

Westridge PTA February notes  
Feb 7, 2023

Members present: Alissa Clark, Hallie Wemmie, Amy Seidelman, Katie Asplund, Keaton Pulver, Beth Brewer, Jillian Robbins, Mari Bunney, Ben Irwin, Emily Mayfield, Scott Peshak, Tenille Hamilton, Nicole Campbell  
Online: Mindy Stieber,

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Alissa Clark at 6:17 pm

**Principal's Report:** Westridge teachers continue to grow professionally and are just starting up their third learning rotation. Teachers have received kits related to social studies but that also meet reading/writing standards, work towards collaboration and communication goals as well as global thinking etc. for students.

February 17 will be a teacher professional development day. Teachers will be partnered with Westridge's Instructional Coach to review student performance data and review strengths as well as possible areas of improvement.

Conferences and book fair are coming up. Book fair volunteers are needed!

The WDMCS district is launching a campaign tomorrow called "Here! For Their Future" which is aimed at combatting chronic student absenteeism. More info coming out on how the district plans to improve statistics.

**Teacher's Report:** Winter testing has finished up and parents will be getting communication regarding accessing results as well as the opportunity to discuss at conferences. Teachers are excited for conferences and this time of year is historically great time of growth for student learning! Classroom parties coming up and kids are excited.

Mrs. Robbins is on the STEAM action committee – they have partnered with AEA and teachers are beginning to re-integrate STEAM back into their curriculum. The committee met today to come up with teacher activities for March and moving forward – April and May also. Westridge has access to our own STEAM lab.

Other things teachers have been working on – Connections over Compliance, Reading and phonics comprehension, and now they are working on how to ramp up learning for ESOL students in classrooms.

The new version of "Talking Canvas" is starting to roll out. Parents will have an opportunity to come and read a designated book to their child's class and then lead them in a structured discussion or activity related to the book.

**Secretary's report:** November minutes are presented and reviewed by members. Motion to approve by Katie Asplund and seconded by Keaton Pulver. Minutes are approved.

**Treasurer's report:** PTA treasurer presented members with updates regarding incomes and expenses this month.

Recently spent: \$4,548.01 in teacher allocations; field trips - \$3,203.82;

Approximately \$1,700 came in through payroll donations; \$140 in PTA memberships; \$180 Amazon smile but this program is ending.

Copies of the February report are available upon request.

**Current business:**

- **Book Fair:** Book fair days will be on conference days (2/20, 2/21 and 2/23) Volunteer cashiers are still needed! Elizabeth Larson will not be heading this committee next year so looking for a volunteer to take over. Let Alissa Clark know if you are interested.
- **Science Initiative** – Science Center is coming in the Spring for assemblies for K-3. Grades 4-6 will have mobile planetarium brought in. More details to come!
- **Conference Dinners** - The PTA will provide teachers with two different dinners on conference days. There is a need for a new committee chair for Hospitality for next year – please reach out to Alissa Clark if interested.
- **Family Activities** – April 16 at RecPlex will be the Westridge Spring family event. More details to come but will involve ice skating, gym use, community room.
- **Westridge Weekly update:** Nicole Campbell updates regarding the Westridge Weekly . It now contains links to a multitude of sites Westridge families may end up needing to visit. There is a google sheet so if there are other links to include, please contact Nicole Campbell.

**Important dates/Upcoming events**

- Valentine's Day Parties: Tuesday, Feb 14
- Professional Development Day – No school for students- Friday, Feb 17
- Conferences – 2/20 (no school for students), 2/21 and 2/23
- No School – Friday March 10
- Spring Break – 3/13 – 3/17
- PTA Meeting – Friday April 14, 9:15 am

Without objection, meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.