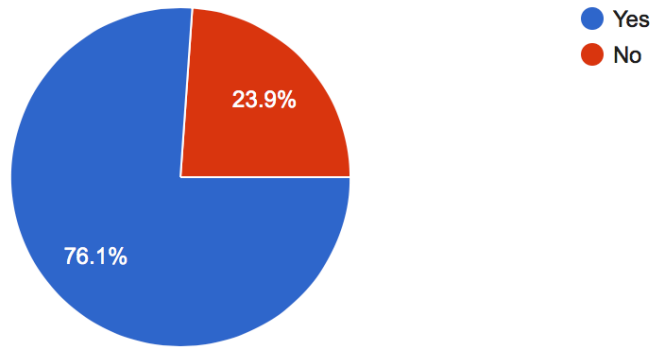


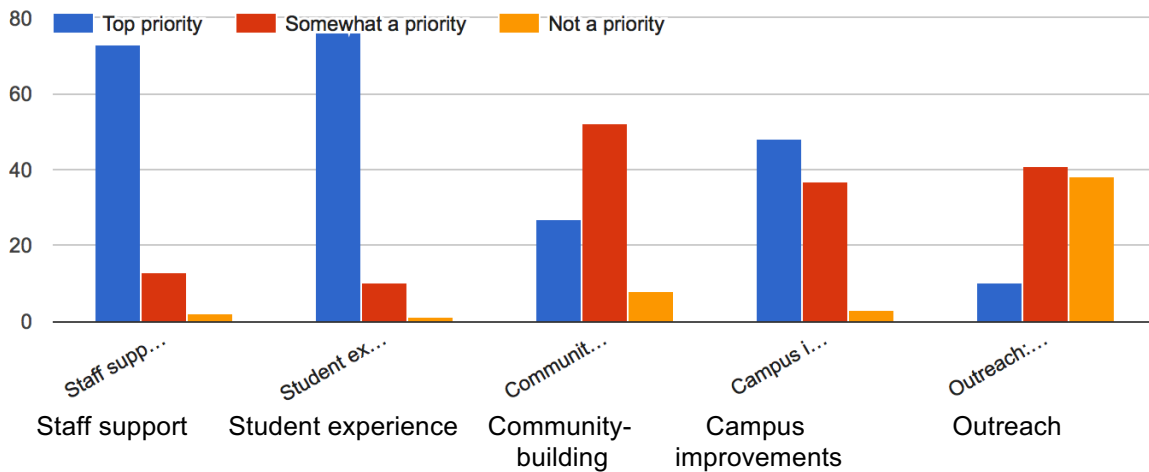
WPES PTA Survey

1. Are you a current WP PTA 2017-18 member?

67 responses



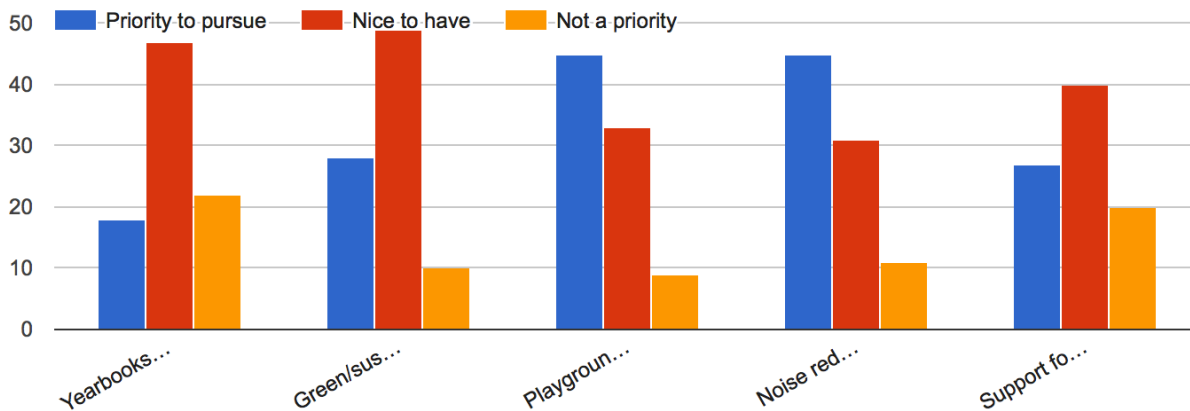
2. How would you rank these initiatives as priorities for PTA?



