

# Gator PTO Orientation



# Volunteer Breakfast

## WELLINGTON LANDINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meeting Date/Time: August 27, 2019, at 9:45 AM

Meeting Location: WLMS Media Center

### 1. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Michelle De Armas. Invited volunteers to take free “thank you” goodies from table. Agenda and packet also on table. Starbucks was thanked for the coffee donation for the meeting.
- Fire Drill

### 2. Principal’s Report (Blake Bennett)

- Welcome and thank you for making a big impact at our school through volunteering your time and talents.
- Most of her teaching career took place in schools where it was difficult to find any volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers. We need you!
- Reiterated how most funding for the school does not come from the district or state. We need to raise it ourselves. We need to raise funds for our amazing Fine Arts and Technology programs.

### 3. President’s Report (Michelle De Armas)

- Introduced PTO Board and Committees. Explanation of how PTO helps WLMS- covers costs of programs, equipment in school, Watch Dog program.
- Introduction of our PTO liaison, Catherine Cotter. Mrs. Cotter’s advice “get involved”.
- Packet has current calendar, PTO board members and committees and a list of business partners. Please visit our business partners.

- Requested help finding sponsors for Walkathon and business partners. Looking for food, items and money sponsors. Packet on line with perks at the different levels.
- Provided an overview of upcoming events for the month of October: selling Coupon books (sell 10 and get lunch delivered from fast food restaurant), Spirit shirts with PhyEd on line , Clear bags, Ream of Paper Drive, Kona Ice, box top contest ( can turn in physical box top or the new way of scanning receipts) Ice pop sales, membership/ donation drive, Yankee Candle fundraiser, Watch Dogs breakfast/ book fair, 6th grade care Packages (delivered end of Sept. during lunch), Spirit Nights at Local Restaurants, Halloween Dance, Fun Pasta fundraiser and next PTO Meeting/Coffee with the Principal dates. on Sept 11.
- Chantel Sales gave an explanation of our new fundraiser Yankee Candle. Kids can collect sales/ payment and bring to school. Orders can also be taken online. Online sales will be delivered directly to purchasers home. School gets 40% of sales. Kids get incentive prizes for selling.
- Constant contact sign up on Web Site. Only works if you have NOT blocked the school from phone calls or texts.
- Copy Cats with Melissa. We need help on Wednesday August 28th to sort packets.
- Mrs. Cruz is looking for book fair volunteers.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report (Amy Robbert)**

- Current balance of \$17,000 funds to date. Bought agendas, lanyards and science books over the summer. We have not been able to run the summer camp where due to construction at the school. Has caused a loss of \$15,000 in extra funds.

#### **5. Volunteer's Presentation (Tracy Basore/Susan Rodriguez/Syvia Gordon)**

- Special thanks to the volunteers for signing up for ivolunteer events where volunteers were needed. Please check the site as we have a lot of opportunities.
- PowerPoint Presentation on Volunteering at Landings and how to contact them. Sign up on VIPs system and log your hours in at student services. Went over dress code, safety, school codes and instructions,
- Watch Dog program explanation. Kick off pizza party on Aug 28 th
- Went over ways to find volunteer opportunities- i volunteer, constant contact, and Facebook

#### **6. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Michelle De Armas thanked all the volunteers, encouraged them to enjoy the breakfast items.

**Recorded By: Toby Brodtman**

**Date: 8/27/19**