



Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019 • 6:00pm

1. President Jen Gorchow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and began with introductions. There were no additions to the agenda.
2. The September 10, 2019 WSA meeting minutes were approved.
3. Principal and staff reports:
 - a. Principal Shane Johnson discussed the first late-start day of the school year. Overall seemed better; breakfast was available and B and A was up and running.
 - b. Teachers attended a PD and are working on becoming trauma informed. Identified how trauma shows itself in the classroom and strategies to use.
 - c. There was a data day as well—all teaching team participated to plan for ALL children.
 - d. Three fire drills so far and all have gone well. There will be a lockdown drill Friday.
 - e. Halloween will be on Oct. 31 with a parade and class celebrations.
 - f. Construction on the new building looks as though it is going very well.
4. Officer reports
 - a. Current balance of WSA accounts: \$22,217.50
 - b. Officer news: Jen shared that Kirsten Borgstrom has completed the student directory; it will be sent out via e-mail by Mrs. Ward.
5. District Parent Council report

Sara Cunningham shared notes from the last DPC meeting:

 - a. Sandy Sellers presented on the status of Safe Routes to School grant applications.
 - b. Glencairn parents noted they wished they had input on new playground design during the construction of their new building. Mr. Johnson said he doesn't anticipate Whitehills will be getting new playground equipment; existing equipment will remain. There will be new black top.
 - c. Next DPC meeting is Nov. 8 and the academic committee will present updates.
6. 2019-2020 budget
 - a. The amended budget was approved.

- b. Members discussed the loss of Boopalooza as a fundraiser and potential replacement fundraising event in January. Discussed possibly showing two movies for a "movie night" fundraiser; potentially have food available for sale. Will discuss further during November WSA meeting.
7. Whitehills 5K future
- a. 5K co-chairs Joy Campbell and Amy Sayers would like to step back and train new co-chairs for 2020. Amy proposed moving the race to Sunday, Sept. 13 . Members agreed to the change. Allie Brenner is also on the planning committee for 2020 with Angie Smith and Amy Sayers. Erica Letts noted that she would help with sponsorship.
8. Recap of recent WSA events
- a. Science Club
 - i. Next month's topic is on dental health and Halloween candy.
 - b. Spirit wear sales
 - i. Bright blue student design has sold out in two sizes- we will not reorder this model. There will be another sale at the STEM festival in November.
 - ii. Shane will handle the teacher shirts and Jen will work with Shane to complete orders.
 - c. Launch of new online store
 - i. Going well; those who have placed orders have been very happy with the products.
 - d. Walk to School Day
 - i. Went well even with the rain.
9. Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities
- a. Staff lunches on half-days
 - i. Two scheduled for next week- many have already signed up
 - b. STEM Festival is November 7. Kyle Enger is organizing this. There is a sign up genius for volunteers.
 - c. Winter book fair will be the second week of December; Sara Cunningham and Trisha Donahue are co-chairs.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance:

Megan Chumbley
 Sara Cunningham
 Paul Donahue
 Trisha Donahue
 Jen Gorchow

Mia Gougeon Adarkwa
 Jeff Hicks
 Shane Johnson
 Erica Letts
 Amy Sayers