Top priorities

1. Staff support: Provide additional materials and resources for teaching and staff (first)
2. Student experience: Make expeditionary learning opportunities (field trips, visiting experts, etc.) for all students
3. Campus improvements: Fund improvements to school and grounds not covered by CSD facilities]
4. Community-building: Organize and sponsor WP community-building event
5. Outreach: Facilitate programs to connect with other schools and peer communities

3. What new funding initiatives would you most like the PTA to pursue?



Yearbooks for every student

Green/sustainability initiatives for our school

Playground upgrades

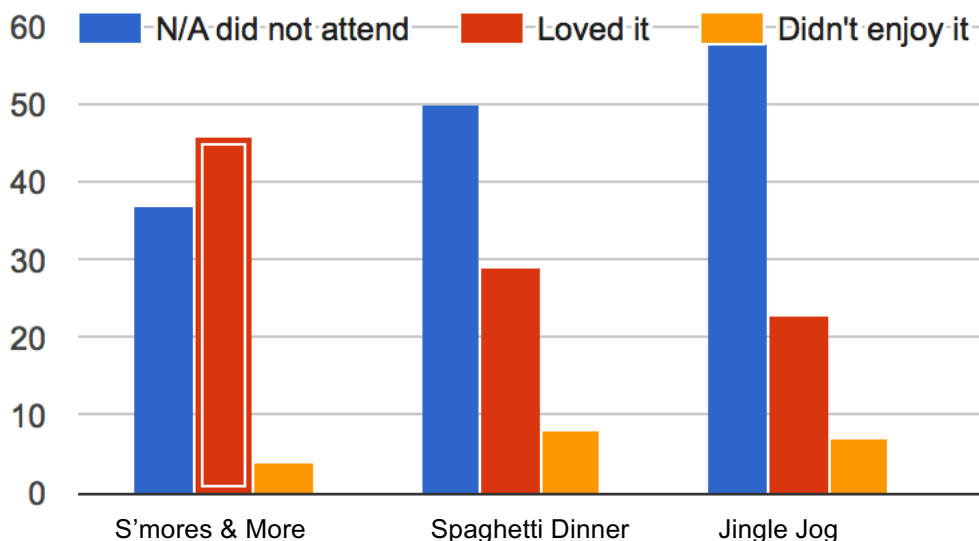
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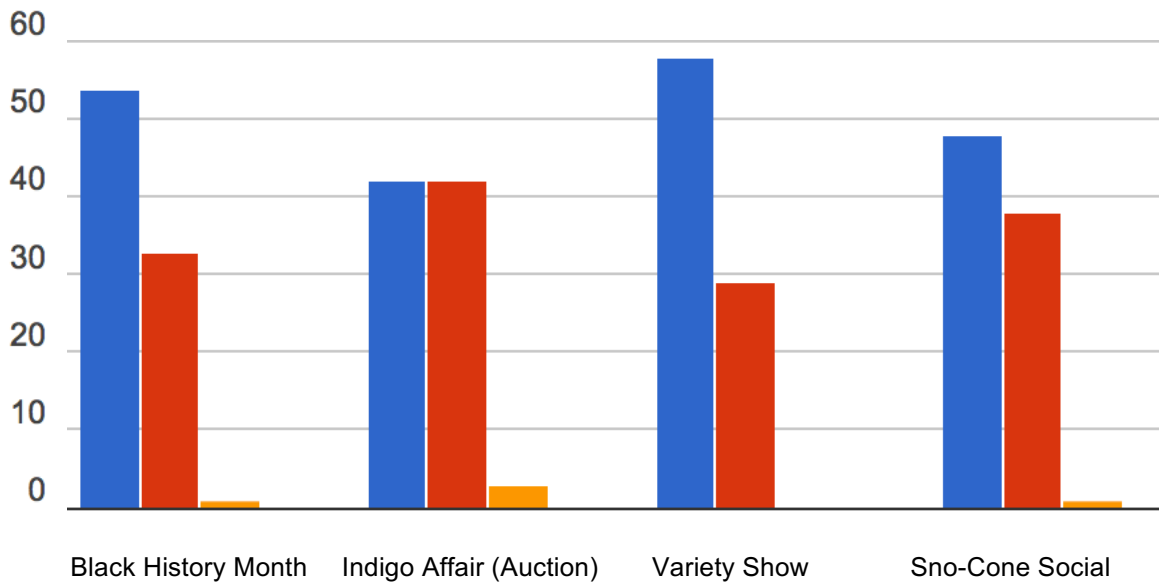
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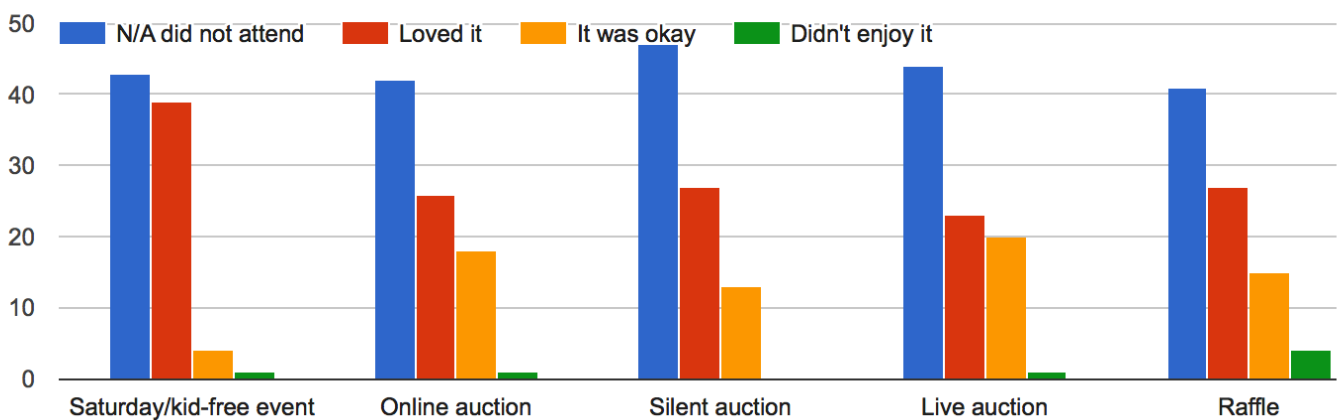
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4. Which PTA events do you think are the most successful? (Please select N/A if you are new to WP or did not attend the event previously.)





