

## Wisdom Lane PTA Meeting 2/12/24

**Call to Order:** Kathleen calls the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Approval of Minutes:** Janette Ruddy asks if everyone has had a chance to look over the minutes from our January meeting. She asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Lauren Sica, Tara Reyes and Dr. Ippolito approved the motion. The minutes will be filed as written.

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Avena thanks everyone for attending the meeting and wishes all a happy snow day. We just had our relay race this past Friday with Mr. Avelo-Shaw and Grand Marshall Dr. Ippolito led the way, and our 8th grade class won for another year. We are hoping to make this an annual event. As I couldn't be there I was watching videos. We had almost 600 students participate and almost all but 2 staff members participated in the relay race. This really is a great segway for our students as they make their way into Division and participate in Spirit Week in the High School. Clubs are in full swing, and it is never too late to join any of the clubs. All clubs are listed on our Wisdom Lane Web page as well as a folder in the main office.. Winter 2 sports are also in full swing, that is our Challenger, wrestling, girls 7 and 8th grade basketball, boys volleyball and bowling team. Our state exams are coming up and this year you will only have to fill out the google form if you are opting out of the state exam. Our 8th grade parents for the Science state exam if you take the exam, you will not get a grade and you will be exempt from the final. If you opt out of the state exam you will have to take the final science exam.

### **1st VP: Lauren Sica**

NO REPORT

### **2nd VP: Tara Reyes**

We have 249 members

### **3rd VP: Yeliz Cipriano**

Lauren Sica discusses the Puravida bracelet fundraiser that will be going out shortly. They will be pre-order only. You will be able to pay by cash, check and credit card through Memberhub. We are hoping for an 8 week turnaround. This will also be shared with the feeder schools, and Division. We will be doing a Riko's fundraiser in the spring, as well as Krispy Kreme. All information will be sent out as soon as it is available.

### **Treasurer's Report: Anthony LoPinto**

Opening Checkbook Balance \$27,208.02

Expenses:

Hospitality Expenses 164.86

Total Expenses \$164.86

Income Fall Fundraiser 1,165.06

School Pictures 69.00

Spirit Wear/Apparel 388.00  
Membership 222.53  
Bank Interest 4.67  
Total Income \$1,849.26

Closing Checkbook Balance \$28,892.42  
Checkbook balance as of Jan 31, 2024 \$28,892.42  
Bank balance as of Jan 31, 2024 \$29,042.42  
\$150.00

Checks Outstanding: Total: \$150.00

226 \$50.00  
230 \$50.00  
231 \$50.00

#### **4th VP: Ms. Going**

- Ro Daly Volleyball Tournament Thursday, February 29th.
  - Must be teams of 6 can be all students or 1 teacher with students
  - Money raised goes to American Cancer Society
- 6th grade trip to Medieval Times
  - Friday, March 15th
  - Must register online
  - First payment of \$60 due 1/19
  - Info was sent home from SS teachers
  - Parent Square message sent
  - Info posted in 6th grade google classroom

Any Questions contact Mrs. Carrillo

- GO sponsored Spirit week will be March 18th - 22nd
  - Raffles can be entered by bring in food for the food pantry
  - Prize are given for best attire for some theme days
  - Other fin activities happen all week long.
- GO sponsored movie ~ Wonka at the Bellmore Movie Theater
  - Wednesday February 28th
  - Doors open 3:45, Movie from 4:00 - 6:00PM
  - Cost \$15, includes popcorn and a drink
- Select group of Studio Art students will be taking a trip to Division on Tuesday 2/13 with Mrs. Entin

- Ms. Bronstien personally hand wrote names of all the students and every staff member on hearts then cut them out and put them on display for PS I Love Day. It was a beautiful way to let everyone that they are thought of and loved.
- Blood Drive Wednesday, May 1st 3:15 - 7:45 Gym or Cafeteria
- Ms. Katcher and Mrs. Spainer are in the midst of organizing a musical trip to Six Flags Great Adventure.
  - Permission slips were due
  - Saturday,
- Yearbooks can still be purchased.
  - Go to [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com) for ordering
  - Deadline for ads (boosters) and personalized books has past.
  - Book is in need of photos from elementary days as well as 6th & 7th grade.,
  - NO baby photos please
- Regional Science Olympiad competition at Kellenberg HS- March 9th
- Living Environment Trip to Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center - April 16th
- NJHS and World Language Inductions- April 17th
- Deadline to order Autism Acceptance shirts is Thursday 2/15. Wisdom will celebrate "Minds of All Kinds" in April
  - Here is the link~ it is going to be shared via Parent Square on Wednesday <https://lifestylesports.chipply.com/WisdomLaneAA/>
- Wisdom Challenger Team is BACK come cheer on the team here is their schedule:
- 6th graders in the FACS classes made Valentine's day cards for the Central Island HealthCare, Nursing Rehab, in Plainview, the cards will be delivered on Wed.
- Builder Club will be holding a candy sale fundraiser in the main lobby after school on Tuesday 2/27 & Wednesday 2/28 \$2 a candy bar
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to the Long Island Holocaust Museum & Tolerance Center in Glen Cove – students will be divided into three groups since the museum cannot take more than 100 kids per day. We will be going on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Trip is free of charge. Permission slips will be handed out after the February Break.

