



# Meeting Minutes

## E.W. Stokes PTA

Date: November 6, 2019

Location: EWS Dining Room

Meeting Called To Order By: Talitha Lindo, President

Time: 6:20pm

Attendance: 25 people were in attendance (including board members).

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### Officers' & Committee Reports

#### **Secretary - October Meeting Minutes**

Minutes read and approved by consensus

#### **Treasurer - Wahi Chisolm**

PTA balance as of October 31 is \$5,223.00

#### **Wellness Committee**

No report. Committee not present

#### **Playground Committee**

Catherine: Design should be completed by December. Will take the design back to the construction company to get a more definitive cost so we can set our goals.

Taylor: Discussed playground fundraising strategy

Strategy is three-pronged:

- Front Playground
  - Kinder playground (includes maintenance)
  - Endowment for continued maintenance and longer-term projects.
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- Need to develop marketing materials aimed at corporations and community partners.
  - Committee explored various ways to raise funds including donations from local businesses like Home Depot and Casey Trees; and grants like the DC RiverSmart Grant
  - Will engage the student government since many of the kids made the playground a part of their campaigns.



- Will establish a donor database.
- Need volunteers for marketing materials, both online and print. If you have experience in graphics or marketing or know someone, contact Taylor Beis at [taylorbeis@gmail.com](mailto:taylorbeis@gmail.com).
- Parent Question: How much have we raised in Fundraising so far? We raised \$25,000 via the Community Campaign last spring plus in-kind contributions and grants from Casey Trees and DC RiverSmart program.
- Parent Question: How much have we paid toward the playground, how much do we have left over. Catherine: Caroline Sutton has been keeping track; executive board will get quarterly reports from her (3rd quarter report was posted to the PTA Bulletin Board a couple of weeks ago). However, \$5,000 has been set aside for the kinder playground.

#### **Bylaws - Brian**

- First draft of the bylaws is complete and ready for voting pending the PTO vs PTA vote

#### **Events - Jillian**

- Asado was successful
- Pancake Breakfast will have new cultural dishes and a vendor/bazaar.
- Tentative Date is December 14th.
- Parent Question: How will vendors get in touch to vend at the bazaar? Jillian: We will put a form together soon and distribute. Tables are \$50.
- A table will be donated to the 5th Grade students to raise money for their study tours in the spring.
- **Fun Run 5K - Erin Birgfeld**  
We have the permit and a splash page (registration being set up; should be ready COB Friday). This event is very inclusive; kids can ride bikes or scoot (adults cannot bike or scoot). The route is closed to traffic, but we have to clear off of the route by 9:30 AM.
  - Registration is \$25/per person, \$50/family
  - Jillian proposed a question: We discussed tying the pancake breakfast to the fun run. Would that interest folks or should we keep it a separate date? Group consensus: separate due to logistics. It would be difficult to cross town after the run.

#### **DCI Feeder School Subcommittee - Taylor**

1st meeting held. The following was accomplished:

- Gained more info about DCI
- Discussed the enrollment process



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stokes Alumni will speak to rising 6th graders (November 15th) as part of the information session offered at Stokes</li><li>● Will encourage other feeder schools to create a subcommittee</li><li>● DCI has a summer camp that a lot of folks don't know about</li><li>● If anyone is interested in joining, reach out to Taylor Beis, Karen Beis, or the executive board.</li></ul> <p><b><u>PTO vs PTA - Talitha</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Brief discussion about the handouts concerning the differences</li><li>● Will have an in-person vote for current members</li><li>● Touched on some highlighted differences between the two.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Topics for Discussion/Action Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Popcorn Fridays:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We need volunteers for the following dates: 11/15, 12/13 &amp; 12/20!</li><li>○ 1 parent said they signed up.</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Parent (Karen Orenstein) brought up a festival: K-12 food service coordinators, staff, etc. Who can I talk to about sending prepared meals? Sra. Donado: reach out to Kimberly Williams (head of kitchen) and Caroline Hutton, Chair Wellness Committee. More information is needed.</li><li>2. During one of the meetings with the school administration, the PTA asked what the school needed. Mr. Bobby explained that our kids could use a upgrade on the current computers that they're using (along with some tablets). The PTA found a few nonprofits that donate computers to schools and applications have been completed. The PTA is looking into taking it a step further and will research ways to get smart screens for our classrooms.</li></ol> <p><b><u>Announcements &amp; Closing Remarks</u></b></p> <p>Talitha: Please let us know in advance if you plan to come to the PTA Meeting with your children so we can order enough pizza.</p> <p><b>Meeting Adjourned At: 7:17 PM</b> <b>Minutes Compiled By: Monica Bailey Delissaint, PTA Secretary</b></p>



