

Whitehills School Association Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018 • 6:00pm



1. Joy Campbell called the meeting to order at 6 pm.
2. Approval of agenda, approval of previous month's minutes
 - a. Approved agenda
 - b. Approved September minutes
3. Principal report and opportunity for questions
 - a. Mr. Johnson: all building staff have new EL Whitehills Elementary shirts; lunch monitors wear them as well. Pinecrest asked about Whitehills shirts and may try to do something similar. Thank you to the WSA for this purchase.
 - b. Fall data meeting today held today. Staff will use testing results to determine how best to meet students' needs.
 - c. Last week, author Joe Kimball visited and did three presentations for the students. Discussed the writing process with students; very good, visual presentation. Book orders offered; he will sign books for any student order.
 - d. Students met first bucket filler goal with a reward of extra recess last week. Program continues to work well.
 - e. Walk to school day tomorrow; will take a group walk at 8:45pm, down Pebblebrook to the park and back.
 - f. Trying to do something different with Halloween this year; the holiday falling on a Wednesday can be challenging for educators. With BooPalooza being on the previous Friday, staff have decided to hold Halloween celebrations and the costume parade the same day.
 - g. On actual Halloween, the ELHS band will still come to perform. Kids may wear orange or black.
 - h. Author Jonathan Rand is visiting in March as part of the Reading Month activities.
4. Teachers' report(s) and opportunity for questions
 - a. Mrs. Clyma—staff is very excited to do Halloween on the Friday of BooPalooza.
 - b. Sara Cunningham discussed plans for asking their interests and hobbies (a "wish list" if they would like) in an optional questionnaire. Answers will be distributed to families in a secure way, such as a google doc with a password, or a directly-emailed PDF. Sara shared some sample questionnaires.
5. Officers' reports and announcements
 - a. President Joy Campbell
 - i. Joy discussed some website updates: there is now a site search bar to make it easier for people to find information, and we now have an online store to support donations directly to WSA.
 - ii. Mrs. Brenner previously had a student club for assembling the yearbook. She won't be able to this year. Seeking yearbook coordinator(s) to put together a yearbook using Lifetouch templates and incorporate student art for the front cover. Similar to putting together a Shutterfly book. It's due at the end of March, but coordinator could set up book now and build as we go. Will have student artwork contest for the artwork; deadline is November 9.

- b. Vice President Jen Gorchow
 - i. Nothing to report
 - c. Treasurer Jeff Hicks
 - i. Current balance is \$18,053.91
 - d. Secretary Lorely Polanco
 - i. Absent; conflict with teaching a class tonight.
6. Updates on bond, construction, and transition to Donley building
- a. No update from the building committee as they have not met. No date set yet for next meeting.
 - b. Any questions to bring to building committee?
 - i. Carried from last month (until building committee meets) Question raised by a parent: Could the blue Whitehills lockers be salvaged and sold as a fundraiser? Mr. Johnson noted the lockers may have been included in the bid package as scrap metal.
 - ii. Is there a possibility of a bus running from the Whitehills neighborhood next year?
 - iii. Will there be an opportunity to salvage tiles (masks?) from the building? There's a chance of taking the masks, but not positive. Mr. Johnson will try to advocate for it.
 - iv. Sara asked about something for the outgoing 4th graders who won't return to the building, since they are the first class to be at Whitehills since kindergarten; a farewell to the school ceremony?
7. Presentation on children's vitamin program by representatives from Central Pharmacy
- i. John Pollack (sp?), pharmacist at Central Pharmacy; they are stressing vitamins for children and appropriate medication packaging.
 - ii. New Program: free children's multi-vitamins. Punch cards are available; fill out child's name and each month you receive one free bottle of children's multivitamins.
8. Recent WSA event recap
- a. Science Club — kicked off Wednesday, September 26 and Friday, September 28
 - i. September's topic was bicycles; there were over 20 students in each of the sessions, so splitting the grade levels seems to have allowed even more students to participate. Joy reported it went very well.
9. Upcoming WSA events and volunteer opportunities
- a. Walk to School Day — Wednesday, October 10
 - i. A map of meeting points and times is on the WSA website; bus and drop-off students can also participate. ELPS and Meridian police are aware.
 - ii. There will also be an all-school walk at the 8:45am school bell so children from B&A or those who had to bus or be dropped off can also participate.
 - iii. The WSA will distribute reflective bracelets to promote safety as night falls earlier and many students have Halloween-related activities coming up this month.
 - b. Jan's Closet Launch Party – Saturday, October 13
 - i. Mia Gougeon-Adarkwa and Kwafo Adarkwa will host the launch party at Red Cedar Spirits, 6-8pm. Mia distributed invitations in Hawk Nest neighborhood