- Dress Boutique is right around the corner
  - Long or short dresses
  - Shoes, Jewelry and accessories
  - Unused makeup or gift certificates to salons
  
- Wisdom Relay Race was this past Friday, 2/9 8th grade won fun time was had by all

**Delegate Report:**

The Budget Meeting will take place on March 6th. Vote will be on March 20th.

- Increase currently at 4.9%, hopes to get it down to 3%
- Todd Winch Report
- New Assistant Superintendent of HR Jaqueline Betise (Former Asst Principal of Division Ave HS)
- Special Election on Feb 13th - schools will be open that day. Additional security measures will be in place; no reason to feel that schools will be unsafe.
- District Security video is available on the Board of Ed site.
- Examples of increased security include lanyard IDs worn by all staff and visitors district wide. HS students are required to wear them at all times. Beginning next year MS students will be required to do the same.
- 2024/25 Calendar Dates now available online.
- SEPTA - Miss Chocolate fundraiser begins March 5th.
- Mid-Year audit by end of February.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are going 100% virtual starting next year except for elementary schools.
- Parent University begins March 19th. Info was sent through Parent Square and email.
- Adult Ed continuing in the Spring. Offerings available online and info was sent through Parent Square.
- Nominating Committees for the individual units should begin forming by the end of the month.
- Honorary Life dinner will be May 2nd and will be held at Coral House again.
- Food Service - Continuing discussion on efforts to reduce food waste.

**Curriculum:**

**PTA Curriculum Meeting**  
**February 8, 2024**  
**Agenda/Minutes**

Item	Responsib	Actions/Notes
Strategic Plan	Dr. Z	We reviewed the Strategic Plan presentation presented to the BOE. This presentation provided an update on progress made toward all indicators that were scheduled to be reviewed this year. The presentation can be found here: <a href="https://www.levittownschoools.com/boe/">https://www.levittownschoools.com/boe/</a>
Literacy Center Class	Dr. Z	This elementary special is being revised for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be transitioning to a class entitled Elementary Career Exploration - this class will be focusing on Digital Citizenship, Digital Literacy, and career development. The curriculum is currently being written.
Climate Survey	Dr. Z	All of our students 5-12 and our staff K-12 will be participating in a climate survey - surveys will be administered in every school - prior to March 7th. The data will be reviewed and utilized to make action plans for every building.
Elementary Parent University	Dr. Z	Abbey Lane March 19th 6:30 pm
College Tour Camp	Dr. Z	Mid-Atlantic College Tour Camp July 22nd-24th \$550 per student Hotel, transportation, two meals a day, visit to Dorney Park, and a double decker bus tour - plus a visit to 6 college campuses

**NEXT MEETING DATE: May 1, 2024 - FINAL MEETING**

**Cultural Arts:**  
NO REPORT

**Health/Safety**  
NO REPORT

**Nominating:**

Letters went out and need to be submitted to the committee no later than 2/27/24. Janette Ruddy is our Chair.

**Honorary Life:**

Dinner will be held on 5/2/24

**Spirit Wear:** we will be having another sale close to spring and we will pass to feeder schools for graduation

**Food Service: Jeanine Quigley**

Cafeteria visits are going very well. I was in the other day for boneless wings and waffle fries. The students really liked it, and they liked all the different food options. They also loved the seasoned waffle fries, They would really like waffle fries or regular fries to be served more often. We will be having two new menu options for February, they are BBQ Chicken Tachos, and Turkey Barbacoa Quesadillas. This Friday they will also be offering a Hummus meal in the deli section. As always please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. The committee loves any and all feedback, and takes into account what the students have to say. At our district meeting as stated earlier there have been concerns regarding food waste. They are working on an approach on how to handle this and details will be forthcoming.

**Septa:**

Their Miss Chocolate fundraiser is up and running, they also have their T-shirts for sale until 2/28/24.

**Old Business:** NO

**New Business:**

The Honor Society meeting will be rescheduled due to snow day tomorrow, and will hopefully take place before break. If you have over a 92 average for the first 6 quarters or the first 2 quarters of 8th grade and the last 4 quarters of 7th grade please fill out an application. The World Language Honor Society is more of a form and a 95 or higher is required,

**Adjourned:** Kathleen adjourns meeting at 7:32pm next meeting is 3/11/24

Notes written by Janette Ruddy