

## **Washington Elementary School PTA**

### **General Meeting Agenda**

24 November 2025 @ 3:45PM

Call to Order: Nicole Ouderkirk, PTA President

Pledge: Kellie Hendrickson, PTA Secretary

Welcome & Introduction: Nicole Ouderkirk

*"It's not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."*

*-Mother Teresa*

#### **PTA Business:**

Financial Report: Daysha Barlow, PTA Treasurer

Minutes Review: Kellie Hendrickson, vote to adopt minutes from last meeting

Compliance Items:

- Bylaw Approval
- November 15th report
- Membership dues

Receipts, sales tax

#### **Upcoming Calendar:**

**November 10- December 19th:** School selling Dixie Direct Books

**November 21st:** Sucker Friday

**November 28- December 1st:** NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

**December 1st:** WES Choir singing at Christmas in Dixie tree lighting @6PM

**December 7th:** Sucker Friday

**December 12th:** Eagle Awards Assembly

**December 14th:** Sucker Friday

**December 21st:** Sucker Friday

**December 22nd-December 5th:** NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break

#### **Color Run Wrap Up:**

- -357 students participated in the run!
- -Over 30 volunteers showed up to help!
- -144 students participated in the actual fundraising (wow!)
- -79 students participated in the Chase-a-Teacher
- -A little over \$2000 in business sponsors, which paid for the whole event and some extra!
- -\$115 donated as our portion of sales from Kona Ice
- -\$5419 total in donations from the fundraiser! WOW!

**Things that went well:** attendance!, volunteers, best participation this school has seen in fundraiser, sponsorships (thank you for your hard work!), color stations, layout plans on track

### **Things that need to be changed:**

- Create advertising/information video for classes to watch
- include spots for Name/Teacher/Email on fundraising packet- (printed labels would be very nice)
- add in all students to the website ahead of time so parents don't need to create student accounts and the donations don't have to be matched to student for those who don't set up account
- Walkie-Talkies for those running the event so they can communicate at different parts of the field
- multiple people announcing details with megaphones or large speakers on separate parts of the field- communicating with said walkie-talkies
- airhorn for beginning of the race- or maybe one of those loud pop sticks
- earlier communication with both the kitchen staff and teachers about the layout and details of the day- including which way to run on the track
- cutoff time for orders so PTA has time to get them ready
- separate collection table for fundraising packets in hallway run by the PTA
- leaf blower volunteers to stay and help clean track
- better signs for the water/first aid area
- advertise for water location with classes ahead of time
- a list of students for each class with who ordered what
- packets to go out 2.5 weeks before the run instead of just 2 weeks.

**Teacher input:** overall EXTREMELY POSITIVE. **Teacher/para suggestions:** do NOT have student council put out recess crates that day, provide something for students to do outside between events, consider a way to organize kinder pickup

### **Upcoming Event:**

Our first ever "Eagles Week." Need to pick a date, ideally in January or February.

- Dress up days? Need permission first
- S.O.A.R. themed:
  - **S.afe:** PTA Safety Challenge: phone number, address, home fire escape plan, stranger danger, Mr. Yuck, family meeting place, child info papers for home
  - **O.ptimistic:** kindness wall- sticky notes for wall during lunch time (need 2-3 volunteers from 11:30am-1pm)
  - **A.ccountable:** promise chain: classes write personal goals and promises that they can keep. "This chain is only as strong as the promises we choose to keep" What happens to the chain if we don't keep our promises? (need volunteers to cut papers, staple chain links, hang chain)
  - **R.espectful:** Thank you cards to teachers (need 2-3 volunteers from 11:30am-1pm)
- Yard signs and ribbons
- Eagle stickers
- Lunch activities

### **Other Questions/Concerns:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting:** January 2026, date and time TBA