



Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019 • 6:00pm

1. President Jen Gorchow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and made one addition to the agenda: a request from the fifth grade for a bus for their upcoming field trip.
2. The November 12, 2019 WSA meeting minutes were approved
3. Principal and staff reports, news, questions:
 - a. Mr. Johnson thanked WSA for the t-shirts. All liked how these looked.
 - b. Book fair is in progress and the children are very excited
 - c. Third grade is currently at the Big Zoo lesson this week. They seem to be very excited about this!
 - d. New building reporting to still be on time. Pictures to come when possible.
4. Officer reports:
 - a. Current balance of accounts, outstanding/upcoming bills—Treasurer Jeff Hicks was handling book fair close out and couldn't attend.
5. District Parent Council report
 - a. Question regarding mileage club shared costs proposal for a tracking database
 - i. Tracking database-- hold 1500 kids- could the elementaries share the cost?
 1. Jen will follow up in order to get more information
 2. There would need to be a site coordinator for this app.
 - ii. Will we actually have mileage club this year and where will it be? This is TBD depending on space.
 - b. Sarah Cunningham noted there was not a DPC meeting this month.
6. Planning for Movie...palooza
 - a. Tips from Lauren Woods at Marble
 - i. Average profit for the movie night is \$2000.
 - ii. \$5 ticket that includes water and a popcorn. They have a \$20 family pack. They also had a presale online and that helps and was successful. This allowed them to preorder full size pizzas.
 - iii. They had 350 bottles of donated water

- iv. Concessions- \$1 per slice of pizza and other snacks \$1 each. Meijer and Sams will donate gift cards to purchase food. Grand Traverse pie donated muffins- can we think of contacting Georgio's to donate pizza? Can we reach out to others to donate popcorn?
- v. 5th graders apply for various jobs- Will we do this? Let's revisit this.
- vi. 6 parents volunteer to organize- decorating, money, food, set up, etc.
- vii. Sign up genius for volunteers the night of- this include clean up
 - 1. ticket lines, concessions, technology people, clean up etc
- viii. Suggests two movies- licensing is a bit more costly for Disney movies. Swank is the company who uses Disney titles. Its \$250 for the year. Paul will research streaming and possibilities. Jen will send notes to Paul.
- ix. Challenge is technology. They use district equipment and use them from other elementary schools in the district. Paul can help with tech
- x. Suggest that we use the space between the movie areas for concessions
- xi. Do we have screens? There is a screen in the cafeteria and Paul has a second one we could use.
- xii. Clear tables out completely of movie areas.
- xiii. Majority of people tend to buy their tickets at the door- two lines at different doors. No intermission- no longer than two hours.
- xiv. Jan 31 may not be feasible based on time line of work involved. Would March be better- the first week? March 6th was suggested
- xv. Shane will reach to NHS for volunteers to help with this

b. Art auction?

- i. Do we still do this with the movie night or a different time?
- ii. Discussion on not trying to hold an auction and instead encouraging parents to attend movie with children ("family event")

7. Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities

- a. Winter book fair- in progress
- b. Embrace the World- Feb 20, 2020
 - i. Joy is working to coordinate this
- c. Spring book fair- May 4th- more to come.

8. Other business, questions, announcements, etc.

9. 5th grade bus request

- a. Mr Montgomery asked about a funding request for the Greenfield Village trip in the spring. They would be able to extend the trip to also visit the Henry Ford.
- b. This year they are currently planning to have one bus- we will wait to confirm. This would shave the cost tremendously.

10. Adjournment- adjourned at 7:05

In attendance:

Jen Gorchow
Megan Chumbley
Paul Donahue
Trisha Donahue
Shane Johnson