

Whit Davis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tues. September 08, 2009

In Attendance:

Sharyn Dickerson, Dana Turner, Fabian Jones, Ani Fischer, Jennifer Smith, Aalia Snell, Sabrina Young, Courtney Redmond, Kate Arnold, V. Bettis, Kristin Kulik, Joy Peterson, Brenda Chrisp, Todd Graichen, Steven King, Susan Huff, David Huff, Kathy Hedden, Laura Kendrick, Janet Frick, Linda Gilbert, Denise Van Wicklen, Beth Campbell, Jenny Owensby, Patty Brooks, Bridget Ratajczak, Keisha Ryals.

Meeting called to order (6:05 pm)

Sharyn Dickerson, PTO president welcomed everyone to meeting

Attendees played quick game (Heads or Tails) t-shirt, water bottle, stuffed tiger awarded to winners.

Principal's Report:

Principal, Katrina Daniel was unable to attend. Assistant Principal Chrisp reported that as of 09/04/09, there were 652 tardies and 594 absences.

School Council nomination forms were sent home in Paws folders. Two parents and two business partners are needed to serve on county wide school council which meets 4 times a year. Aalia Snell, parent, volunteered to serve on council.

Todd Graichen was introduced as the new instructional coordinator.

President's Report:

The PTO website has been updated. www.whitdavispto.org.

Everyone was encouraged to join the Whit Davis yahoo group. Meeting minutes will be posted on website and sent out via yahoogroups listserv and direct email.

Thank you note from Meg Christopher was read, thanking PTO for providing breakfast to faculty and staff.

Treasurer's Report

Patty Brooks reported PTO funds balance as \$27,870.26 PTO still owes Fantastic Savings for coupon books.

Secretary's Report

Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2009 were presented and approved.

Old Business

Popcorn Machine- Steven King received several quotes for a new popcorn machine. The best price was \$824.00 from Coleman Concessions. Beth Campbell made a motion to purchase, Bridget Ratajczak – seconded. Motion to purchase popcorn machine was approved.

Coupon book sales update was provided by Janet Frick. Approximate profit from the sale: \$13,000. There are 700 books that have not been returned. Letters will be sent out to parents who have not returned books. Kathy Hedden has volunteered to organize prizes and is looking for volunteers to assist with prize distribution.

Fall Festival- Denise Van Wicklen reported that the Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00p.m. Five inflatables have been reserved. There will be more events this year for older kids. Tables will be available to rent for businesses at a cost of \$25 or you can bring your own table for \$20. Contact Denise Van Wicklen if you are interested in renting a table. Ann Zachman, former WDES parent has agreed to run the Bakewalk. We will need donations for the Bakewalk. Fabian Jones is the volunteer coordinator and is asking for volunteers to commit to 1 hour shifts. Contact Fabian Jones to volunteer. Courtney Redmond is coordinating the Silent Auction. Anyone willing to donate, please contact Courtney. Wrist bands will be sold for \$5.00 each. Presale will take place Oct. 21-23. Wristbands will also be available the day of the Festival (Oct. 24). Pizza will be \$1.00 per slice. Drinks, fruit and popcorn will be available for \$.50 each. Mabel Jones will be coordinating the food and beverage sales.

Parent Advisory Board – Jennifer Smith provided information from recent meeting. CCSD Superintendent Lanoue was introduced and shared his strategies and goals.

Teacher Appreciation- Susan Huff and Ani Fischer reported that the next Staff Appreciation was scheduled for Fri., Sept 18. An email reminder was sent out on September 08, reminding those who volunteered to donate items. October staff appreciation is scheduled for October 16. The theme is “Our Staff Leaves the Competition Behind”. A sign-up sheet was passed around for donations. Also, Urban Sanctuary, a local Spa, has agreed to donate 2 ½ hour massage for staff members.

Free Money- Beth Campbell reported that we are collecting Boxtops for education, Campbell’s soup labels. PTO received \$291.00 from Publix for the past 6 months participation with Publix key card. Kroger is not doing Earning for Learning program this year but contacted us to say they are committed to the community and if we need anything, just ask. Papa John’s Pizza night is the Wed. following PTO meetings each month. When you order, mention Whit Davis and your child’s teacher.

Landscaping is ongoing around WDES campus. Steven King expressed interest in establishing a garden group. He is meeting with teachers on Sept. 10 to discuss how to get garden project started. Science club is collecting batteries to recycle. They placed 2nd in the district. The students are testing the batteries. Good batteries are being used at WDES per Mr. King.

New Business

Funds requests:

Mr. King requested maps/globes and teacher manuals for teaching geography. He asked for \$336.75 to add to a previous grant totaling \$2000.00 received, to purchase geography materials. Mr. King mentioned a literacy set which could be purchased to accompany the geography materials, for an additional \$400.00 A motion was made by Linda Gilbert to approve request, second by Mabel Jones. An amendment was made and to the motion was approved to include the literacy set.

Mrs. Bettis requested that \$2.00 of the \$5.00 profit from coffee sales be designated to a special fund to help WDES student and families in need. Concerns were raised about how the money would be used and what factors would determine who received donations. A motion to approve the request was made and seconded. Keisha Ryals and Susan Huff opposed motion. Motion passed.

Two new committees:

Family/Social committee is being chaired by Sabrina Young.

Spring Fundraiser committee needs a chairperson.

Cub Scout Registration notice will be posted on listserv.

President, Sharyn Dickerson mentioned that last year PTO approved 4 water jugs per month for the teacher's lounge. Because of the increase in use, 5 jugs would be allowed to be purchased per month. Any additional water needed would need to be covered by the school.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October, 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center

Meeting was adjourned.