

# Windsong Elementary PTO

PTO General Meeting  
Thursday, March 28, 2024  
9:30 AM, Cafeteria

1. President's Welcome/Call to Order - Julie M 9:39 am 5 minutes
  - a. Approval of February Meeting Minutes - Julie M - Sarah M motions and Carli V seconds approval.
  
2. Principal's Report - Mrs McAshland had another meeting 5 minutes
  - a. Principal's Update
  
3. Committee Reports 25 minutes
  - a. Treasurer
    - i. Previous Month Financial Report - Lori J - We've already brought in 83% and only spent 48% of our budget - Things left this year: Maintenance Luncheon, Grade Socials, Anything we aren't expecting? (Julie M - Teacher Appreciation) (Carli V - No front expenses for School Supplies.) Lori J - If things stay as is, we may be able to give more!
  - b. President(s)
    - i. Presenting 2024-2025 Board/Chairman Nominations - Julie M - Nominating Committee Met. April meeting will be vote (Yay/Nay). If any objections or questions, feel free to come to any of the committee members (Julie M, Lori J, Heather S, Joei S, or Mrs McAshlan)
      1. 2024-2025 Board Members:
        - a. Sr President - Katie Delany
        - b. Jr President - Stephanie Jenkins
        - c. Vice President - Amy Nesrsta
        - d. Treasurer - Lori Juricek
        - e. Secretary - Rachel Dobson
      2. Committee Chairs:
        - a. Room Parent Coordinator - Allison Waldman
        - b. Grade Level Socials - Jessica Hagan
        - c. Spirit Store - Sarah McCarthy, Ashley Knupfer
        - d. Recess Buckets - Allison Waldman
        - e. Book Fair - Sarah McCarthy, Ashley Knupfer
        - f. CARES - Amy Nesrsta
        - g. Hospitality - Valerie Smith, Jessica Hilleshiem
        - h. Volunteer Coordinator - Amy Nesrsta
        - i. STEAM Day - Allison Waldman (wants Co-Chairs!!)
        - j. Sponsorship - Stephanie Jenkins
        - k. Spirit Nights - Maddie Short, Brianna Zink
        - l. Adult Socials - Heather Smith
        - m. Teacher / Staff Support - Rachel Dobson, Jessica Hilleshiem
        - n. Color Run - Jess Hoffman, Jordan Fickessen

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- o. School Supplies - Ashley Knupfer
    - p. Class T-Shirts - Christen Cowan
  - 3. Committee Chairs Still Needed:
    - a. Winter Festival
    - b. Fall Fundraiser
    - c. Website/Social Media
    - d. Newsletter
    - e. Silent Auction
    - f. Membership/Registration
    - g. Field Day
    - h. Spirit Days (Jessica H - it's fun and easy - reach out to High School coaches, etc - have all contacts to pass on) Allison W - Spirit Sticks!! So much potential here... Julie M - Stanley the Stallion & Winnie the Pig...
    - i. Julie M - If any of these Spark your Interest, let us know!!! Stephanie J willing to help with some things, but not chair. Ashley K - Hopefully next year as people are able to volunteer and find where they fit, they will want to be more involved.
  - 4. Stephanie J - Can we poll to see how people get information? I only see flyers, I only see newsletter, etc....
  - 5. Sarah M - Can we switch over the website at the end of the school year, so we can start adding new people versus at the beginning of the school year?
  - 6. Social Media Chair - Jessica H mentioned it needed to be added to the list (Lori J & Julie M - Suggested it be combined with Website Chair)
  - 7. Groovy Gift Shop - Christen C - asked about this slot, she is willing to chair it next year. Joei S - Needs to be a 2nd Grade Parent, since it is the reward system for 2nd Grade. Many added comments and do not think this should be PTO led at all due to it only benefiting a small portion of students. It was suggested possibly having this as a line item for the Teacher Liaison.
  - 8. Maddie S - Are we putting out a pulse survey? Mom friends feel like we're asking for money all the time... Should we combine events? Winter Festival and Fall Fundraiser? Important to find that happy medium... Rachel D - Feels the same way, but also sees the benefit of the different ways to help. Make it clear you have the choice to participate in what you want. Cristan C - except the kids come home and talk about it and have expectations. Maddie - Can 5th Grade go to Camp Allen next year, potentially use PTO Parents to be chaperones?

