

Whitehills School Association
Meeting Minutes-October 14, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Pres. Smith

Minutes from the September meeting were passed around for review and approval. Minutes are posted on the WSA website. **Minutes approved.**

East Lansing School Board Candidates attended and gave a 3-5 minute presentation on their election platforms. More info on candidates can be found at vote411.org. Candidates present included Joe Borgstrom, Kate Powers, Yasmina Bouraoui, Nell Kuhnmuensch, David Gott, Kyle Guerrant and Karen Hoene (represented by Jim Anderson).

-Fun Run Report: The Fun Run raised \$12,498 in total funds; after expenses, profit is \$8,811. Kids were treated Kona Ice snow cone truck to celebrate the fundraising efforts

-Girl Scouts Presentation: Jen Shaw & daughter presented information from the Donley/Whitehills Troop regarding their plan to fundraise \$30,000 to improve the playground at Whitehills. The Troop has worked with Sinclair Creations (Patriarch Park renovation). Jen and Pres. Smith will communicate with updates and status of fundraising event.

Principal's Report:

- Data Analysis Day-Ongoing process in the school to assess student needs in the classroom (3 times per year)
- Ingham ISD meeting-Mr. Wells attended and it was a global look at schools to develop an action plan for all kids in the district
- Staff Meeting-upcoming staff meeting on 10/14 to build on culture of the school
- Mr. Wells is launching a program for behavior and reward system-will be in place before winter break. Goal is to blend academic and behavior to create a great experience for students
- Book room improvements-supplemental reading materials are needed for guided reading groups as there aren't enough materials for K-3. Ms. Clyma is working on 2 grants for additional funding for the room. Volunteers will be needed at a later date to help organize the room
- Mailbox buddies-considering implementing the pen pal system between schools for kids whose friends are at different schools.

Teacher's Report:

- Book room is being organized by Ms. Clyma. She will need assistance in the future-books are needed for the younger age groups as Whitehills was previously a 5-6 building.

Box tops for education: First deadline is 10/31 for tops to be turned in and will be collected during the spring months as well.

Treasurer's report: ≈\$19,000-some outstanding bills and need to be paid

Secretary's report: Diversity project/ideas to bring cultural awareness/diversity –interested parents can sign up to help plan a cultural event for winter (February); other considerations- celebrate disabilities

Student Council: Idea brought forward by parents interested in creating a student council for Whitehills. A parent and potential teacher volunteer would be needed to organize the council.
Contact the WSA if interested in chair this project.

Marco's Pizza Night-First pizza night in September raised \$115 for the WSA; Mrs. Hearitt's class won a pizza party for the most orders in September. Fundraiser is the 3rd Thursday of each month-simply order dinner from Marco's and give teacher's name for class credit.

Book Fair: Preparations being made for the December Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers will be needed to help run the fair and have many possible times open for kids and parents to shop. Profits from sales are put back into Whitehills for books and supplies.

Playground equipment donations: Sara Keifer (Parent) is organizing donations. They are being accepted through sign up genius and are able to be dropped off in the school's front office through November.

Classroom parties: Please contact your child's teacher directly for information on classroom parties for Halloween and other events.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Kimberly Steed-Page, Secretary