



SWR SEPTA MEETING MINUTES FOR Monday 11/24/25, 7:00pm at Prodell Middle School

Members in Attendance: Tracy Von Eschen, Laura Riekert, Deborah Aiello, Erica Russo, Daniel McGuire, Tara Gosman, Lara Gutheil, Jenniffer Hartmann, Marie D'Alessandro, Liz Haarke, Nicole Waldbauer

- I. **Call the meeting to order** – Pledge of Allegiance
- II. **PTA Mission and SEPTA Mission Statement**
- III. **District Updates:** Tracy Von Eschen, Director of Special Education & PPS, Tracey reported on the superintendent's conference day and classes they attended. All CSE have been scheduled and parents will get their letters soon.
- IV. **President's Report** – Deborah Aiello
 - a. **Old Business:**
 1. 10/30 Meeting Speaker: Brianne Walsh from Parent to Parent NYS
 2. WHAM Craft Fair 11/8, we made over \$600 selling spirit wear.
 3. Cookie Dough Fundraiser: pickup 12/12 at WR School, not very successful.
 4. NYS PTA Membership Award for Oct 2025: Trailblazer Award
 5. Teacher/Staff Membership Drive: Miller Ave & Wading River School are Winners of a Bagel Breakfast, we had the Miller Avenue Breakfast delivered by Wildcat Bagel, we will have the Wading River School breakfast in December.
 - b. **New Business:**
 1. Teacher Grants: Applications due 12/1, we have received four so far.
 2. Carleton T-shirt Fundraiser Ends 12/3
 3. Parent Square Group coming soon... it's been activated!
 4. Sensory Santa is 12/5 6:30pm-8:30pm @Wading River School. We will need student and parent volunteers.
- V. **Approval of 10/30/25 Meeting Minutes:** Laura Riekert, approved
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Erin Saunders-Morano, approved
- VII. **Guest Speaker:** Kim Nau – Dyslexia and the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Kim was very knowledgeable; we learned about what dyslexia is and how it might feel to have it. Dyslexia has nothing to do with intelligence; it has to do with wiring in the

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brain. Kim went over methodology and the training an educator must go through to be certified. Very thorough presentation.

VIII. Announcements/Discussion Items:

- a. Door Prize Raffle Drawing
- b. Next Meeting: Wednesday, Jan 7, 7:00 PM at Wading River School Library
Dodie Daniels, Parent to Parent NYS – Understanding OPWDD Supports/Services

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