5. What are your thoughts on various aspects of the spring auction? (Select N/A if you did not participate or attend).



6. Are there changes you would suggest for the event (cost of ticket, location, selection of auction items, time of year, different kind of fundraiser, etc.?)

I'd like more of a mingling aspect at the actual event than a focus on bidding. Maybe the bulk of the bidding happens online before the event, and then there are 5-10 items in a live auction at the event? I also like the idea of focusing our fundraising on one initiative, like playground improvements. If we can make the event more of a community builder where attendees are actively involved in some activity, that might draw a bigger crowd?

What I enjoy most about the auction is the opportunity to spend time with other parents in a kid-free setting-drinks and food are a nice bonus. Honestly, after I spend the money on tickets, I'm just not terribly interested in spending more money on the auction prizes. I just assume make a donation to the school/PTA.

It's an auction, and I don't have an overabundance of income for affairs that require me to bet my money against people in higher tax brackets.

Maybe lower ticket price and a new venue maybe in order.

Pencil paper auction instead of online

March is a really busy month, it seems we often have a conflict.

Not many people we knew (from the K classes) seemed to go, which made it less enjoyable; not sure if due to ticket price, or something else. And the crowd that was there was not very diverse.

We are new and have not attended but looking forward to it!

It's a great event. I always enjoy it; I come home with good things and feel good about raising money for the school. That said, it's SO MUCH WORK for the committee! I know of schools that just ask for contributions (of a suggested amount) in lieu of fundraising events - it's billed as an opportunity to raise the same amount of money for the school without all of the extra time commitment for planning and hosting so many events. Not sure if something like that would be popular with others, but I love the idea.

We are just joining PTA and WPES with a rising Kindergartner

I think the best auction I've been to was a few years ago, when it was held at Sweetwater Brewery. The fact that there was an open bar and a "party bus" (school bus) provided to transport parents to and from the event made it something that myself and other parents actually wanted to go to. And, let's be honest: alcohol flowing + a professional auctioneer probably helped really helped increase bidding.

