

Whitehills School Association
December 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

November minutes: President Smith made a motion to accept minutes as written; **motion was seconded and passed**

Principal's report:

- 3rd graders at Big Zoo lesson
- Kids attended Wharton Center Concert (12-9-14) and it was a great success! Kids enjoyed the show.
- Thanks for book fair participation; PJs and paperbacks activity was successful for 1st time event; maybe another event in March for reading month
- Staff mtg (12-9) on data analysis needs-district is being very responsive
- Book room making progress; looking at procedure; some books have been ordered with funds from ELEF and WSA over \$14,000 in grants
 - Dye-Enrichment math material
 - PE
 - Music recorders
 - Books for book room; kindergarten reading material
 - Complete list of grants available from ELEF if you'd like additional information
- Bucket filler program has started; assembly on January 9 @ 3:15 to honor and recognize students for doing good job; will sing bucket filler song written by Mrs. Sigh
- Whitehills is not a Title I school-only at 21% eligibility
- School is still in need more lunchroom and parking lot crossing (periodic needs for Henry); will be hiring another lunch monitor soon; potentially need some police presence now that winter is here and more people driving

We will make contact with our volunteer crossing guard to determine specific needs for assistance.

Teacher's Report:

- Awesome book fair-very appreciative of the help from parents to make it a success!
- Discussion on room parents-teachers want a room parent for each classroom. Kim Steed-Page will send document to Ms. Clyma for teachers to distribute

- **Book Fair:** Very Successful! Total sales-\$7,300; Scholastic Dollars-\$3,400; cash values of \$1,700; Angie presented a motion to take Scholastic Dollars and allow Mr. Wells to work with staff to distribute funds for books and book supplies. **Motion passed.**

School Board Rep Report: (Hillary Henderson)

- Board approved furthering honors classes at middle and high school
- Approved common assessments for k-12; teachers will assess the same district wide/grade wide; important for equity and to make sure all kids are on the path to learning
- Still in the middle of contract negotiations; board cannot comment during negotiations; both sides have negotiating team and working with a state mediator
- MSA conference-Mr. Wells brought high school students to report on the conference in Ann Arbor: allows students to have dialogue related to achievement gap, social justice issues-about 32 school districts represented; student voice was front and center-discussion engaging staff members in dialogue in teaching students of color and low-income students

*Parent concerns raised about diversity instruction for teachers and students. School social worker is working with teachers along with Mr. Wells; additional discussion and ideas

International Night: Joy Campbell & Kim Steed-Page will co-chair and create committee to plan a February event

Jump Rope Club: Jane Kramer (5th grade parent) and Daryl Bean, teacher at Glencairn presented information on starting a club at Whitehills; it is a community building and healthy activity for kids; Hillary Henderson volunteered to work with Ms. Bean to get it started and Ms. Kramer to help organize.

Amazon Smile: Program through Amazon-purchase items, donate to charity and 5% of proceeds come to Whitehills (more information to come)

Spring Carnival: (Lyndsay Clayton & Erin Hagen) preliminarily for May; some start up cash needed; ideas: concessions, bake sale, carnival activities; raffle; budget needed from WSA; about \$2,000; **Angie made a motion to budget up to \$2,000 for the carnival start-up; seconded by Joy; motioned passed.**

Girl Scout Sweet & Salty sale: Fundraiser for Whitehills playground taking place after school, 3:45-5:00 on December 16 and 18.

Market Day: Not enough sales for last month; still encouraging families to purchase food items through the catalog-school receives some funds from sells

Marco's Pizza Fundraiser: November sales raised \$100; Mrs. Talaski's class won pizza party for most sales. Next night is Thursday, December 18

Box Tops Reward Program: Traveling trophy; Mrs. Talaski's class won; need to send home info again in e-blast

School Directory: 167 students turned in completed forms; Final directory will be sent via eblast or another secure way (details to come upon completion for directory).

Treasurer's report: Approximately \$17,000 in the WSA account with some bills and reimbursements needing to be paid.

Meeting adjourned: 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Kimberly Steed-Page, Secretary