

**Walt Whitman PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**December 7, 2021**

Meeting called to order and minutes from November meeting approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nothing new to report. There has been some fundraising since the last meeting. Please consider being treasurer next year and contact Theresa if you are interested.

**Correspondence:** PTA received a beautiful holiday card from the Walt Whitman staff.

**Presidents Report:**

We are still waiting to see if we can have all of our fun events in the spring.

We are looking for volunteers for the spring family event.

We also need a co-chair for the talent show.

Thank you Courtney for the Thanksgiving Pie sale.

Thank you Lauren and Tara for Holiday Boutique.

We will be forming the nominating committee for next year's officers. Two members will be from the executive committee and two members from non-executive roles. Please volunteer.

We are voting on some changes to council PTA rules. The vote passed.

We will be running a food drive in January for Island Harvest. Currently student council is running clothing drive for coats, hats, gloves, etc.

On 1/19/22 at 7pm we will have Bingo night. Please volunteer.

International day is 1/13/22 virtually.

You should have received the Scholarship fund postcard in your mailbox. Please donate. The goal is to raise \$7,500.

PTA meetings will be virtual until at least April.

We are doing a collection for the custodians. You can venmo Erica Schulman or drop money off to Jacqueline.

**Mr. Snyder's Report:**

Please dress your kids warmly as they will go outside if the real feel temperature is 32 degrees or above. Please check the lost and found for your children's items.

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Day parade took place this year. Pictures are on the website.

We have a new secretary in the office. Please have patience.

Mr. Snyder has been riding a few busses due to behavior issues or sometimes just to support the children. Some TA's will be riding the buses as well.

Mrs. Falck is going to go over the new chromebooks. Please read the links about the chromebook exchange policies.

The new chromebooks have two cameras and a stylus the students need to be careful about. They will still be able to flip the screen. Please transfer the decals prior to your child bringing it to the library. Everyone except kindergarten should be exchanged before winter recess.

Early dismissal is on December 23, 2021. School will be dismissed at 3pm, 15 minutes earlier.

Class parties will need to be organized with the teachers. They must be outside. If parents are volunteering, you must submit the family ID information for vaccination status.

The students will receive a holiday send off on December 23, 2021 with fake snow and holiday songs being sung. Happy Holidays!

### **Arts & Ed:**

Last month we had a virtual assembly called Tales from a Bicycle seat with George Maurer. It was a huge success and the teachers and children seemed to enjoy it.

This month we will be having a Virtual Music Technology show with Brent Daniels on December 17th.

Brent Daniels is an award-winning composer, producer, sound designer and recording artist who uses the latest in music technology to sculpt sound and create music. This program is an excellent STEM/STEAM School Assembly! Using a digital sampling keyboard workstation, master-level musicianship and a blend of high energy music, audience participation, information and humor, Brent Daniels creates an exciting, one-of-a-kind performance that captures the imaginations of your elementary, middle or high school audience (and your faculty, too)! Music Technology with Brent Daniels shows students the important relationship between the technology they have in their classrooms or at home and the creation of the music and sounds they hear on their iPods and on TV, in movies and video games. Student volunteers will participate in the program to help Brent create unique on-the-spot sounds and by the end of the show, an original song that will raise the roof!

### **Box Tops:**

We are at \$31 for box tops rewards. Please go on the app and scan your receipts.

### **Directory Spot:**

Directory is available to PTA members only. Please become a PTA member and please submit information for the directory.

### **Discount card:**

For anyone looking to do some holiday shopping, starting tomorrow - our discount card price will be greatly reduced to \$10 just until the end of this month - buy for your local family and friends!! Cards are valid until September 2022. Limited supply available! Cards are available to purchase on the PTA website!! Thanks for your continued support!

### **Holiday Boutique:**

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to be on the Holiday Boutique committee. Thank you to Mr. Snyder for accommodating the event outdoors this year. Thank you to the custodial staff for providing the set up for us. And lastly, thank you to all of the parents for sending in money for the children to shop. This year was the most successful Holiday Boutique we have had. We grossed over \$10,000 in sales and most importantly, all of the kids were able to purchase something, whether they brought money or not thanks to generous donations from parents.

**International Day:**

5-7 countries will be presented for international day. It will be virtual. Please volunteer to present a country. You can do a pre-recorded clip or live presentation or both.

**Mask Fundraiser:**

Zinntex masks is selling masks for PTA fundraiser. There are lots of options. 20% gets donated to Walt Whitman. Zinntexppe.com is the website.

**Pie Sale:**

Thank you all for purchasing pies. Thank you to Lauren Marwill for creating the flyer.

**SEPTA:**

January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:45pm is the next SEPTA meeting. Social workers will be presenting on how to navigate the non-academic world. They will focus on social-emotional well being.

**School Board of Ed Report:**

November 2021 BOE Meeting

Superintendent's Report:

Turf Field:

- Light installation on the turf fields has been discussed due to several home games being shortened because of the darkness. Additionally scheduling for other sports to use the turf field.
- BOE approved a resolution to include turf field lighting in the proposed budget for 2022-2023
- Budget Vote will take place in May- details will be outlined in upcoming meetings.

Rowing Club:

- The BOE voted and made Rowing officially a Varsity Sport starting this spring season
- The club will fundraise to help with their expenses as well

No Audience to the Public

**Upcoming Dates:**

12/31 - Monthly Board meeting, 8pm

12/17 - Spirit Day

12/23 - Spirit Day

12/24 - 12/31 - School Closed – Winter Recess

**PTA Meeting Dates:**

1/4 at 7:30pm, 2/2, 3/3, 4/7, 5/10, 6/8

**Spirit Dates:**

12/17, 12/23, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8, 4/13, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 6/24