

W.A.V.E. MEETING

Westlake Association of Volunteer Explorers:
The Parent Group of Westlake Charter School

MEETING AGENDA

April 22, 2009

6:30 p.m.

3800 Del Paso Road

Sacramento, CA 95834

Room N3

I. OPENING

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| A. | CALL TO ORDER : AIMEE WELLS | 6:30PM |
| B. | ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM (3 MINUTES) | |
| | | present absent |
| 1. | Aimee Wells, President | <u> </u> <u> </u> |
| 2. | Scott Williams, VP Business Affairs | <u> </u> <u> </u> |
| 3. | Paul Hobie, VP Parent Participation | <u> </u> <u> </u> |
| 4. | Emily Chan, Treasurer | <u> </u> <u> </u> |
| 5. | Ann Alan, Secretary | <u> </u> <u> </u> |

C. REPORTS

5 minutes per team for presentation

5 minutes for discussion/questions per topic

1. Principal's Report

Testing week is next week for grades 2-5. K-1 will deliver snacks to them. Make sure your kids are well rested and fed. If there is 98% attendance, I will move my desk to the roof and work for a day. If there is 100% attendance, I will wear a pink wig! The API should go up!

The school year is wrapping up, but we still have a few things going on: International Festival is May 2. Open House is May 19. Our last day of school (June 18) is picnic day and we would like to make some improvements from last year. We would like to bring back Field Day and make it fun. It would be nice to have a waterslide, Velcro wall, water play, etc.

The next clean-up day is this Sat April 25 and we need help. We would like to paint a mural of the world on the playground and we need paint donated. LeAnn Von Essen has volunteered to run this project! Thank you Le Ann! We would also like to plant trees on the western border. The Sacramento Tree Foundation has marked the

spots. There is a dirt patch that needs some soil amendment and planting. The bark chips have been donated by SMUD.

The wall mural is complete. Thank you to Robynn Rose, Michelle Ellis, Discovery high school students and Mark Nelson (professional painter) for all your hard work!

Thank you to the WAVE Board members. You are a tremendous asset to the school and a great bunch of parents!

We have ordered 30 computer keyboards, monitors, and mice and it should be here in 3-5 days.

2. Treasurer's Report

Our balance at the beginning of March was near \$65,000. We had some auction income and some expenses. We will also see more auction income in April. We have made approximately \$32,000 this year in our golf & My School Matters fundraiser. More is to come... Our liability insurance is coming up and that will be \$1831. We paid out our third trimester check tonight for \$19,541.29. We have some of our reserve money in a money market account. Recently the interest rate went from 3.9% - 0.4%. Emily will shop around for rates and may move the money to a new account.

3. Fundraising Report

The auction was fabulous and everyone had a good time! Thank you to Tracy Roman and Tami Molyneaux for a wonderful evening. We raised over \$15,000!

4. Parent Participation & Hospitality/Community Building Report

Our next Community Building event is the International Festival on May 2. Please sign up to volunteer. You can do a booth and even share with other families. The dessert walk needs desserts donated. Each class will submit a themed raffle basket. Please donate an item for your class to be included.

Teacher Appreciation week begins on May 4. LeAnn Von Essen has volunteered to provide a lunch and massages for the teachers. We will also be doing gift cards for the teachers. Please donate money to your room parent for a class gift card for each teacher.

5. Community Service Report

We are wrapping up the Pennies for Peace project and will do the counting next week. Our recycling project is coming along and so far we have raised \$500. We are having a contest the last week of May

and first week of June. Please separate the plastic from the cans. Please count them and put your teacher's name on the bag (masking tape). The winning class will get a surprise party!

II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION:

5 minutes introduction

10 minutes for discussion/questions

A. Approve WAVE minutes for March 2009

Motion: Aimee Wells	Action: Passes
Second: Paul Hobie	Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstained

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATE

10 minutes discussion for each item

A. WAVE Elections

Everyone present at the meeting was allowed to vote. The new WAVE Board members for 2009-2010 are:

President: Paul Hobie

Vice President of Business Affairs: Scott Williams

Vice President of Parent Participation and Hospitality: Julie Westberg

Treasurer: Emily Chan

Secretary: Karen Bartells

Congratulations!!

B. BASE Program

BASE will start on May 4. Typically we will have enrichment classes from 3:45-4:45. This includes crafty science, drama/music, sports, robotics. The rates, registration forms, etc are all on the website. The summer will have weekly themes with enrichment in the am and sports in the pm. We are keeping some great aides form 4th R. There is a survey that will be available to determine if BASE will be open June 29- July 3. If we are closed you can go to any 4th R program in our district. Parents will be able to volunteer with BASE and earn parent hours next year. It would be very nice if you have a skill you would like to use to teach or help, etc.

C. STAR Testing

NUSD has made a deal with us and we are able to get snacks for the testing. Each day will have something new such as fresh fruit, juice, goldfish crackers, graham crackers, etc. K-1st grade will be our snack train. On Monday morning, we would like to provide a new pencil and a liter of Smart Water.

B. Approve purchase of Smart Water for grades 2-5, not to exceed \$350 from the Hospitality & Community Budget.

Motion: Paul Hobie
Second: Ann Alan

Action: Passes
Vote: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstained

D. Teacher appreciation week
See Parent Participation & Hospitality report

E. Bounce House/Waterslide purchase

Aimee thought it would be a good idea to purchase a waterslide instead of always renting one. It could be used for the International Festival, picnic day, BASE, etc. After debating, the decision was to not pursue this. There would be liability issues, it would probably be a lower-grade product than the rented one, hard to keep clean, could get a hole in it, etc...

F. Placement of fundraisers for 2009-2010 school year

We discussed placement of school events for next year. The golf tournament is set up for Sep 25, but can be changed. River Oaks is a little farther down the road, but they really want our business and will be more cost-effective. However, we do have a good relationship with Teal Bend. A golf committee will be forming to discuss this. There is talk of possibly moving the Olympics My School Matters or International Festival to the fall. We want to have a New Family BBQ this summer. We would like to do it early to get the new parents engaged. Some thought July would be better, because new parents have so many questions before school starts and this would give them more time.

G. New principal discussion

A hiring committee was formed and they began interviewing candidates in January. They interviewed 14 candidates and recommended Bob Capp. The WCS Board went along with the recommendation after long and careful thought. Bob Capp has been offered the position for the school year 2009-2010.

IV. ITEMS UNSCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

This section is for any item not on the agenda. Please limit discussions to 3 minutes per topic.

Parent Viv Nolan had a suggestion that she got from another friend at a charter school. She suggested a "Free Dress" pass. You can buy these passes on an on-going basis and it can be a small fundraiser. Since it would involve our current dress code, it would have to be a new policy that would have to be amended by the WCS Board. Aimee will report about it at the next meeting.

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members may request a topic to be placed here for discussion at the next WAVE meeting.

VI. ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____8:26pm_____.

