



WSS-PTG Meeting Notes 11.4.22

Meeting begins at 9:37am.

ATTENDANCE: 18 People in Attendance. Dr. Barnes, Rachel Brill, Heather Shaw, Tiffany Belk, Laura Massaro, Cathy Velenovsky, Jeannette Willenbacher, Heather Morante, Edra Tepper, Carmela Rice, Heather Flaherty, Ami England, Elaine Spanos, Tori Phillips, Ebru Casanova, Nicole Spanos, Denise Ioannou, Tara Belfi, and Kerri Albers.

Bodie Hall speaks about their school student council and what they are doing at West Side. His number one goal is to be fair in his meetings and to make sure they have a say in the initiatives. Last month was anti-bullying. This month is gratitude month and they make posters and try to support the monthly school initiatives.

Dr. Barnes speaks and presents the **West Side at Work** presentation where photos of the children and staff during the October anti-bullying month, spirit day, CSH Homecoming, Grade 4- Journey into Native Americans, breast cancer awareness, DNA lessons for grade 6, ribbon cutting at the WSS track, Fall festival, Halloween dance for 5 and 6 grade, Halloween Mini parades.

He also presents a video on Gratitude, this months word and theme of the month at WSS.

Laura Massaro speaks:

- **Book Fair:** Nov 14th in the evening from 4-6pm and 15-16th for kids to shop during school with their classes.
 - Elaine and Nicole Spanos ask about the flyers to distribute to the students.
- **Holiday Boutique-** Dec. 1st and 2nd. Edra will get out a sign up genius will go out to get people to volunteer, aside from the
- **Mixology fundraiser-** Nov 17th- Edra Tepper helped organize and the store will give WSS PTG 10% of the sales. Minted fundraiser gives 20% off and 10% of sales go to the WSS PTG.
- **6th grade events-** \$800 was raised from Mum sale during the fall festival/Halloween dance. Their 1st event is November 8th at the Long Island Ropes Course 12:45-4pm. They have a joint skate night planned with Lloyd harbor school for February. Edra is organizing a sweatshirt 2023 for 6th grade staff, 60 something sweatshirts.
- **Turkey Trot** is Nov 22nd - Dr Barnes is doing it during school this year and parents can come watch. Edra ordered the shirts.
- **Boo buckets-** A huge thank you to Nicole Spanos and Edra Tepper. What an undertaking to make and deliver such awesome buckets for our students and staff! Thank you to all those that participated. We raised around \$1700. We would like to run a Boo Bucket recycling return. They sold \$4,000 worth of buckets.

- Cathy V mentions the turf for the gaga pit and the money that can be used from PTG funds.
- Discussion of the creation of buckets to use for indoor recess.
 - Also, volunteers for recess with parent visitors.
 - **Fall Festival and Halloween dance-** Thank you to all those involved in making these very special events. The decorations were incredible and the time and effort spent putting it all up did not go unnoticed. The kids had an absolute blast! Thank you to Amy Pollaci, Olivia Kitzen, Megan Grgas, Jen Grgas and to all the volunteers that helped pull these events off. The time you dedicated was very much appreciated. Thank you to Dr. Barnes for having fun with the kids, while also keeping everything under control. Thank you to our custodial staff for all they do to keep the school clean and in order after the event.

Meeting ends at 10:48am.