

Whitehills School Association Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017 • 7:00pm



1. Call to order, approval of agenda, circulate sign-in sheet
 - a. Moved; seconded, and approved.

2. Principal's report
 - a. Today was the staff meeting rescheduled due to last week's snow day
 - i. New teachers' evaluation format was discussed, time frame was discussed, which resulted in some good discussion.
 - ii. We have not had outdoor recess in the last several days, which has caused students to be on edge so we are hoping that we will have recess soon.
 - iii. Swag tags
 1. These are military style tags that students will have an opportunity to earn in conjunction with the key goals the school has (i.e., be kind, be safe, be respectful).
 - a. They will be kept in the classroom and be worn on "Whitehills Wednesdays," a new opportunity for kids and staff to wear Whitehills gear or blue and try to build a family atmosphere.
 - iv. They talked about the Palooza and encouraged them to come
 - v. Parent asked about the early morning program with Mrs. V.
 1. It has been going well; about 12 kids are the average for each week but it does fluctuate.
 - vi. They are in the process of analyzing the students and the end date to assess is Friday and teachers are logging information into the system before Monday when it will be looked at school wide.
 1. February 15 there will be a write-up from this data which will be given to Dr. Thompson which will have pictures, attendance, and a lot of other data.

3. School Board Representative report from Nell Kuhnmuench
 - a. Five members of the "Girls in STEM" club started by Heather Mueller were invited by the Governor to the State of the State address, which is very exciting.
 - b. There is one more vote on February 6 for a \$93.77 million bond; millage increase would be 1.795. Bond vote is May 2.
 1. We will likely be looking to renew our sinking fund and combine them will an overall rate (she thinks that is what she is hearing).
 2. Estimation of completion would be fall of 2021, with each building taking 15-18 months.
 3. For each facility there will be lots of time spent on getting the staff and community to say what they want the buildings to look like. The buildings will also have about the same size and will not be "cookie cutter" buildings.
 4. Details like what school(s) will be done first is not known yet, but it is thought that since Donley is the largest elementary, it will be used as a swing school while construction is going on.

5. We voted in December because a group of professionals told us we would lose an entire construction season and the price would go up because of the time lapse.
 - a. The new board member did say she was uncomfortable with the January vote and she abstained but the other 6 board members all voted to pass it.
4. Officers' reports
- a. President Joy Campbell – topics covered elsewhere
 - b. Vice President Jen Gorchow – N/A
 - c. Treasurer Jeff Hicks
 - i. We are all set with Scholastic book fair payment and we are in the "black."
 - d. Secretary Elizabeth Ivkovich- see below for Palooza info
5. Current/recent WSA projects
- a. PawPalooza
 - i. Sign Up Genius is posted – need volunteers for class basket donations, baked goods, and help night of event (ticket sales, silent auction, refreshments table)
 1. We have a good number of baked goods.
 2. We are good on donations and baskets are being put together.
 3. Blue Owl Coffee will be coming to offer coffee and cocoa at an additional cost.
 4. We need more volunteers for the night of.
 5. Tabitha Zimny is doing a photo booth "frame".
 6. Some purchases have been made (receipts handed off to Jeff).
 - ii. Ideas for time capsule portion? We are advertising via Facebook and ELPS central office to try to bring back alumni and former teachers for the opening. Please help spread the word.
 - iii. They test-opened the time capsule today to make sure it goes smoothly
 1. Playing songs from the early 90s as they open it would be a good idea
 2. It will be brought into the gym to be opened and gone through.
 3. Press release about time capsule went out to local media.
 4. There will be a photographer there to take some pictures
 5. Questions – who was principal at the time the capsule was put in?
 - a. Mr. Wells will look up
 6. There are some names of people on the capsule like custodian Greg Bogan, so Principal Wells will reach out to him to see if he would like to come. Also Mike Stahlman was the maintenance man who installed it in the wall 25 years ago, and he is planning to be there.
 - e. Embrace the World
 - i. Sign Up Genius is posted – seeking families to host tables representing various countries, areas, diversity. Also need help night of event with welcome table and general help.
 1. "Cultures" are broadly defined, like about adoption or Black History month, not just international cultures.

- ii. Mrs. Pike will have a group of students perform three international songs.
 - 1. Kids will need to rehearse before or after school and as long as they make a certain number of practices they can come and perform.
 - f. Book Fair Recap
 - i. Total sales were \$3,400.
 - ii. Total Scholastic Dollars \$3,600.
 - iii. Dates for spring book fair need to be set
6. Fundraising
- a. Marco's Night in December brought in \$62, Mrs. Clyma's class won pizza party
 - b. In recent years we have done Christian's Greenhouse and front walk brick fundraisers – is there interest in one or both for this spring?
 - a. Jen will ask Amy if she will do the Christian's Greenhouse again this year.
 - b. Joy will ask Angie is she will do the bricks again this year.
7. Volunteer needs not mentioned below
- a. Mileage club monitors
 - i. Official program dates are April 10 to May 26. Last year we had two people each day from 2:20-3:05.
 - 1. Are we running the full seven weeks? – Principal Wells said yes.
 - 2. Recess time shifted this year with the new end-of-school time, is now 2:15-2:35 and 2:40-3:00.
 - ii. Sign-up genius will be posted once we have dates
 - b. Angela Michael has volunteered to attend DPC meetings (or can trade off with someone) but she can't attend on Tuesday WSA meetings so she will give the information to Joy to share.
8. Upcoming events (**bold = need volunteers!**)
- a. Thurs. 1/19 - Marco's Pizza Night
 - b. Fri., 1/20 - **Science Club**
 - i. Topic: Science of sports with Mrs. V.
 - c. Fri., 1/20 - **PawPalooza & Time Capsule**
 - i. Dance 6:00-8:00
 - ii. Silent Auction 6:00-7:30
 - iii. Time Capsule 7:30
 - d. Mon. 2/6 – “Grab a Grownup” Family Folk Dance Night
 - e. Tues. 2/7 - WSA meeting, 7:00pm (note date change)
 - f. Fri., 2/10 – Box Tops Winter II deadline
 - g. Thurs. 2/16 - Marco's Pizza Night
 - h. Fri., 2/17 - **Science Club**
 - i. Mon. 2/20 – Presidents' Day, no school
 - j. Thurs. 2/23 – **Embrace the World**
9. Adjournment

Attendees:

Joy Campbell	Jeff Hicks	Mia Gougeon-Adarkwa	Andy Wells
Jen Gorchow	Elizabeth Ivkovich	Amy Sayers	Nell Kuhnmuensch