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- c. Vice President
  - i. Adult Socials in Silent Auction - Katie D - Murder Mystery SOLD OUT. Stephanie J - Total Wine - wine and cookie social still has tickets.
- d. Fundraising
  - i. Spirit Night Updates - Maddie S - Going GREAT!!
  - ii. Book Fair Update
  - iii. Silent Auction Update - Stephanie J - Total \$20, 638!!! Handful of things left, make a donation and take it! Sonic headband, Mary Kay, Revive... Maddie S - Do a raffle of what's left for the teacher's as a teacher appreciation, etc. Stephanie J - Fire Sale went well, and sold a few more things.
  - iv. Raise365 Update - Jessica H - We have a video but adding the outdoor learning center to explain where the funds will go.
    - 1. Launching next Friday, not this Friday... April 5th - Share the social info once it is shared! Please!! Daughter's gym did it and raised \$70,000 with 120 girls.
    - 2. LOAD Contacts
    - 3. Will run for 2 weeks
- e. General Committee Chair Reminders/Volunteers of the Month
  - i. Volunteers of the Month - Thank you!!! - Julie M
    - 1. Sharon Marchut
    - 2. Heather Smith
  - ii. Socials - Amy N - Potentially opening up 1st to entire community? Lots of Yes responses, could potentially cause issues for other grades that have limits (Kinder - 50). Someone suggested possibly increasing price for non-Windsong students. Determined next year to definitely consider having it open district wide from the beginning.
    - 1. Grade Level Socials - Tickets available NOW!
      - a. Kinder - AcroSports Friendswood, May 8th 6:00-7:00pm
      - b. First Grade - Pearwood Skate, May 3rd 5:30-7:30pm
      - c. Second Grade - Windsong Cafeteria, May 10th 3:30-5:30pm
      - d. Third Grade - Stevenson Park, May 9th 6:00-8:00pm - Maddie S - It's going to be fun, so get your kid a ticket!!
      - e. Fourth Grade - Windsong Field, May 10th 3:30-5:30pm
      - f. Fifth Grade - Windsong Gym, May 10th 6:30-8:30pm - Jessica H - Glow Dance Party is going to ROCK!!! Need volunteers. Amy N - suggested giving more funds for this, and Julie M, YES!
    - 2. [WindsongPTO.org/Volunteer](https://WindsongPTO.org/Volunteer) for opportunities!!
  - iii. Hospitality - Valerie S - Julie M - Teacher Treat Day was a WaterTok - Water Bar - Stephanie J said the Teachers really enjoyed it.
  - iv. Field Day - Carli V - It went. All information will be documented for next year's Chairs.

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1. School Supplies went live yesterday. School Supplies will be cheaper, and we will still make \$5 per box sold. Jessica H - are we still going to have to purchase what was removed? Carli V - Possibly... May need a School Supply Drive to supplement what had to be removed.
  
- f. Maintenance Luncheon - Jessica H - Luncheons are rotated through the PTO's since High School used to take on all of them ) FISH Transportation, Maintenance, and Custodial. Ideally we would like at least 30 for Maintenance Luncheon this year so everyone can have one, but will raffle off all that we get.
  - i. \$25 gift cards or monetary donations by Venmo (note Maintenance Luncheon in description) to be given to attendees, due by April 26th
  - ii. Windsong PTO has this for the 23-24 school year.
  - iii. Julie M - Next year our PTO will be responsible for either Transportation or Custodial - Will confirm and provide information to new Board.
  
4. Announcements - 5 minutes
  - a. Julie M - No volunteers at the school during STAAR testing.
  - b. Katie D - Kinder Field Day is on next month's meeting - possibly change the meeting date?
  - c. Dates to Remember
    - i. Raise 365 - Launches Friday, ~~March 29th~~ - Changed to Friday, April 5th
    - ii. School Holiday, Friday, March 29th
    - iii. School Librarian Appreciation Day, April 4th
    - iv. Assistant Principal Appreciation Week, April 8th-12th
    - v. Student Holiday, Friday, April 19th
    - vi. PTO Meeting (Elections & Gift to School), Thursday, April 25th
    - vii. Teacher Appreciation, May 6th-10th
    - viii. PTO Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, April 7th
  
5. Open Floor - 5 minutes
  - a. Carli V - Spirit Night event at Marco's, they had the kids decorate pizza boxes ahead of time, and on your class's night you order online and they put the pizza in your decorated box!
  - b. Jessica H - Star Walk or something for the last week of school in the 5th Grade Pod. Katie D - Clap Out send off. Amy N - Can Seniors stay during their walk out and clap for 5th?
  
6. Adjournment - Julie M 10:44am

[\*\*You can view the Meeting Presentation Here.\*\*](#)