

Will Rogers PTO Agenda

September 8, 2022 - 5:45 pm - Will Rogers Multipurpose Room

Attending: Angela Guthrie, Aubrey Gary, Amanda Bodine, Lauryn Proud, Mallory Stulce, Jenny Chartney, Michelle Magnusson, Melody Edwards, Alicia Hale, Melissa Grimes, Stephanie Crandall, Erin Robichaux, Jessee Ross, Kaylee Ross, Annissa Angier-Dunn and Shelby Rigsby

- I. Welcome & Introductions-Participants shared their names and grades of children.
- II. Approved Minutes from May 2022.
- III. Budget Update (Lauryn Proud)
 - A. Current Balance: \$18,818.94. This number is high as we carried over some expenses from last year into this year (murals, yearbook, etc.) 10 teachers have requested reimbursements to date. New order for Willcat t-shirts has been made but check has not cleared.
- IV. Officer Update. Due to board vacancies occurring over the summer, the Executive Board reached out to parents who had previously expressed interest in serving. We submitted the following individuals for an official ratifying vote. All new officers approved.
 - A. Vice President of Events - Brynn Mays
 - B. Vice President of Staff Appreciation - Alicia Hale
 - C. Secretary - Allison Jennings
 - D. Assistant Treasurer - Melissa Grimes
- V. Principal's Remarks (Anissa Angier-Dunn)-The year is off to a good start. Community is being built. Looking for when to plan fall parties. Working on getting emails out for parents to contact each other through Classroom Coordinators. Still needing sub help. Need help with curriculum copying on Mondays in PALS Room. Need consumables collected-toilet paper rolls, shoe boxes, etc. for projects later in the year.
- VI. Learning Moment- Reviewed and answer questions from parents recorded at the Morning Meet & Greet. Additional questions are always welcome through willrogerspto@yahoo.com email, Facebook, or at meetings. We attempt to track down answers we don't know and share them at meetings or in newsletters.
 - A. Q: Does Will Rogers do Watch Dog Dads? If not, can we? Who do we talk to about about Watch Dog Dads? A: Yes! We will be launching soon with a breakfast and more information will be shared at the October meeting. Mr. Shelby Rigsby, Assistant Principal, will be leading this effort and disseminating sign-ups and additional information.
 - B. Q: Does Will Rogers do boosterathon or a "one and done" big fundraiser? A: We have two fundraisers planned. For the fall fundraiser, we ask families to donate and we are arranging businesses, churches, and other organizations to match what the families give. Our goal is \$20,000 in total. For the spring fundraiser, families can opt to sell chocolate bars for \$1. Last year, we made \$13,000 for our school. We do not use boosterathon because our goal is to keep as much money at Will Rogers as possible (as opposed to paying fees). We do plan a spring Fun Run but it will not be a fundraiser, just a fun activity.

- C. Q: Any interest in starting an Odyssey of the Mind program? A: Yes! We will be discussing clubs and enrichment activities at our October meeting. We checked with the GATE program leads at multiple schools and to our knowledge, no EPS school in Edmond currently has a program, but it is held in high esteem. To accomplish this, we will need parent leaders to volunteer!
- D. Q: Will there be a career day? A: We have traditionally done a 5th grade career day in the spring. The PTO has helped coordinate and parents are welcome to express interest.
- E. Q: What if teachers need more than \$350 reimbursements? A: We encourage them to list big projects on [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org). We promote any DonorsChoose projects (our school currently has 6 open!) and our [teacher wishlists](#). Additionally, because of the generosity of our families, \$350 is the largest teacher reimbursement in the district.
- F. Q: Why have the bathrooms near the gym been closed for so long? A: Recurring plumbing problems. Luckily, Kindergarteners have restrooms in their classrooms and Grade 1 has one in their hallway. During PE, kids can use the restrooms on the front end of the gym.

VII. Debrief Recent Activities

- A. Morning Meet & Greet- Positive feedback. Group suggested something quarterly to keep momentum going, ideally with a service component. Next event will include a tour of the school.

