

Whitehills School Association Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017 • 7:00pm



1. Call to order, approval of agenda, approval of previous month's minutes, circulate sign-in sheet
 - a. Agenda approved
 - b. Minutes approved

2. Principal's report (Mr. Wells absent due to bond presentation at City Council meeting, but he passed on this information)
 - a. No date has been set yet for Whitehills kindergarten round-up
 - b. He will bring up summer playdates with other principals so dates can be set
 - c. He would like to thank Pete White and Kyle Enger for the Science Club meeting on exploring science themes and for their work on the Science Fair.
 - d. He reminds attendees that the vote for the school bond will be held on May 2.
 - e. There will be a preview of the reproductive health curriculum for parents wishing to preview the materials at Pinecrest Elementary on April 27. Times are:
 - i. 5:30-6:15pm for fourth grade parents
 - ii. 6:15-7:00pm for fifth grade parents
 - f. Fifth graders will attend a band concert at MMS this Friday, April 14.
 - g. MMS administration will be visiting Whitehills fifth graders in the next month.

3. Teachers' report(s) and activities
 - a. Spring Music Showcase, April 20
 - i. Author Julian VanDyke will do book signing to tie into Book Fair. His book is called *The Music We Call Jazz*.
 - b. Adding author visit to next year's WSA budget.
 - i. WSA provided \$100 for author gift this year, will add larger line item for visit next year.
 - ii. Joy will follow up with Danielle Desilets on possibly joining with other elementary schools for an author next year.
 - c. Mrs. Clyma
 - i. Thank you for the teacher lunches – it was so helpful and nice
 - ii. Science Fair was great; thank you so much!
 - iii. For carnival, do we still want to have teacher raffle items?
 1. Jen said yes, but needs to get the raffle volunteers in order.

4. Officers' reports
 - a. President Joy Campbell
 - i. No items not mentioned elsewhere
 - b. Vice President Jen Gorchow
 - i. No items not mentioned elsewhere
 - c. Treasurer Jeff Hicks
 - i. \$16,238 in checking account right now.

- ii. There are still a number of outstanding items to be paid for including the book room, teacher classroom grants, etc.
 - 1. There was discussion about the transportation costs and who all pays for the bussing
 - 2. There was conflicting information on who all should be covering these costs.
 - 3. Board representative Yasmina Bouraoui volunteered to contact the district and try to find answers.
 - d. Secretary Elizabeth Ivkovich
 - i. Playing phone tag with glass company; should be purchased and put in the teacher's lounge before the next meeting.
5. School Board representative report – Yasmina Bouraoui
- i. There will be a vote in the next two weeks for the number of school of choice children.
 - ii. There is one class that they discussed potentially reducing from three sections to two; there were concerns voiced and administrations view was that they would have to be filled because each grade the threshold goes up.
 - iii. It would be helpful if some people attend the meeting and voice their opinions; Yasmina will let us know if this is about Whitehills.
 - iv. State testing starting this week; M-STEP for grades 5 and 8
 - v. Recommendations received by the board at this past meeting
 - vi. Emergency Planning Team - March 30th there was a meeting to update communication with parents during lock-ins.
 - vii. Angie Smith asked, "Will the bond be affecting the class sizes?"
 - 1. That has not been focused on
 - viii. Mrs. Clyma asked, "Are we looking for a new Superintendent?"
 - 1. The board has been focusing on the bond but that will need to be addressed shortly after the bond.
6. District Parent Council report – Angela Michael provided these updates:
- a. PTOs are asked to inform public about school bond meeting dates.
7. Marble Middle School Parent Council report – Debbie Walton provided these updates:
- a. There is an info session at MMS for all incoming 6th grade students on April 12 from 6:30-7:30pm.
 - b. The activity night for the incoming sixth grade students will be held on June 2 from 6:30-8:00pm. Tentative price is \$3 per student plus \$1 each for pizza and a drink (so \$5 for everything).
 - c. Final parent council meeting for the year is May 23 at 6:00pm in the MMS Media Center (which is upstairs). All incoming 6th grade parents are invited to attend!

8. Current/recent WSA projects

- e. Teacher appreciation luncheons – March 21 and 23
 - i. Thank you to everyone who participated!
- f. Science Fair – March 29
 - i. About 40 students presented a combined 30 projects, very successful event! Thank you to co-chairs Kyle Enger and Pete White.
- g. Happy Camper BOGO Book Fair – April 17-21
 - 1. Update from co-chair Angie Smith
 - a. Teacher preview will be Monday morning.
 - b. The Sign Up Genius is very low with volunteers so please sign up!
 - c. There is a kid camping themed basket that you can win; if you purchase a book for a teacher you get a raffle ticket and can put it in the drawing.
 - d. Letters should have gone home this week.
- h. Spring Carnival – May 5
 - i. Update from chair Lynsey Clayton
 - 1. We ask teachers to let us know if they have students that may need tickets to be donated so that cost isn't prohibitive.
 - 2. We will ask for less shredded cheese and cupcake donations than last year.
 - 3. A thought would be to give a discount like done in the past for the wrist bands and sell them at the spring music showcase (April 20) and one time the week before (Friday, April 28).
 - a. Wristbands only at presale and they will be at a discount at \$20 per child.
 - 4. Carnival might be extended 30 minutes
 - a. Joy is going to check with Andy to see if that would affect custodial fees.
 - ii. Will reserve Elephant Ears, Kona Ice truck, and bounce houses ASAP.
 - iii. Tickets last year were 50 cents each or \$25 for a wristband that allows unlimited games, bounce house, and face painting, plus one walking taco and one popcorn.
 - iv. Plan for 50/50 raffle is in the works – Jen Gorchow is contact
 - v. Sign Up Genius is posted for volunteering and concessions donations.

9. Fundraising

- a. Christian's Greenhouse
 - a. Letters will go home April 24, run through May 5 (forms will be available at Carnival)
- b. Front walk bricks
 - a. Angie Smith will coordinate, will post dates when we have info.

10. Volunteer needs not mentioned elsewhere

- a. Mileage Club monitors - Sign Up Genius is posted.
 - i. Program dates are April 10 to May 26, 2:15-3:00pm each day.

- b. Front display case artists needed for April and June - Sign Up Genius is posted.
 - i. Angie and Elizabeth will do April for book fair
- c. Fun Run coordinator(s)
 - i. Listed on volunteer needs page of website – start recruiting!

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

- **Mon. 4/10 - Mileage Club began (now through May 26)**
- Tues. 4/11 - WSA meeting, 7:00pm
- Fri. 4/14 - Popcorn Friday (moved due to Spring Break)
- **Mon.-Fri. 4/17-21 - Happy Camper BOGO Book Fair**
- Thurs. 4/20 - Marco's Pizza Night
- Thurs. 4/20 - Spring Music Showcase, 6:30pm for DK-2 performance, intermission, then 7:15pm for 3-5 performance
- **Fri. 4/21 - Science Club – Impression 5 Engineering Challenge**
- Sun. 4/30 - Walk and Roll Safety Day, 12:00-2:00pm
- Tues. 5/2 - School bond proposal election
- **Fri. 5/5 - Spring Carnival**

12. Any other business

- a. Discussion of switching WSA meeting time to 6:00pm next year

13. Adjournment

In attendance:

Joy Campbell

Elizabeth Ivkovich

Lynsey Clayton

Jen Gorchow

Angie Smith

Lynne Clyma

Jeff Hicks

Amy Sayers

Yasmina Bouraoui