



WSS-PTG Meeting Minutes 9.9.22

Attendance: Melissa Newman, Liz Halpern, Caroline Mullen, Amy Pollaci, Jennifer Grgas, Denise Ioannou, Maryann Lombardes, Carmela Rile, Orit Yakuel, Leslie Terranova, Edra Tepper, Jen Grgas, Nicole Spanos, Allison Monaco, Cathay Velenovsky, Rachel Brill, Tiffany Girolamo, Olivia Kitzen, Ebru Caselnova, Lauren Jarvis, Carmela Rice, Tina Zarro, Heather Shaw, Leslie Terranova, Joann Kuncewitch, Heather Morante, Principal Barnes, Assistant Superintendent. 31 attendants present.

Welcome- LAURA BRODSKY SPEAKS

- ***Welcome Back Picnic-*** We had wonderful weather and a great turnout at the Welcome Back Picnic, welcoming back students, families, and staff. The 1st and, hopefully, a new tradition at West Side.
- Introduction to Principal Dr. Barnes. He speaks to the group and thanks everyone for the warm welcome and is grateful to be here and honoring the legacy of Mr. Hilton. Student council co advisory, Mrs. Santoro, spoke and thanked the PTG for the breakfast on the first day. Wants to rebuild the partnership with the PTG. Thanks Dr. Barnes for being a godsend to West Side School. He has an open door policy and wants to meet our needs. He is striving for excellence. Back to School Night. On Monday, we are asking people to wear red, white and blue in honor of patriot's day and 9/11. Trying to spend a lot of time listening to students, two ears and one mouth. He is going to send out surveys for the community to fill out to find out what the school temperature is. He is trying to create a recipe based on what the school needs and what the school community wants and needs. He wants to present survey data at daytime and evening meetings. Survey is anonymous and he hopes that this is the first of many community bonding experiences.
- Curriculum guide- Assistant Superintendent speaks. QR codes will be available at Back to School Night. Tweaks and adjustments will be made every year. Any questions?
- Welcome- introduction to the WSS PTG board for 2022-23.
- Approval of Minutes from May's 2022 PTG meeting.

Class parent & Committee Chairs

- Class Parent Volunteers will be selected via drawing in this meeting- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aafac29a4f58-20222023>
- Committee chairs needed and PTG event volunteers needed- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aafac29a4f58-committee>
- Picking of Class Parents-
- Next Friday, 9/16 at 9am is the meeting committee chairs and class parents.

Heather Morante speaks about encouraging fourth grade parents to volunteer for the Ellis Island committee sign up and West Side Run since Kat Bauer is no longer running the Run.

Back to School Night- 9/15

- The PTG will have a table for West Side Win ticket purchase and for school apparel sales.

Upcoming Events:

- **WEST SIDE WIN-** Sept 30- 7-10:30pm
 - Our chair and host, Tiffany Giralamo, will give details for this year's WIN.
 - Dueling Piano bar fundraiser theme-
 - Largest School Fundraiser
 - Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased via check, Zelle, or through PayPal via our website, <https://wssptg.com>.
 - Donations for spirits- Partnered with CSH Wine Store. Please call the Cold Spring Harbor Wine Store.
 - Food donations needed. If anyone has a connection to local restaurants. We have a letter to give you to give to the restaurants.
 - Board on the pick up circle will have names of those that have purchased tickets.
 - All Staff has been given free admissions to the WIN.
- **Photo Day-** Sept 30.
 - Chairs: Denise Ioannou and Jennifer Grgas.
- **Tomato Sauce Day-** a special West Side event. We are not doing homemade sauce again this year. We are aiming for early October and the lunch room will provide the sauce. Dr. Barnes is volunteering to dress in the tomato costume.
 - Linda Silver- recommends doing tomato sauce during sport and game night.

- **Fall Festival on 10/21**- No one has volunteered to chair this year. We could change back to Halloween Party for 2-4th grades and Halloween dance for 5th and 6th grades at separate times (after school and early evening). Half day on this day. Everyone likes the idea. Olivia volunteers to chair the event and Jen Grgas. Amy Pollaci also asked to join the committee.
- **WS Apparel Sales**
 - West Side Apparel from Woodbury Sports should be live on the site shortly.
 - Edra Tepper apparel via form. Will be live on the website shortly. Edra shows the clothing.
- **After School Activities**
 - Chair- Melissa Newman
 - She coordinates and Mrs. Dudek organizes the events. Payment has to be via check. Great clubs to offer. Will start after the Jewish holidays. Talking to Mrs. Dudek about bringing back Chess.
- **Boo Buckets**
 - Chairs: Edra Tepper & Nicole Spanos
 - Something that started during Covid. Nicole Spanos is going to restrict delivering outside of the district. High school community service students can help. Plays on the tradition in the area of Booing.
- **Book Fair** coming up in mid November (too busy during October)
 - Chairs: Elaine and Nicole Spanos
 - Rev up enthusiasm to increase with Dr. Barnes.
- Reminder for dues.
 - Class parents will collect class dues per child.
- Gaga Pit got taken down. Jen Grgas wants to have it back.
- Directory Spot will be live shortly.
- Alexis Whelan speaks about 6th Grade committee. Needs involvement. Georgia wants to be involved.

Upcoming Meetings this month:

- BOE, 9/13- 8pm
- Septo- 9/20- 9:45am
- CAC Meeting- 9:30am at Jr./Sr. High
- CPC Meeting- 9am at the District office