

1. **Call to Order:** Formal greeting provided to the participants of the meeting as the meeting was officially called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **PTA BOARD INTRODUCTIONS:** 5 of 6 board members were present at this meeting. 2 of 2 teacher representatives were present at this meeting. All 6 members of the board were introduced by full name/position held on the board. Both teacher representatives were introduced by full name/grade levels each member represents.
3. **Principal's Address/Introduction:** C. Young (Pres.) formally introduced the Whitehall Elementary School Principal, Mrs. Cynthia Farmer. Mrs. Farmer extended a warm welcome to all of the attendees. Encouraging all families to get/remain actively involved in the school/community. Mrs. Farmer provided a reminder that there is a safety video available on the schools website that demonstrates proper school safety procedures; and, before/after school safety (i.e. student intake in the morning and dismissal) remains a top priority as it pertains to student safety. Mrs. Farmer introduced Assistant Vice Principal, Mr. Cuvo.

Mr. Cuvo, offered another greeting to all and spoke on the importance of adhering to the direction/guidance of all staff members working to monitor traffic regulation in the drop off/pick up circle/areas.

Note: If for any reason you must exit your vehicle during drop off/pick up please let the person(s) working traffic regulation know so that they can appropriately direct all vehicles safely and/or offer you assistance.

Important Note: If your child(ren) are to be dismissed/picked in a manner outside of the documented manner provided at the beginning of the school year; Please! Send your child(ren) educator/administrator a note documenting the manner in which your child(ren) is/are to be dismissed including any person(s) allowed to receive your child(ren) on your behalf.

4. **Community Ice Breaker:** Mobility exercise used to start engaging families with one another and to stress the importance making supportive connections with other families within the community.
5. **Kindergarten Team Address:** (Ms. Paul, Mrs. Hogan, Ms. Bailey, and Mrs. Rowland)
The kindergarten team addressed and/or provided the following information:
 - Pursuit of acquiring a 5th Kindergarten Teacher
 - Pursuit of acquiring paraprofessional/teacher assistive aides per class
 - There are currently 109 kindergarten students divided amongst for classrooms which currently makes the student to teacher ratio as follows: up to 28:1 (per class)
 - Increasing need for more resources, support & materials
 - Evidence based Data to support the teams concerns:
www.classsizematters.org (parents can review for supporting/further data)

Note: There was a 50 minutes discussion related to the kindergarten teams address/presentation.

6. Treasurer's Report (Presented by Sanovia Peterson)

7. Membership Report (Presented by Crystal Fenderson):

- The WES PTA is striving to have 100% active membership participation from both the administrative staff and the families of WES. We currently have 26 members of the administrative staff signed up as active members for the 2019-2020 school year and 17 families participating. (Note: Our membership numbers will continue to increase between September and October.)
- Invitation to join the 2019-2020 PTA was extended and all families are about to signup via the whitehallpta.com website for either an individual membership (\$13) or family membership (\$20).

8. Direction Donations/Fundraising:

- Whoose Reading: reading program that the 3rd grade educators are using this year. Each classroom needs \$200.00 (per class) to pay for the year's subscription to this program. One of the 3rd grade classes has already received a \$200.00 donation to cover that class's subscription. We are in need of \$400.00 to cover the other two classes' subscription. Because the school cannot accept direct donations due to county policy we are asking each 3rd grade family to donate \$7.00 through the PTA to cover this cost. In turn the PTA will write the check to the Whoose Reading Program directly on behalf of the school.
- We are seeking community feedback/input on fundraisers that you would like to participate in and/or host for the PTA. The PTA currently only hosts 3 fundraisers and based on the feedback from the 2018-2019 school year we recognize that between the fundraisers that come home from the school and the few that come home from the PTA that can be overwhelming. Please email us your ideas, suggestions, and feedback pertaining to fundraising at whitehallpta@gmail.com.

9. **Announcement:** The WES PTA is in need of a 7th member. If you are interested in serving on the 2019-2020 PTA Board please speak with us after the meeting or email us at whitehallpta@gmail.com. If you are interested in hosting a grade level social, chairing an events committee, or finding out about more service opportunities please see us after the meeting or email us at whitehallpta@gmail.com

10. Meeting Officially Adjourned at 8:45 pm.