

Whitehills School Association
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2014

Members Present: Angie Smith-President, Joy Campbell-Vice President, Nicolas Gisholt,-Treasurer, Kim Steed-Page-Secretary, Misty Bazela, Kirsten Borgstrom, Erin Crowe, Sara Cunningham, Damon Davis, Belen Feight, Jen Gorchow, Zaje Harrell, Elizabeth Ivkovich, Lisa Lam-Wilson, Lynette Long, Dana O'Donnell, Nicole Mitchell, Amy Sayers, Wenona Sengel, Theresa Treanor, Opal Wong, Amy Zaagman

- I. President Smith welcomed the group and called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Minutes not printed, but will be available on the school website within one week of each meeting. You can access the school website at: <http://bit.ly/whitehillsparents>
- III. Officer's report: Will become more regular once the school year begins.
 - a. Treasurer's report: \$10,555.58 in checking/\$156 in savings
 - b. Teacher t-shirts-will be ordered on 8/13 for the first day of school
 - c. Volunteer shirts for 1st day of school- Board is finalizing design and ordering information or the shirts to be in by the first day of school
 - d. Additional shirt ideas/design for Whitehills -please bring to September meeting
- IV. Whitehills Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social Aug. 21
 - a. Little Free Library- WSA will collect books at the August 27 play date/grounds clean-up event. A cabinet to house books is available either for \$40 or a donation from a WSA parent. Notice will be sent to families for kids to help decorate at the August 21 playdate. President Smith will work with Principal Wells to determine location for library and bench.
- V. Buddy bench-a friendly place for kids feeling lonely, needing a friend-to be paired with little free library. **Motion presented by President Smith to spend \$100 or less on buddy bench and little free library materials; Motion seconded by Steed-Page and passed by membership.**
- VI. First summer playdate-about 30 families in attendance and Principal Wells; 2 more to go (8/21 & 8/27)
- VII. Ice Cream/Popsicle Social-September 10 (Curriculum Night)-WSA will provide popsicles in lieu of dairy.
- VIII. Office improvement-no new updates, but Kristen Miller will work with school secretary to spruce up the office to help make nice for first day; Elizabeth Ivkovich to donate flowers to front office. President Smith will talk with Principal Wells to finalize details.
- IX. First day of school welcome coffee/breakfast for parents-taking donations for baked goods/products; will try to post on school marquee-parents invited to stay for breakfast after dropping kids off at 8:45 a.m.

- X. Picture Day Volunteers (Friday, September 5) needed to help kids and photographer
- XI. Future Volunteer Events will be sent out using school e-blast system. Sign-up using signup genius or other volunteer site-info will be provided at start of the year.
- XII. President Smith presented motion (seconded by Steed-Page) to approve WSA by-laws.
Motion passed by membership and bylaws adopted for the 2014-2015 school year.
- XIII. Book Fair Volunteer Chair Needed-Wenona Singel has agreed to serve as coordinator of the book fair this school year. Dates of book fair TBD, but there will be on in late fall and again in the spring.
- XIV. Box Tops for Education: Box Top Chair-M. Weishar
 - a. Consider incentives for kids to collect tops
 - i. Ideas-popcorn, pizza with the principal
 - ii. Need option to store box tops in classrooms (Elizabeth Ivkovich volunteered to donate and decorate shoe boxes for teachers)
 - iii. President Smith will talk with Principal Wells and teachers about best method to collect tops
- XV. Bulletin Board for WSA-Kristen Miller to work with School Secretary to provide a board for information
- XVI. Playground Equipment
 - a. Need to decide on additional portable equipment for outdoor play (i.e. balls, jump ropes,); also create four-square boards for kids to use outside; lots of parent concern on safety of existing playground equipment. Additional ideas on fundraising and equipment are needed-ongoing conversation in upcoming meetings.
 - b. Opal Wong (former ELPS teacher and current brain gym specialist)-presented information on brain gym and how to include it at Whitehills. Opal is interested in working with Whitehills kids-She will connect with Principal Wells and keep the WSA posted on working with the children throughout the year.
- XVII. First fundraiser-Fun Run-October 3-more information in upcoming weeks.
- XVIII. Ideas for Kids-Naturist, Jim McGrath; hands on experience with animals-additional information in upcoming weeks.
- XIX. Grounds clean-up
 - a. August 27-start as early as 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. to clean up
 - b. Could use guidance/plan from a landscape company
 - c. Some will connect with Whitehills Neighborhood Association for assistance/donation of mulch

- XX. Future WSA meetings will include Principal, Board Rep, and Teacher Rep.
- XXI. New Business: Interest in creating a school directory for Whitehills families-We need a parent volunteer to serve as coordinator. Please contact President Smith if interested.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 p.m.