



**Westside Elementary PTO Meeting  
2/2/2021**

**Agenda**

Welcome and Introductions.....Martha Dell  
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Treasurer's Report.....Jenn Barchet  
- Purchases for the month include recorders for 4/5 graders and popcorn to send home with Bingo cards.

Westside Updates.....Principal Ocean Kuykendall  
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- Teachers are working with Heather Gurko from the Confluence Project to set up their art/cultural learning experiences per grade level. Confluence will fund artist time, Westside PTO will fund materials.  
- Family Bingo cards will go home this week  
- Teachers/staff are getting vaccinated and all should have an opportunity for their first dose by the end of the week.  
- Joy Kloman will be holding watercolor sessions for families.  
- LIPI has started and everyone is excited to have students back in the building.

PTO Updates.....Martha Dell  
- Bringing Erin Rust back next month for a session on how to help our children manage any anxiety around the transition back to school and what school will look like as a whole.  
- Group PTO Meeting: Led by Mara Lynaugh, Erin Rust, and Patricia Ortega-Cooper. Gathers all PTOs to get perspectives and questions to bring to district level.

Options Academy Connection, SEL Workgroup Updates .....Meghan Robidoux  
- Group PTO focusing in groups on Student/Family/Staff Support. Conducted a moonshot activity of ideas related to the strategic planning process for the district.  
- Options students may be struggling with the fact that friends or siblings are returning to school and they are not.

**Work Groups**

Breakout Room 1 - Student support.....Meghan Robidoux  
Breakout Room 2 - Classified Staff Appreciation Week (March 2-5).....Martha Dell

Reports from Breakout Sessions.....Breakout leads  
- Worked as a whole group. Discussed how to make the first days of school a celebration. Will focus currently on decorations as volunteers can not be on site. Brainstorming a way to make 1st day of school pics a possibility.

- Will reach out to assign duties for decorating as well as gift ideas for staff
- Welcome donations or ideas for places to get gift certs from (for staff and teachers) that may match. Will contact Pistil

Next Steps.....Martha Dell

- Will be in touch with PTO attendees to request help with specific tasks. Ask to reach out to friends to gather help as well.

**Important Dates:**

School Materials Pick-up (3pm-6pm): February 4, February 18

March PTO Meeting (6:30-7:30): Tuesday, March 2nd

Classified Staff Appreciation Week: March 2-5 (no school March 1)

**Helpful Links:**

[Westside Elementary Parent Information Page](#)

[Online Library Book Check-out](#)

[Nutritional Services](#) (free student meal information)

[Hood River County Prevention Department](#)