO Treasurer Shadow
 - Stephen Hearn, Westgate Principal
 - Kara Gilanders
 - Kaitlin Giboney
 - Kevin Fitzgerald
- **Zoom Attendees**
 - Siri Johnson, PSO Chair Shadow
 - Leah
 - Tracy

Agenda:

1. Introductions (Kristin)
2. Approve prior meeting's minutes (Krysta)
3. Treasurer's Report (Kalina)
4. School Update (Mr. Hearn)
5. Fall Festival (October 27 6-8 pm)
6. Fun Run Recap + Results
7. Greenery + Wreath Sales
8. Spirit Wear
9. Skate Night Discussion
10. Holiday Giving
11. Upcoming Events
 - 11/17 - Fun Run Assembly (afternoon)
 - 1/21 - Goodwill Truck at Westgate
 - 1/24 - Taproot Theatre Assemblies (during school hours)
 - 1/24 - January PSO Meeting
 - 3/1 - Science Night
12. Questions? (Open to all)

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

- Introductions (Kristin)
- Approve minutes from last meeting September 27, 2023 (Krysta)
- Unanimously approved
- Treasurer's Report (Kalina)
- One grant for special ed, SLP and school psychology (\$252)
 - Computer program that gives picture cues
- Fun Run
 - Raised \$32,511.50
 - Reminder that employee matching dollars as part of this final number are included in the budget separately when we evaluate at the end of the year
- School Update (Mr. Hearn)
 - Committee Work
 - 3 Staff Committees:
 - Leadership – School Improvement Plan, drives professional development
 - Building – Budget, systems and safety
 - Equity – Includes members of the community, currently just involves teachers/staff
 - Equity work:
 - Once a month on a Tuesday from 3:30 -4:30
 - Celebration of cultures hosted earlier this year
 - Superintendent and district employees liked the bus to pick up families and is going to fund and build out district-wide
 - Monthly Theme: Librarian adds designs to the library and classroom work is done
 - Upcoming Bond in 2024 to replace Westgate
 - How can people support helping it pass? Word of mouth letting folks know that it is needed
 - What does that mean? Timing wise? Building complete within 3-4 years. Would likely build where the field is today. Would have to temporarily relocate and school would remain together – cannot stay here (possibly the Woodway Campus). It would not include 6th grade going forward
- Fall Festival (October 27 6-8 pm)
 - Committee has been working hard to put it together
 - We are still in desperate need of volunteers – likely 25-35 volunteers still needed
 - If we do not get volunteers, we will need to not offer some games/activities
 - Can we add signs at car/walking drop off/pick up to remind parents to sign up?
 - Yes, we will also have half-sheets to hand out with a QR in the afternoon as well

- We have an opportunity to do a Skate Night at Lynnwood Bowl and Skate
- The event will be a Tuesday or Wednesday night from 6-8 PM after Winter Break
- The event is not a fundraiser but a community building event; a \$10 fee per person is charged at the door
- It is an event that is closed to the public
- PSO could offer \$200 in scholarship funds (20 students)
- We need to note on the flyer that it is not a drop-off event
- Co-Chairs will follow up and get possible dates
- Holiday Giving
 - Families in the month of November can ask for additional support for the holidays (gift cards to Winco, Kroger and Target)
 - Gift Cards are distributed before Winter Break
 - Messaging will go out to all families to ask for donations (funds or gift cards in \$25 increments)
 - We have some organizations that also donate
 - PSO also makes a \$500-\$1,000 donation to fill any gap
 - Last year, we handed out almost \$10,000 in gift cards supporting ~90 families
 - Michele and Cynthia handle disbursement
- Upcoming Events
 - 11/17 - Fun Run Assembly (afternoon)
 - 1/21 - Goodwill Truck at Westgate
 - We will be asking for volunteers as we get closer
 - Two trucks to fill and we will receive a \$1,200 donation
 - 1/24 - Taproot Theatre Assemblies (during school hours)
 - 2 assemblies with a focus on anti-bullying
 - 1/24 - January PSO Meeting
 - 3/1 - Science Night
 - If you know anyone who does anything in the science field and is interesting in presenting, please contact Sarah Lemmon
- Questions? (Open to all)
 - None

Meeting called to a close at 7:26 PM