A different kind of fundraiser could be fun. Maybe a pub crawl to our local breweries on a fur bus? A couple live auction items at the last brewery. The year we took buses to a brewery for the auction was awesome!

Wine wall needs better wine! :)

If held at same venue, please lower volume of musical performers. Was impossible to hear others talk and to socialize when band was playing.

Cost of ticket way too high.

I think the auction is a lot of fun and a great opportunity for parents to get to know each other. Location is great. I would add more items to the live auction and focus less on the online auction. Since there are a few other local auctions around the same time, it might be good timing wise to move it up a bit in the year.

The auction was a lot of fun and felt like a professional, organized event. I would explore options with lower overhead and maybe less work to pull together? I thought it was very well done and I definitely spent more money than I would have probably just donated.

This is one of my favorite events! Location is perfect, cost is reasonable, time of year is great. This live music last year was a hit! Would love even more items to bid on.

Consider maybe a fall festival or having it at a different time than all of the other auctions.

No

no

none

While I didn't attend, I do wonder if it's worth considering making it a free event and open to the public to get more involvement from outside the immediate WPES community. By the end of the year, we can feel somewhat drained by financial contributions to the school.

Maybe charge \$50 a person and have less auction items, loved the live music and socializing

Its a lot of work to put on the auction. If we could find a way to serve the community and fundraise at the same time that would be great! Or perhaps join forces with another school auction and share the workload, proceeds and expand our community within CSD.

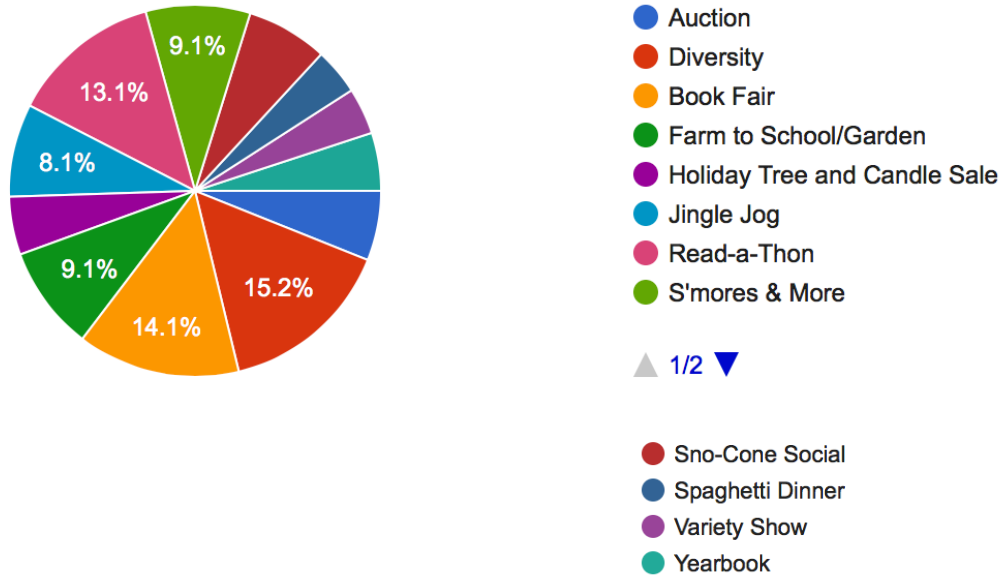
My child didn't attend the school last year so N/A.

Placement of silent auction-it was difficult to squeeze over there and sort through things. Maybe a venue with better acoustics??

