



# Meeting Minutes

*Thursday, Sep 21, 2023, 6:00pm*

*In-person Meeting called by Ashley Ptacek*

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## In Attendance

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Ashley Ptacek, Sue McMahon, Dee Larios, Carlye Sherrill, Ana Lewis, Charlie Levine, Sauraloh Waeli, Alex Massopust, Wayne Ryder, Nicole Barnhart, Katelyn Williams, Indumathi Chandrasekaran, Loila Harrington, Patrick Vollmuth, Jessica Moe

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## Future Meetings

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Third Thursday of the month @6:00pm

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## Discussion

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- **Old Business:**

- PTO Funds:** Discussed spending money on things that will benefit students and staff.
- Uniform Swap:** Discussed how it was too late to get uniforms at the open house. Maybe could do something with new parent enrollment night or kindergarten round-up. At the end of the year could have students bring old uniforms to field day or the carnival. Discussed the possibility of not requiring embroidery on the uniforms and the need to reach out to the board concerning that issue.

- **New Business:**

- Restaurant Nights:** These are great fundraisers for the school. Zupas will be Oct. 3, and we plan on doing Chipotle, Punch Pizza, Culvers, possibly Dairy Queen, and Portillos. Discussed maybe having WLA parents or students at the door to ask customers to mention our school to get more funds.
- Book Fair, Conferences, Staff Potluck:** Will be October 17-18, with the potluck dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up will go out asking for parent donations to the potluck with a reminder to use crock pot liners to make clean-up easier.
- Trunk or Treat:** Will be October 26. Families are welcome to decorate the trunk of their car in any theme and hand out candy/small prizes. Last year was from 6-7pm. Discussed splitting it into two groups since parking is limited. Hope to have food trucks there.
- Bus issues:** Discussed how the lack of drivers is the cause, and the need to reach out to the bus company about why the new postcards have not consolidated stops to make rides shorter. Discussed having carpools for parents on the affected busses and after-school care for those students as well. Suggested using the WLA Parent Facebook page for carpooling.

--**Vendor/Craft Fair:** will be Nov. 3-4. Families and community members are welcome to set up a booth to sell items such as crafts, pampered chef, Avon, etc. \$30 fee to have a booth. If food is to be sold, you must have a Cottage Food license. All WLA families and friends are welcome to come shop.

--**Middle School:** Discussed getting them involved in more leadership roles: working with younger students, helping run field day or science night, have them as ushers for school concerts, maybe helping with breakfast or a school store.

--**New Lunch Program:** Suggestion to post reminders on the Facebook page so parents don't forget to do the survey. Students may bring in their own food to supplement the school lunch if they are still hungry.

--**Battle of the Books:** A great program to promote literacy in kids at any reading level. Being run differently this year. Hoping to have one team per classroom with 5-8 students on each team and 1-2 parent coaches. Need many parent volunteers. Coaches will be provided with all materials and can meet before or after school one day a week. Hoping to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October.

--**Facebook:** Jessica Moe offered to set up a new WLA Facebook page, similar to South Washington County Cares. Intended to help meet the needs of WLA families regarding uniforms, bus issues/carpooling, food insecurities, etc.

--**Other:** A suggestion was made for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to fundraise for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Wolf Ridge Field Trip. Another suggestion was made to look for companies to sponsor the outdoor athletic field to raise funds. Another suggestion to have more clubs at WLA, especially in older grades, and the need for volunteers to organize these clubs.

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#### Upcoming Events-

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- Cafe Zupas Fundraiser: Tuesday, October 3
- PTO Meeting: Thursday, October 12 @ 6:00 (one week early due to MEA)
- Conferences, Book Fair, Staff Potluck: Tuesday-Wednesday October 17-18
- Trunk-or-treat: Thursday, October 26
- Craft/Vendor Fair: Friday and Saturday, November 3-4