

## WDES PTO Meeting Minutes

Tues. February 9, 2010

### **In Attendance:**

Susan Huff, Mabel Jones, David Huff, Fabian Jones, Keisha Ryals, Aalia Snell, Denise Van Wicklen, Patty Brooks, Brenda Chrisp, Kathy Hedden, Sabrina Young, Ani Fischer, Dana Turner, Sharyn Dickerson, Courtney Redmond, Steven King, Leann Palmer, Jenny Owensby, Bobby Heath, Lauren Hershey, Emily Kittle, Dan Chandler

Meeting called to order (6:10 pm)

Sharyn Dickerson, PTO president welcomed everyone to meeting.

Officer Dan Chandler was introduced as WDES new DARE Officer.

Raffle was held with prizes awarded to winners

### **Assistant Principal's Report:**

Assistant Principal, Brenda Chrisp shared current information regarding enrollment, attendance, and behavior office referrals. Enrollment as of 02/09/10 is 661.

### **President's Report:**

Several WDES families participated in the MLK Day Project. The volunteers worked around the school on various landscaping projects.

An update was given on the status of Easom Elementary projected to open Fall '11. SPLOST funds did not allow for renovation or construction of new school at old Gaines School location.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The PTO balance is approximately \$7500.00. Yearbook advertising sales were approximately \$300.00.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Dana Turner presented January, 2010 meeting minutes for approval. A motion was made by Jenny Owensby to approve and seconded by Susan Huff. The motion was approved.

### **New Business:**

Georgia Collier from United Way Success by Six program gave a presentation on the Wee Read Program. The program provides books free of charge, for children birth-5 years of age, on a monthly basis. Parents may sign up online or by filling out a form. Mrs. Collier introduced Bobby Heath of First American Bank and Trust, who is partnering with United Way for the program. Mrs. Collier is asking that local school Parent-Teacher Organizations become "share holders" in the program by donating \$360.00 to the program. Dana Turner made a motion for WDES PTO to donate \$360.00 to the program. Denise Van Wicklen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Success by Six is looking for families who have received books to give testimonials in a film that is being produced about the program. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Emily Kittle at [emilyekittle@gmail.com](mailto:emilyekittle@gmail.com)

## **Parent Advisory Board Report**

Dr. Monica Knight spoke at the PAB meeting and fielded questions about the recently approved policy/procedure for Afterschool Enrichment Program providers. Sharyn Dickerson read a letter that was written in response to the policy regarding concerns about complexity and requirements of the policy. Steven King made a motion to send the CCSD School Board the letter. The motion was seconded by Mabel Jones. The motion was approved with an amendment made to change the wording of the letter from “policy” to “procedure”. Anyone interested in viewing the letter may contact Sharyn Dickerson at [sharyndickerson@bellsouth.net](mailto:sharyndickerson@bellsouth.net)

## **Old Business**

*MLK Day report*-Mr. King reported that the MLK Day project was a huge success. He thanked Susan Huff and the Junior League of Athens for donated breakfast items, Lowes for materials, and volunteers for donating their time. Bulbs and pansies were planted around the school grounds. Mulch was spread and 4 beds were constructed and prepared for planting.

## **Teacher Appreciation**

Susan Huff made a motion to purchase \$450.00 in book fair credit, to be divided among classrooms, as teacher appreciation gifts. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Smith. The motion was approved.

## **Upcoming Special Events**

\**Kindergarten Musical* is Thur., Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to sell popcorn and drinks with proceeds donated to Relay for Life.

\**PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Movie Night* is Fri. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. The movie starts at 6:30p.m. “Meet the Robinsons” will be shown.

\**WDES Skate Night* for grades 2-5 will be held on Thur.,Feb.25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. The price of admission is \$5.00 and includes pizza. WDES will receive ½ of the proceeds of admission.

\**WDES 1<sup>st</sup> Annual FUN RUN* is planned for Fri., Apr.9<sup>th</sup> during specials. Many volunteers will be needed throughout the day in order for the event to be a success. There will be lots of prizes and incentives for the students to participate.

\**WDES Community Yard Sale* is scheduled for Sat., May, 1st with more details to come.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tues. March, 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.