VIII. Upcoming Activities & Ways to Support

- A. Classroom Coordinators (Michelle Magnusson)-Homeroom parents now called classroom coordinators. Will help with getting emails/phone numbers out to families in the class for birthday parties, etc. Next steps are finalizing a position description with the school and recruiting parents to serve as Classroom Coordinators.
- B. Parent Interest & Feedback Survey (Michelle Magnusson) Provide your ideas, concerns, and ways you'd like to help at <https://forms.gle/uMMzHu6Cu9Tqtj1K6>.
- C. Neighborhood Meet-ups (Michelle Magnusson) Sign up to host at <https://forms.gle/9u8gZNedspJo9aHb9>. 9/09 7-8pm: Johnson Park, 9/17 4-5pm: Fox Lake Playground, 9/22 4:30-5:30pm: Fink Park, 9/23 6-7pm: Tuscany Villa Playground, 9/25 3-4pm: Fink Park, 9/27 4:45-5:45pm: Chimney Hill Playground.
- D. Mural Update (Mallory Stulce)-Blake is going to start painting the mural this weekend. Will continue next week. Kids will get to see her working on it. Big reveal at Fall Festival.
- E. Meet the Masters (Amanda Bodine)- Meet the Masters is the art program for grades K-2. First Meet the Masters 9/20, 9/21. Would like to do more of them this year, ideally every month, an increase from quarterly last year. Keeping it at 4 parents per classroom for safety reasons per district. If/when this changes, admin will notify PTO. Great parent interest in helping, especially for their child's class session. Need more parents willing to lead several sessions of lessons to cut down on training time.

Sign-up will be disseminated through PTO list in addition to classroom teachers because some people haven't been getting it via teachers.

- F. Fall Festival 9/29 5:30-7pm (Brynn Mays)- Goal to get families together and have a great time. We have tentatively planned on 4 inflatables for \$850. We have a \$50 coupon. Serving pizza at a minimal cost to recoup some money were spending. Water will be donated. Planned cake/treat walk, yard games. Silly string if we can find it for a reasonable cost as it has been very popular in the past. Suggestions included inviting high school students and WATCH Dog Dads. Community volunteers have also offered to help. Families will be asked to volunteer for short shifts and to donate/loan items for the event. [Sign up.](#)
- G. Fall Fundraiser (Melody Edwards)- Check-writing campaign, meaning we are asking families to write a check/donate online/send cash in an envelope to school rather than sell an item. We are handling the campaign ourselves, without a vendor. We will keep 100% of profits. Looking for businesses to match what our families donate and for individuals willing to assist with asking for sponsorships (you will get support, a script, flyers, etc!). All are invited to share the sponsorship information with organizations you are connected with at <http://www.willrogerspto.com/sponsor>.
- H. Staff Appreciation Plans & Needs (Alicia Hale)-Stock the teachers lounge on 9/13. All donation spots are filled. Parent feedback was to include more allergen-friendly items, which we did. October teacher dinner will be a nacho bar. Planning for Thanksgiving staff appreciation.
- I. Restaurant Nights (Jenny Sloan) 9/22 Panda Express, 10/10 Chipotle, 11/14 Papa Murphy's. So many businesses want to help that group decided to offer more than one per month on occasion. Latest restaurant plans:

Date	Time	Restaurant
Thursday, August 25		Chick-Fil-A (2nd Street)
Thursday, September 22		Panda Express
Tuesday, October 20		Chipotle
Tuesday, November 1	5-10pm	McAllister's Deli
Monday, November 14		Papa Murphy's Pizza
Tuesday, December 13	ALL DAY	The Mule
Tuesday, January 24	ALL DAY	On the Border
Wednesday, February 22	5-8pm	Pickleman's
Thursday, March 23	4-8pm	Panera Bread
Tuesday, April 18	4-9pm	Cowboy Chicken
Thursday, May 11	4-8pm	Raising Cane's

IX. Any New Business- None presented.

Meeting Ended at: 6:53

Next Meeting: October 20 (3rd Thursday due to Fall Break) @ 5:45pm.

We plan to:

- Dig deeper into W.A.T.C.H. Dog Dads, organizing clubs, and enrichment/family activities.

PTO & School Event Calendar

Date	Event	Time
9/9	Johnson Park Meet-up	7-8 pm
9/17	Fox Lake Playground Meet-up	4-5 pm
9/22	School Picture Day	School day
9/22	Panda Express Restaurant Night Fundraiser	4-8 pm
9/22	Fink Park Meet-up	4:30-5:30 pm
9/23	Tuscany Villa Playground Meet-up	6-7 pm
9/25	Fink Park Meet-up	3-4 pm
9/27	Chimney Hill Meet-up	4:45-5:45 pm
9/29	Fall Festival	5:30-7 pm
10/6	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
10/10	Chipotle Restaurant Night Fundraiser	4-8 pm
10/11	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
10/13	No School!	
10/14	No School!	
10/17	No School!	
10/18	Trunk or Treat (Title 1 District Event at UCO)	
10/20	PTO Meeting	5:45-6:45 pm