



Upper Greenwood Lake PTA

Meeting Minutes

1/9/23



Call meeting to order: 7:02PM

Executive Board Report

Marcia Kershaw, President

Thanks everyone for taking the time to come out tonight. I know its hard to come out when the weather is like this and we really appreciate your time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joanna Piotrowski

Profit:

Concession Stand at winterfest \$254

Holiday Concert/Bake Sale \$233.00

Spooktakular concessions \$500.25

Back to school kids: \$23.14

Book Fair (October): \$1,303.67

Clothing Drive Fall: \$532.70

Holiday Shop: \$651.30

October Family Fun Night (Spooktacular): \$673.00

Dine to Donate: \$675.00

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Matlosz

Happy new year.

Kindergarten update... Ms. Pasquino is going to Woodland Park. Kim Heiner is going to be the new teacher. She has worked with Marshall Hill and Macopin previously. She has already started the transition process with Ms. Pasquino. Ms Pasquino was not comfortable with West Brook closing. We will be getting teachers from there, and as a result of the seniority chain, if you are not tenured you will get bumped by someone with seniority. Majority of West Brook teachers have seniority. Woodland Park is gaining a great person. Ms Pasquino has been with us in different positions for some time and she will be missed. Feb 10th is her last day

Marcia spoke to Ms. Pasquino and she said that it was a very difficult decision to make but she had to do what is best for her. She is also moving so her commute will be less time in the new school.

Mrs. Farrah has recently been replaced and she will be back by June (maternity leave)

Math Matters - look out for the flyer (grades 3-5)

Tiny Tutors is returning (Mrs. Post and Ms. Yuhas) K-2 ELA and Math support after school.

BOE meeting this month will be a good one. Promising Practices will be presented. UGL has the most PP out of all of the other schools. Kind Kids tripod will be there. Big Kudos to the committee.

Next month, National School of Character committee will be interviewing staff and students to determine if we get this award.

Westbrook closure... This happened already. We are in transition. UGL is gaining 50 students from Marshall Hill and we will have about 250 students total. We are promised 2 classes per grade level. We are lucky to have the room for it. Mr. O'Donnell has provided a student list, the community and school has been welcoming. We have parents excited to come here, the school is closer to the residents and we will be ready to go. We will pull together to do the best we can for the 23-24 school year.

Regarding the PTA Board, they were just voted in. The next election will be 2024 so our Board will stay the same until then. The Marshall Hill PTA has dissolved. It will be good for us because we will have more hands on deck. We are opening PTA meetings to Marshall Hill parents starting in February. The students will join us in September 2024.

We are looking to bring the new (starting September students) to a UGL experience over the summer to help with the transition. Same with teachers, they are welcome for a tour. Everything should be smooth and in place for September.

50 students as of right now will be coming. Kindergarten can change. We already have 14 students registered for next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

ASSEMBLIES

Tara Ariola

They are paid for by PTA

- Prismatic Magic was here on January 6th... I ended up staying for the show and I now know why its a UGL favorite. The music, the lights... everything was amazing. The kids loved it and I think everyone was dancing during the show.

- Next assembly is scheduled for February 10th. Omega Man is coming to UGL. It is an anti bullying, character education show. It has great reviews and he has been here before.
- There will be another one for March.
- April there will be a YMCA - water safety assembly.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Kim McLaud & Kathleen Cardona

- Our fall drive was in November. We brought in \$532.70.
- Next one is 2/11. Bags can be dropped off on Friday (after 4).

CLUBS

- As you know, clubs are funded by the PTA. Be on the look out for flyers coming home periodically announcing what clubs are next.
- Domino club started already.

SPOOKTACULAR

- Haunted hallway and trunk or treat was a very successful fundraiser (minus the slight hiccup) PTA profited \$673. We had a lot of guests that are not even UGL families. 5th grade profited \$500.25

DINE TO DONATE

Natalie Easter & Whitney Seidner

- November 8th we had our Dine to Donate at McDonalds. This was very successful! McDonalds graciously donated 10% of every order from 4pm - 8pm and \$250 on top of that. We ended up profiting \$625
- December 13th we had a Dine to Donate at Demarco's. They donated 15% of any order that day that mentioned UGL. We profited \$50.

WINTERFEST

- Another fundraiser with a couple hiccups, but in true UGL fashion, we made it through. Profit was \$497.64

5th GRADE COMMITTEE **Schenk & Tara Ariola**

Kristine Ralicki, Joanna Piotrowski, Alicia

We have tshirts! Pictures were taken. There were a few missing students during pictures but they can be photoshopped in. We are working on the yearbook.

Bingo will take place in March. Joanna will ask the 5th grade parents to donate a gift towards bingo (cost \$15 - \$20). The money can be donated as well. Upcoming Marshall Hill will be invited as well. They are invited to every family event we do going forward. The clubhouse is booked for the end of year party. We just have to pay the steward fee.