and half of Whitehills neighborhood. Mia would like to meet with teachers after the fundraising event. The Marble "Cookie Jar" program she mirrored has a \$1,200 budget every year. Mia thanked Joy for her help with launching the program. Discussion on how the money will be distributed. Recommending an email to Mia, no name, just the identified need, and the funds will be dispersed through WSA. Haircuts, winter boots, Impression 5 outing are examples of needs. WSA has separate account. Need additional discussion on the logistics of how money will be dispersed.

- ii. Donations will triple their impact thanks to a \$1,000 match from the WSA and up to \$1,000 more in matching from another donor.
- iii. Non-monetary donations are also welcome.
- c. Teacher Appreciation Lunches – Tuesday and Thursday, October 16 and 18
 - i. Sign-up is posted for food and set-up/clean-up volunteers.
- d. Whole Foods Market 5% Day — Thursday, October 18
 - i. Whole Foods will partner with the WSA for 5% of net sales on October 18. This could bring in up to \$2,500. Please share widely!
- e. BooPalooza (formerly PawPalooza) — Friday, October 26
 - i. The committee is working hard on securing final donations from local businesses, and classrooms are collecting items for their themed baskets. They've contacted more than 200 local businesses.
 - ii. Online auction of general baskets will run October 21-28, with an opportunity to look at baskets in person at the BooPalooza. The link is live now for previews.
 - iii. Classroom baskets and "Pawtery" items will be available at the silent auction on site on event night.
 - iv. Many thanks to Elizabeth Ivkovich, Mia Gougeon-Adarkwa, Cheri Kreft, and Karen Tynan-Spencer for their work on this!
 - v. Sign-up is posted for treats and a few volunteers.
- f. Science Club — Wednesday, October 24 and Friday, October 26.
 - i. Chair Kyle Enger is still seeking a co-chair for the grade 2-5 group.
 - ii. Sign-up is posted for session leaders and assistants.
- g. STEM Festival — Thursday, November 8
 - i. Sign-up is posted for a few volunteers.

10. No other business.

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

- **Wed. 10/10 - Walk to School Day**
- Fri. 10/12 - Box Tops fall deadline
- Sat. 10/13 – Jan's Closet Launch Party (adults only), 6:00-8:00
- Tues. 10/16 - HALF DAY (dismissal 12:10pm)
- **Tues. 10/16 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- Thurs. 10/18 - HALF DAY (dismissal 12:10pm)
- Thurs. 10/18 - Whole Foods Market 5% Day
- **Thurs. 10/18 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch**
- Thurs. 10/18 – Marco's Pizza Night
- Tues. 10/23 - HALF DAY (dismissal 12:10pm)
- Wed. 10/24 - LATE START, school begins 10:45
- **Wed. 10/24 - Science Club - Grades 2-5, 3:40-5:00pm**
- Thurs. 10/25 – Picture Retake Day
- **Fri. 10/26 - Science Club - Grades K-1, 3:40-5:00pm**
- **Fri. 10/26 - BooPalooza, 6:00-8:00pm**
- **Thurs. 11/8 – STEM Festival, 6:00-7:30pm**
- Fri. 11/9 – Yearbook Cover Design Contest deadline

12. Adjournment

In attendance:

Joy Campbell
Lynne Clyma
Sara Cunningham
Paul Donahue
Trisha Donahue

Jen Gorchow
Mia Gougeon-Adarkwa
Jeff Hicks
Shane Johnson