

WHIT DAVIS PTO

MEETING MINUTES

Tues. January 12, 2010

In Attendance:

Susan Huff, David Huff, Janet Frick, Lakisha Green, Mabel Jones, David Huff, Fabian Jones, Keisha Ryals, Denise Van Wicklen, Katrina Daniel, Brenda Chrisp, Patty Brooks, Jennifer Smith, Kristin Kulik, Dana Turner, Sharyn Dickerson, Steven King

Meeting called to order (6:00 pm)

Sharyn Dickerson, PTO president welcomed everyone to meeting

Attendees played quick game of Heads or Tails. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Principal's Report:

Principal, Katrina Daniel reported that enrollment as of 01/11/10 was 664 students (105 5th grade, 97 4th grade, 110 3rd grade, 109 2nd grade, 109 1st grade, 94 K, and 40 Pre-K). Attendance for past 9 weeks included 2782 absences, 3960 tardies, and 366 early checkouts.

Staff reports decrease in bugs.

WDES School Council has met twice this school year. They meet 4 times per year. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2010.

Upcoming events include Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday on Jan. 18th, Literacy Night on Feb. 4th (6-7p.m.) WDES Open House/School Tour Feb. 8th (8:30a.m. and 9:30a.m.) Pre-K Registration begins Feb. 8th at H.T. Edwards

President's Report:

Sharyn Dickerson announced that Georgia Collier, from "Success by Six", is scheduled to speak about the *Wee Read* Program at the February PTO meeting.

Mrs. Osbourne, WDES music teacher, is planning a musical performance for the February or March PTO meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Patty Brooks reported that PTO has \$7500. Upcoming expenses, including deposit for yearbooks, are approximately \$2500.00. However, PTO should make approximately \$2000.00 from yearbook sales.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting Minutes from November, 2009 were presented. A motion was made by Patty Brooks to approve minutes. Denise VanWicklen seconded motion.

Parent Advisory Board Report: Jennifer Smith reported that PAB's next meeting is scheduled for January 25th. Jennifer Smith informed attendees about proposed policy changes regarding Enrichment Programs offered during the After-School Program. The changes in policy had been brought to her attention by an ASP Enrichment Program provider. The new policy included a \$35 charge for facility use and more strenuous requirements for Enrichment Program providers. Jennifer Smith asked for clarification from Principal Daniel, who was unaware of the policy changes.

There was a discussion among attendees regarding school uniforms. David Huff reported that the uniform policy was determined on a "school by school basis", depending on the interest of the staff and parents.

Old Business:

The WDES PTO Holiday Open House was a success. There was a great turn out and a good time was had by all who attended. Thank you to individuals who donated food items.

Partners in Education – PTO had initially asked for a volunteer to serve as the Partners in Education Chairperson. However, the school will manage the program. Missy Davis, WDES Book Keeper will follow up with the participants. Partners in Education will be invited to the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at the end of the year.

New Business

Family/Social Committee – Committee is planning another Family Movie Night for Pre-K through 2nd grade. Tentative date is mid to late February. The Relay for Life Fundraiser Dance is scheduled for March 19th.

Teacher Appreciation-Susan Huff passed around sign-up sheet for teacher appreciation food donations. Teacher Appreciation day for the month is January 15th.

Spring Fundraiser – Suggestions for a fundraiser were discussed including a Walk/Run event with a tentative date of March 26th. Denise VanWicklen and Jennifer Smith volunteered to plan the event. Attendees also discussed the possibility of having a community yard sale at the school with tentative date of the first Saturday in May.

MLK Day Volunteer Project-Mr. King received a grant for the Vegetable Garden/Future outdoor pavilion. WDES will be one of the participating sites for the Hands on Northeast Georgia MLK Day Volunteer Project. Mulch is be delivered on January 16th. Soil will also be delivered, weather permitting. Mr. King has asked for railroad ties to be used as borders for plant beds. Volunteers are needed to plant flowers,

spread mulch, and prepare the area for raised vegetable planters. Also, Disney has announced a program that awards one day Disney park passes for individuals who volunteer a day of service with a participating organization. Individuals must sign up at the Disney website and contact Susan Huff to be added to the volunteer list. Volunteers will work at school from 9-11:30 on January 18th. Lunch will be provided at Lyndon House at 12:30 and is free to volunteers.

Mr. King was unsure whether the funds would be available in time to purchase railroad ties. Susan Huff made a motion for PTO to provide \$200.00, in kind and not to be reimbursed, to purchase the railroad ties. Dana Turner seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tues. February 9, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

The meeting was adjourned.