

Whit Davis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tues. August 11, 2009

In Attendance:

Sharyn Dickerson, Dana Turner, Lakisha Green, Heather Jarboe, Joyce Moeller, Andrea Downs, Lauren Roig, Angela Gattison, Lane Collins, Brenda Chrisp, Laura Kendrick, Janet Frick, Karen Wells, Paige White, Michael Eudy, Jennifer Eudy, Allison Adams, Courtney Redmond, Christmas Tillotson, Nancy Piotrowski, Joel Landrum, Sabrina Young, Keisha Ryals, Katrina Daniel, Sylvia Bass, Stephen King, David Huff, Kristin Kulik, Beth Campbell, Cynthia Hoover, Jennifer Smith, Denise Van Wicklen, Petrina Moon, Gary Moon, Aalia Snell

Meeting called to order (6:00 pm)

Sharyn Dickerson, PTO president welcomed everyone to meeting, introduced PTO officers in attendance, local CCSD member, David Huff.

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

Principal's Report:

Principal, Katrina Daniel welcomed everyone to Whit Davis. She is looking forward to a great year. Reminded attendees of school hours (7:45a.m.- 2:30p.m.) Projected enrollment this year was 499, actual enrollment 665. Last year's enrollment 702. Grades K and 4 enrollment is over state maximum for class size. Class size will be addressed Aug.24. Superintendent will decide if additional classes will be added and how. (e.g. collapse smaller classes at other schools with lower enrollment, move staff to Whit Davis to open new classrooms etc.)

Back to School Assembly will be Friday, Aug. 14. Grades K, 1, and 3 @ 8:15 am. Grades 2, 4, and 5 @ 9:00am

Car Riders – There are 300 car riders this year. There were 150 car riders last year. Principal Daniel asked everyone to be patient as the staff works through the new number system for car riders.

Walkers- will be dismissed and sent to bike racks at front and rear of school, depending on direction of residence. Staff members will be stationed at bike racks.

Parents must send all transportation changes in writing (note, email)

Afterschool Program (ASP) enrollment is 200. Enrollment last year was 300.

Principal Daniel introduced Assistant Principal, Brenda Chrisp and Counselor , Heather Jarboe.

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.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Patty Brooks was unable to attend but Sharyn Dickerson provided financial update.

Agenda Sales- We are still asking parents to send in \$5.00 for agendas (grades 2-5) PTO paid out \$2300.00 for agendas. We have recouped \$1560.00.

Order forms for T-shirts will be sent out in PAWS folder on Mon. Aug. 17.

PTO funds balance was \$3500.00.

IRS appeal was approved and PTO did not have to pay penalty for filing late.

Secretary's Report

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday May 12, 2009 were read and approved

Request was made for volunteers to sell water bottles and t-shirts at open house (8/25 and 8/27)

Planned 2009 2010 PTO Activities

Volunteer/Sign up forms were circulated around tables for committees

New committees were discussed (Family/Social and Spring Fundraiser)

Committee Updates

Fall Festival-Denise Van Wicklen : Fall Festival planning meeting will be held Tues. Aug. 18 at 6:00pm in Media Center. Those interested in volunteering were encouraged to attend. Fall Festival is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 24 from 10am-1pm. Wristbands will be sold for \$5.00 and will be good for all games and activities. Food and drink will be purchased separately. For info., contact Denise (d_pass@yahoo.com)

Square One Art: Cynthia Hoover explained program. Student's art will be sent out Mid-Oct. Parents should receive orders in time for holidays.

Free Money: Beth Campbell- WDES earns money through various programs including Boxtops for education, toner/inkjet cartridge recycling, campbell's soup labels, Publix keycards.

Kroger is not doing Earning for Learning program this year. 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.

Parent Advisory Board-Jennifer Smith: Parent Advisory Board meets the 3rd Mon. of every month. The board communicates concerns between parents, schools, Superintendent, and Board of Education. Whit Davis currently has a vacancy for additional representatives.

Yearbook-Steven King: WDES will have full-color yearbook available in the Spring. Yearbooks are \$20.00. There is minimal profit from sale of yearbooks. Businesses and parents can sponsor advertisements or tributes to 5th grade students.

Questions/Comments

Question was posed as to when PreK playground would be open. Principal Daniel explained that new equipment had recently been installed but needed to be secured before students could play on it.

Students have been eating lunch in classrooms due to shortage of tables in Cafeteria. More tables are coming. Eating in classrooms gives teachers/students opportunity to get to know each other per Principal Daniel. Starting Monday, Aug. 17, students will begin eating in Cafeteria.

Next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 8, 2009 at 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned.