

Whitehills School Association Meeting Agenda

February 7, 2017 • 7:00pm



1. Call to order, approval of agenda, approval of previous month's minutes, circulate sign-in sheet
2. Principal's report
 - a. Promoting kindergarten information night – March 1
 - b. Date for Whitehills kindergarten round-up is not yet set.
 - i. WSA will do treats, welcome
 - c. Upcoming field trips
 - i. Fifth graders going to Wharton Center next Thursday.
 - ii. Whole school going to Wharton Center February 17 to see Black Violin.
 - iii. Fourth graders going to Wharton Center May 24 to Link-Up concert.
 - iv. Food service will work out lunch schedule so kids can still eat at school
 - d. Positive behavior support swag tags system in place, kids can get tags for meeting expectations for being kind, safe, respectful.
 - e. Silent mentor program with two teachers so far. Teachers work on mentoring students who don't typically reach out to teachers or peers. Teachers just check in with them to be positive but unobtrusive.
 - f. Lunchroom support – Mr. Wells reaching out to a few individuals for more support at lunch/recess time.
 - g. March is Reading Month – committee of four teachers working on theme.
 - h. Irish dance assembly will be held on March 17.
 - i. Good news notes – teachers have discussed importance to send student postcards in recognition of the work they do.
 - j. Finished second round of data analysis for AMES Web data. Subgroup of teachers working on data presentation which will be sent to Dori Leyko (Acting Superintendent). Addresses academic data (math, reading) and behavior data.
3. Teachers' report(s) and activities
 - a. Family Folk Dance night
 - i. About 20 kids plus their adult partners, went really well. Mrs. Pike hopes to apply for the same ELEF grant next year.
 - b. Girls on the Run
 - i. Will launch in next two weeks, Katie Pike (music) and Allie Talaski (1st) head coaches; Danielle Desilets (4th), and Marie Volovsek (Gym) will assist as well. Main coach training will be held this coming Saturday.
 - ii. Girls who are interested (3rd through 5th grade only) will sign up through GOTR website. Fee includes gift certificate toward shoes (\$30)
4. Officers' reports
 - a. President Joy Campbell
 - b. Vice President Jen Gorchow
 - c. Treasurer Jeff Hicks (absent)

- d. Secretary Elizabeth Ivkovich (absent)
5. School Board representative report (Erin Graham)
 - a. Board passed bond vote unanimously last night; bond will be on special ballot May 2.
 - i. People can communicate about pro-bond committee as individuals (not as WSA)
 - ii. If bond successful, building will occur in three phases:
 1. Red Cedar and Donley together first to prepare space for swing sites.
 2. Phases 2 and 3 not set in stone for order of other four schools.
 - iii. Architects will have a lot of community forums once the bond passes successfully. Can't be paid unless bond passes, so don't have actual plans yet, no details/blueprints available.
 - iv. Bond amounts to \$180 per year for a home with \$200K market value.
 - b. Resolution passed on immigration policy and removing potential barriers for students who may have different immigration status. Policy committee will work on developing official policy.
 6. Current/recent WSA projects
 - a. PawPalooza – January 20
 - i. Went really well – Thanks again to organizers!
 - ii. Silent auction brought in nearly \$4,000.
 - iii. March school display case will showcase time capsule items.
 - b. Embrace the World – February 23
 - i. Sign Up Genius is posted – 14 tables so far, including several new countries/areas. Also need help night of event with passport table and general help.
 - ii. Student choir's first rehearsal is tomorrow.
 - iii. Invite people via FB
 - e. Science Fair – March 29
 - i. All student projects this spring! Not too early to start thinking about it.
 - ii. Invite people via FB
 7. Fundraising
 - a. Marco's Night in January brought in \$84.
 - b. Christian's Greenhouse
 - a. Amy Zaagman will coordinate.
 - b. Before Mother's Day (April 24 start, May 5 deadline?)
 - i. Jen will run proposed dates by Amy to double check.
 - c. Front walk bricks
 - a. Angie Smith will coordinate.
 - b. Propose to keep price at \$25 – more for memories than for fundraising.
 8. Volunteer needs not mentioned elsewhere

- a. Teacher appreciation luncheons coming up in March
 - i. Sign Up Genius is posted.
- b. Mileage Club monitors
 - i. Program dates are April 10 to May 26, 2:15-3:00pm each day.
 - ii. Sign Up Genius is posted.
- c. Front display case artists needed for April, May, June!
 - i. Sign Up Genius is posted.
- d. Fun Run coordinator(s)
 - i. Listed on volunteer needs page of website – start recruiting!

9. Upcoming events (**bold = need volunteers!**)

- Tues. 2/7 - WSA meeting, 7:00pm
- Tues. 2/7 - Menchie's Fun Night for DK, K, and 1st grade
- Fri. 2/10 - Box Tops Winter II deadline
- Thurs. 2/16 – Marco's Pizza Night
- **Fri. 2/17 - Science Club**
- Mon. 2/20 – Presidents' Day, no school
- Tues. 2/21 - Menchie's Fun Night for 2nd and 3rd grade
- **Thurs. 2/23 - Embrace the World, 6:00-8:00pm**
- Tues. 2/28 - Menchie's Fun Night for 4th and 5th grade
- Wed. 3/1 - ELPS Kindergarten Parent Information Night (District-wide), 6:00-7:00pm
- Fri. 3/3 – Popcorn Friday
- Tues. 3/14 - WSA meeting, 7:00pm

10. Adjournment

In attendance:

Joy Campbell
 Jen Gorchow
 Katie Pike
 Andy Wells
 Erin Graham