Future events inviting students will cost \$3 for non UGL families. We aren't checking anyone, it will just be an honor system

MEDIA CENTER

- We need one more stem desk for the media center due to the incoming students. We had a raffle in December where we profited \$1,000 for the desk. New blinds were requested but Lenny worked his magic, painted them and they look great so we can hold off on that purchase.

Dr. Matlosz thanks everyone who provided blue paint for the hallway. We are looking to finish it next year because the back hallway is still not done. The district is pushing for black and gold so they may not pay for it but we want to stay with UGL blue. That will be a summer project.

GA GA PIT

- We got approval to put the GA GA Pit on the playground. When the weather gets nicer we will get a group of people to put it up so our kids can finally enjoy it! Date to be determined.

GARDEN

- Garden will be completed when the weather warms up. Hoping for March.

FUNDRAISERS

MEMBERSHIPS

Melissa Hartig

Currently we have 129 members! Membership is still open and available online at www.uglpta.org

Hard copies of forms are also available. Payment for membership can be made online or with a check made out to UGLPTA.

Amazon Smile

Valerie Helander

Unfortunately we received notice that by February 20, 2023 AmazonSmile will close. The program has been around since 2013, but because there are so many eligible organizations the ability to have an impact on any of these organizations was spread too thin. Amazon will provide us with a one time donation equivalent to 33 months of what we earned in 2022.

Box Tops

Valerie Helander

We really need to push this since AmazonSmile is no longer. Its an easy way to raise money. Since July 2022 we have received \$192.30. You no longer need to cut out and hand in the box tops. Its all online with a Box Tops app. We are going to make it a competition between grades. The class that wins will have an event against the staff. A new flyer will be sent home with directions for the app.

Kindergarten is in the lead with 598 Bot Tops. 1st grade is close behind with 554. Next is Grade 4 with 98.

Grade 2 - 55

Grade 5 - 50

Grade 3 - 11

**Scholastic Book Fair
Brancato**

Kristy Florey, Joanna Piotrowski, Kathie

- Profit was \$1,303.67. We will be using Scholastic Dollars to purchase the book for One Book One School for Read Across America, which is a program where every family gets a book picked by UGL Kind Kids and Mrs Archer and the school reads together. Teachers have recorded reading chapters on youtube for families to watch. Every morning there is a trivia question and the winners get books as a prize. It brings a lot of people together. We've had positive feedback and families seem to enjoy it. The book will come home with the oldest child.

And the book is.... Fenway and Hattie! It's the point of view of a dog. The goal is to find a book in between grade levels for everyone to enjoy. This sounds like it will be a good one.

A calendar will come home with questions on what was read the night before. One chapter a night for the month of march. No weekends. The staff members and Dr Matlosz read and post on youtube. You can watch them or read it alone.

CHERRYDALE

Sylvia Thompson and Elora Williams

- Profit \$3,047.40 - amazing!
- This year we profited more than we ever have by 50%, so thank you to everyone who participated and sold things.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS - monthly

Alyssia Arnau

Profit:

- September \$150
- October \$125
- November profit was \$150 that was donated to the UGL Giving Pantry located at the ambulance building. The woman running it was thrilled.
- December \$75
- January \$100

SPIRIT WEAR

PTA Board

- Zip-Sweatshirts, t-shirts, water bottles, pencil cases, drawstring bags, car magnets will be available for purchase at Back to School night and any time needed until we run out. Melissa put up a Spirit Wear store on our FB members page. Please feel free to comment/message her with what you'd like to purchase and the board will be sure to get you your items in a timely manner. We have a lot of stuff!!!

We have a ton of masks that we will donate to either Dr. G's or a nursing home.

WREATH SALE

Melissa Humphrey

- This year we purchased wreaths from Mickman Bros. Wreaths. Our profit was \$322.87

PIE EYED PIZZA

Melissa Humphrey

Sales ended Wednesday. We will ask Melissa if it can be extended because more people want to buy. Melissa answered that we can add on a few days but there is no guarantee they will be delivered by superbowl.

VALENTINE GRAMS

Sherry Zbrzeski

Flyers came home this week. Students can send a Valentine Gram to classmates, friends, teachers and staff. This year the item is a "desk pet eraser". Each Valentine Gram costs \$1. You can make copies of the forms to purchase more.

Valentine cards are optional and up to the parents discretion if they are purchased or not.

Reminder that tomorrow is family engagement night. Hot cocoa and trivia!! Free for current and future UGL families. Anyone else who would like to join us will pay \$3. Start time is 7pm, not 6pm as mentioned in the Remind message.

Best Guy/Girl nights will be done after spring break

Talent show - May date TBD - grades 3-5. It is not a competition, just show off your talent.

Gertrude Hawk - brochures will be shipped to the school this week. They will be distributed on Feb 6th. Paper orders are needed by Feb 27th. Online orders by March 26

The company needs paper orders by March 6th for March 27th delivery.

Online orders are shipped right to your house but you have to pay shipping. Paper orders you don't pay for shipping and orders come to the school.

Meeting adjourned: 7:42PM