Different Kind of Fundraiser or at least other fundraiser options proposed

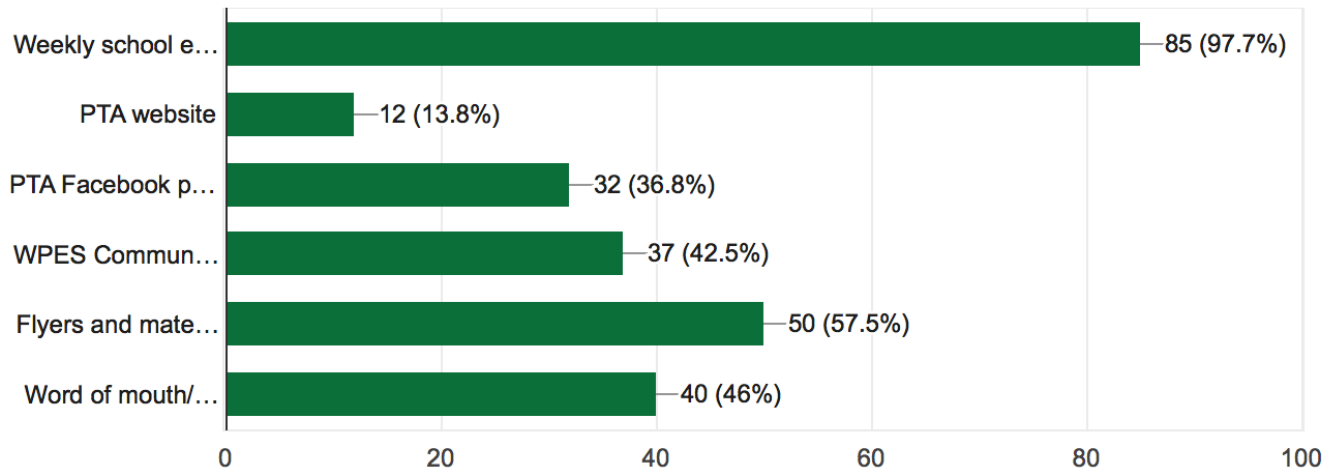
7. For which committees, if any, are you interested in volunteering?

45 responses



9. How do you learn about PTA activities and news? Check all that apply.

87 responses



10. Do you have additional feedback for the PTA?

thank you! (2)

Volunteer for Sustainability Cmte

I'm glad that you do what you do, but activities like the auction are exclusionary to some of the parents at the school. This could be more of a community awareness issue, though.

Thank you for all you!

I would like to have noise reduction of any classes near the air conditioner. Maybe move the air conditioner or make it quieter or not have students trying to learn near it.

Hi there. We just moved here from Texas and I would love to share this awesome program we had in my daughters school where the fathers were involved in a daily basis! It was a great program and I would love to share more. Can also be a fund raiser with the tshirts. I feel WP is a perfect community for this program! Take a look

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/>

The PTA does a great job! All of the activities the PTA does are great; but it sometime feels like such overload in terms of requests for time, energy, and money (in combination with all of the other schools & activities that children in the family are involved with).

It's a shame that the stream through the back of Winnona Park Elementary doesn't meet minimum state standards for water quality. We should work to fix that.

Our school community is becoming much more affluent, and rapidly. I am supportive of anything PTA can do to support families and children who might need a little extra boost in order to feel comfortable at the school, or to participate. The economic and other diversity of school makes it a richer experience for our kids and for all of us. For that reason, I think free yearbooks is a good idea. I also like that PTA covers all field work. I don't know what else can be done - maybe purchasing backpacks or school supplies for low income students? Maybe covering cost of tickets to school events like spaghetti dinner for families that can't pay??

Instead of every kid getting a yearbook, I would love to see every kid get a class picture.

Thanks for your time!! I know it takes a lot to volunteer for PTA!

I am very excited to be a part of the school, and the PTA! Might be just me, but I'm not in love with the holiday tree and candle sale, as I think holiday and religious stuff should not be part of a public school system. Not so much about having a diverse representation of religions, as that I think there should be no money made of religious celebrations (regardless of the specific religions celebrated) in our public school... Thanks!

Great job and thank you to the leadership!

Thank you for your hard work!

Folks are wondering why we don't have PTA Meetings in combination with school-based events so that more people can have ongoing input in PTA initiatives. When I worked at Westchester years ago, this is how PTA meetings were scheduled. Here at WP I've heard of PTA Board Meetings at which only a handful of parents (the board) one teacher rep, and the principal have been present to discuss issues and make decisions. Before most know that a topic is being discussed, a decision has already been made. More WP stakeholders can be informed and involved with a different approach to PTA meetings, which can result in a more cohesive and content community.

You are wonderful

This seems reflected in the budget, but any and all diversity efforts

I wasn't able to select more than one activity in question 7. Looking forward to a great year!

No.

See #8 above

Thanks for all you do!

I love that the board meetings are now advertised and open to the public.

You're doing a great job already!

Be more In-clusive

Thank you for everything you do for the teachers! I've never worked in a school where the PTA is such an integral part of the school community and so supported in their classroom needs. Plus we LOVE the monthly meals, surprise treats, and love!