



## WES/MAC PTO September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

### ● Welcome –President, Kristen Wiley

President, Kristen Wiley, introduced herself, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

In attendance was Vice President, Becky Ryan (virtually) and Treasurer, Kristen Ferreira.

Kristen Ferreira went over the final 2023-2024 budget to actual and presented the 2024-2025 budget. The 2024-2025 budget was unanimously approved.

### ● Principal School Updates

#### ● MAC: Stacey Duquette

- Stacey thanked the PTO for back-to-school breakfast and the sympathy flowers for her dad.
- Teachers closet coming to MAC
- Watershed coming back to MAC
- Early release 10/3
- MAC school pics 10/8 and 10/11
- The MAC school council meetings are in person. Please reach out to Stacey if you're interested.

#### ● WES: Kevin Aguiar

- 466 students at WES, prior year 450 students enrolled
- 1 open teacher assistant position
- Open house was well attended and received
- No budget cuts
- Mr. Persico transferred from WMHS to WES
- WES will be publishing a newsletter, at least, on a monthly basis
- Kevin thanked the PTO for all our support
- The WES School council is looking for PTO member involvement. The council meets four – five times per year. The school council is required by law. The budget and handbook are reviewed. Pizza is served.
- The best way to contact the administration is via email.

### ● Committee Updates

- Tough Kids Challenge - Kristen Ferreira talked about the event and final profit of \$19k
- Movie nights - Kristen Wiley spoke about our need for a new Chair and volunteers to continue having these successful events.
- School decorating – Amanda Pereira asked for additional volunteers and Kristen Ferreira also suggested we can use donated items, such as hay bales and mums.
- Dining for Dollars- Kate Carpenter mentioned that Kerrie Carreiro will be assisting her this year and updated us on the schedule of events:
  - 10/3/24 (half day of school) Chuck E Cheese 11am – 9pm
  - 10/17/24 Kozy Nook
  - 11/19/24 Cask N Pig 4pm - 9pm
  - 1/14/25 Barrett's Alehouse
  - 1/20/25 (holiday) Funz Trampoline Park
  - 2/18/25 (school vacation) Chuck E Cheese 11am – 9pm
  - 3/26/25 Texas Roadhouse
  - 6/24/25 Caddy Shack 4pm – 9pm



- Paint Nights - Savannah Pettenati suggested having paint nights twice this year: fall and possibly winter or spring. Proposed fall dates are 10/22-10/24
- Calendar of Events – Kristen Wiley went over our schedule of events and reminded everyone to check out our website regularly ([wesmacpto.org](http://wesmacpto.org)). We also have an app available this year!
  - Comedy Night 11/8/24 organized by White's
  - Holiday Fair 12/7/24 at WMHS
  - Casino Night 2/8/25 at Cultural Center in Fall River (we split these proceeds with the WMHS PTO)
  - Wizards 3/30/25 at WMHS due to event fatigue we are only having one game this year and no WIZ FIT challenge
  - Tough Kids Challenge June 2025 (Date TBD)

- Enrichment - After School Programs

Becky Ryan spoke about the fall after school programs. The programs will run 10/11/24 – 11/22/24. Becky will be reaching out to teachers shortly if they are interested in teaching a program. Becky is looking for a volunteer to assist with the programs paperwork. The after school program covers grades K-4. Spring after school program dates are TBD. This year there will be additional policies and guidelines.

- New Business

- Capital spending- track at WES
  - Kristen Ferreira mentioned that we earmarked \$30k to assist with the track. Per Kevin Aguiar, there are delays with the Board of Health re: the manhole covers. The School Committee Chair will be taking on this project and will be at our next meeting to update us.
- Martial Arts Fundraiser - Nicole Silva
  - For \$29.99 a child can attend karate and obtain a uniform. They will donate the \$29.99 back to the PTO. Checks will be cut directly to the PTO.
  - Another fundraising opportunity is having in-school assemblies. Nicole Silva and Becky Ryan should connect on this.
  - Nicole Silva volunteered to assist with these initiatives.
- Planet Aid - Nicole Silva
  - Nicole asked if we had any clothing donation bins on premises
  - Baystate will give \$0.06/pound that is donated is monthly
  - Planet Aid will give \$0.05/pound that is donated quarterly
  - What happens with dumping? They have committed to weekly pick-ups.
  - Planet Aid donates to third world countries, whereas Baystate sells the goods
  - Kevin Aguiar stated that this is not a decision the PTO or Principals can make. This matter has been previously vetted and the concern was dumping of goods on premises. Kevin asked Nicole for an email so he could share with the School Committee for their approval.
- Yearly business sponsorships – Kristen Wiley proposed a new initiative for businesses who contribute to multiple fundraisers. There is a new form where businesses could review our events and make a one-time donation for everything at once. Kristen encouraged parents and teachers to take a few forms and ask for donations.
- NEED VOLUNTEERS
- New fundraising ideas
- PTO schedule - Kristen Ferreira shared that we are alternating our meeting days to Tuesdays and Wednesdays to try and accommodate more parents and teachers who may have other obligations throughout the school year. Kristen reminded everyone that all meetings will be at WES this year.
- Babysitting - Kristen Ferreira introduced her son Chase, age 13, who will be at every meeting for babysitting. He plays board games and has coloring supplies.