



MINUTES

WHECES PATT minutes

Date | time 09/02/2024 | 7:05 pm | Meeting called to order by Eric Turner

In Attendance

Eric Turner, Lilly Hill (Co-Presidents); Noelle Lovewell, Erin Foster (Co-Vice Presidents), Tatyana Bolotina (Treasurer- AP), Katrina Palandri (Treasurer- AR), Amber Elrod (Secretary), Principal Christina Desiderio, Bruce Wright (UTLA Rep.) A complete Sign In sheet is available on file.

Approval of Minutes

Eric Turner

Board

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UTLA Report

Bruce Wright (UTLA Rep)

Principal's Report

Principal Christina Desiderio

Budget

- Principal Corner (Mrs. Desiderio):
 - Coffee with Principal: LCAP. You can find more information on the WHECES website
 - Woody's Enrichment Program
 - There is availability for more sign ups
 - You can find more information about this under the Woody's Enrichment Topic Below
 - COVID Uptick
 - Be aware there has been an uptick in COVID numbers (not just at WHECES but everywhere)
 - If your child comes home with a letter regarding an exposure to COVID please do not freak out, just be aware and follow the protocol laid out in the letter.
 - If you find yourself with COVID, please notify your child's teacher and they will then hand out the mandatory COVID Exposure Letter

- UTLA Update (Mr. Wright):
 - Governance meeting will take place in September, so nothing to report yet
 - Scott Schmerelson is running for re-election in LAUSD District 3 Election
 - The district covers North Hills, North Hollywood, Northridge, Porter Ranch, Mission Hills and Reseda
 - If you live in this district you may start getting phone calls regarding the election, and it's important to Vote in November
 - Scott Schmerelson is an amazing board director, and has been a teacher and principal, he is currently up against an opponent that is a very strong charter supporter.
 - Get informed and if you can vote!

- HERO Update (Luke Stiles):
 - Our goal this year is \$100,000
 - We have (so far) collected \$9,270
 - We have pledged \$14k
 - These numbers are different because of the installment plans we now have
 - It would be amazing if we could push for families to pledge at the Silver Level (\$250) and have 100 % participation to help with the programs we offer for our kids
 - These programs (in the past) include:
 - Arts integration
 - Scoring Stories (where our child were setting music to stories)
 - Dance
 - Gardening
 - Drama
 - School Beautification
 - ANY donation truly helps
 - HERO is our largest fundraiser and the juiciest chunk of funds that we use for our school programs
 - We also like to give back to our community, with events like Movie Night last year. It was funded by PATT as a 'Thank You' for all the fundraising help throughout the year.
 - We are building a community outside of just school

- Spirit Wear Update (Janet Leger)
 - Every week there is Spirit Wear Wednesday
 - Families actively bought Spirit gear during Sneak Peek and Back to School Night
 - New Gear
 - Tote bag
 - PATT gifted the teachers and staff a tote that was filled with supplies
 - So happy to give back to our amazing staff that gives so much
 - Pajama Pants

- Hoping to get a PJ Day together later in the year
 - At our Monthly Assembly (09/06/24) we will be selling Spirit Wear there and we still have our online shop too

- Fall Festival (Menije Turner)
 - November 16th
 - Country Carnival
 - Get ready to pull out your finest cowboy hat, and boots!
 - We will have DJ Coby (from Sneak Peek and Glow Dance), games, bake sale, and spirit wear will be sold.
 - Silent Auction will also take place again
 - Volunteer Opportunity
 - This is our most permitted event, so maybe you can't help the day of, but maybe you can help leading up to the event, and there's a lot of help needed behind the scenes!
 - We do need help with permits
 - This event is open to our community, so please share with your friends and family!

- Resilience Training (Dr. Kanchi)
 - This program was approved by LAUSD, in March 2024 for our 4th graders
 - This program had 10 sessions
 - Emotional regulation
 - Shift from negative thoughts
 - Growth mindset
 - How the brain works
 - Assertiveness training and how to deal with bullying
 - Mindfulness exercises
 - We are bringing this program back this year, again for our 4th graders
 - We are in the process of resubmitting with LAUSD for this new school year

- Room Parent Update (Monica Thomas)
 - Still communicating with the teacher and working on getting all the room parents settled
 - Monica has sent emails to the Room Parents that have been chosen already, and is working on with the teachers (that haven't chosen yet) to finalize

- 5th Grade (Charlotte McPherson)
 - Strategic planning meeting tomorrow (09/04/24)
 - So next meeting they will have more events and information for us
 - Currently fundraising through Venmo, and need the CheddarUp info
 - First restaurant night will be at The Stand, on 09/21/24
 - 25% of the proceeds will go back to the 5th grade
 - They are hoping to have an event at least once a month, and will be putting together a schedule

- Fund Photos (Amy Carter)
 - Family photo shoot fundraiser
 - This year instead of one date, there are a bunch of dates and different locations
 - \$50 for 15 minute photoshoot, and 2 photos included
 - any additional photos you are interested in, will be an additional cost
 - The full \$50 goes to PATT
 - Anyone can sign up (other family members, or friends) just make sure they book with the WHECES link (below, just scroll down and find Woodland Hills Elementary)

[Fund Photos](#)

- Woody's Enrichment Programs (Lilly Hill)
 - Terrific enrichment programs available
 - You can find the programs on the Woody's website or the flyer that was given out the first few weeks of school [Woody's Enrichment Programs](#)
 - These enrichment programs are different than the after school program
 - Not just playing, they are programs to enrich your mind
 - They do offer financial aid if cost prohibited
 - Woody's has contributed proceeds to PATT, which PATT contributes back to our school

- National Walk to School Day (Eric Turner)
 - October 2nd
 - We need a volunteer to head this up!
 - Mrs. Desiderio will help too!
 - Looking to have fun with it and bring so ideas to make it fun

Closing Comments/Questions

Lilly: PATT wants all parents involved! Not just Room Parents but ALL parents! We are interested in any ideas, or programs you might be interested in having at our school.

Play Structures/ Sun Shade

- Mrs. Desiderio addressed this
- New apparatus' cost (roughly) around \$300,000, not cheap!
- District is not willing to upgrade because they just upgraded six years ago (before Mrs. Desiderio came)
- Sun shades also cost (roughly) around \$300,000, and the district is not inclined to help fund
 - Also there's many different people that get involved to get these things done
- The state makes it difficult
- Lower and Kinder yards
 - The bottoms (the rubber matting) are getting replaced
 - District is paying for this

If you have any questions or topics you'd like to discuss/address at a future PATT Board meeting please send your request to PATTofWHECES@gmail.com. Email must be received eight days prior to a scheduled PATT Board meeting. Please reference "PATT Meeting Suggestion Topic" in the subject line of your email.

Date 10/01/24 | time 7 pm, Location Virtual

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 p.m. and was passed unanimously.