

Whitehills School Association
Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2015

- Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m. October & December 2014 minutes reviewed and a motion was made by Pres. Smith to accept the minutes. Minutes were approved and motion passed by the membership.
- Pres. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda order for the meeting. Motion passed to amend agenda for the meeting.
- **Ms. Clyma- Teacher Report**
 - Room parents: needed for Valentine's party for February 13.
 - Ms. Clyma is organizing the Book Room for the school. Volunteers needed to organize books for book room in next 2 weeks of January. One hour commitment maybe 2, or afterschool for one hour; planning period available for 3-3:30 or right after school for Ms. Clyma to orient volunteers to the tasks.
 - Parents needed to help with math activities for all level of students on a continuous basis; potential to utilize ELHS students- parents can notify specific teacher with interest in working in math extension in the classroom (games, strategies, etc). **WSA will send a volunteer request to Whitehills parents through sign up genius for all volunteer requests**
 - Brick walkway pavers are uneven and need to be repaired; Ideas: ask district to pour a sidewalk; Mr. Wells had discussion with district about this issue to address it later in the spring when the weather is better. "Pickets and Pavers" idea as a potential fundraiser. More details later in the spring.
 - Box top info available on WSA website for teachers and families.
- **Principal's Report**
 - Staff meeting on 1-13-15; discussion around assessments (AINWeb) taking place at the end of January; teachers will have a data day to sort and place students in appropriate groups; Whitehills has one interventionist to help with reading but need more assistance in math; would like a way to help HS students to get credit or hours (Amy Sawyers, Whitehills parent and ELHS math teacher/department chair to assist in organizing)
 - Some issues with floors due to snow and ice; Mr. Wells in the process of purchasing runners for floors to help with water absorption
 - Behavior/Bucket Filler Program: Mr. Wells & staff will remind kids about behavior expectations

- Bucket filler program: rewards students for good choices/behavior and recognize positive behavior - January 23 @ 1:30-bucket filler assembly to celebrate success of program
- Crossing guard issue: need to help fill the need in parking lot-Mr. Wells to connect with Mr. Henry to determine his relief needs
- *Some kids in need of snow pants-need to request a variety of snow pants sizes to borrow for recess - eblast and Facebook message/request will be sent to parents.
- **School Board Representative Report-Hillary Henderson**
 - 3 new board members and new officers & committees
 - Hillary is on the Facilities Committee (Chairing Red Cedar Usage committee, planned for usage by fall 2015) and is the Academic Committee Chairperson
 - Teacher contract ratified at 1.12.15 school board meeting
 - Honors & AP classes being added to the high school
- **Jump rope club update:** Hillary Henderson to start club at Whitehills; will reach out to teachers and parents for back-up assistance. 3rd-5th grade only to start. Kids will pay a small fee for their jump rope and will have attendance/behavior expectations to participate. Club will meeting 2-3 times per week during recess.
- Other ideas for physical activities (indoor recess) for kids: Yoga, Zumba; gym activities on a rotational basis-need some activities for K-2nd grade; more information to follow as plans are finalized.

*Brainstorm ideas for playground renovation-perhaps in front of building potentially use MSU students to design something

- **Officers Report:**
 - President: working with Jen Shaw on playground equipment; Lowes grant due in February that Angie is working on.
 - Treasurer (Nico G.): Approximately \$22,000 in the WSA account for end of year (12/31/14). Some expenses still outstanding at time of report: Scholastic Dollars;
 - Amazon Smile program - Whitehills will participate next school year; program provides Whitehills with a percentage of funds from everyday purchases; more information at a later date.

- Vice-President (Joy C.): Box top submissions; Next collection is January 30-submission to the Box Tops program in March; raised about \$647 for the school from 1st collection
- Joy C. /Kim S.P. Co-chairs of the Embrace the World Event (February 12, 6-8 p.m. in the Whitehills gym. Joy made motion for WSA to provide up to \$200 to purchase items for the event. **Motion passed.** Sign-ups available for participation-looking for a broad range of diversity (culture, religion, disability, etc.). Potential to work with ELHS students to present at the event.
- Marco's Pizza Night fundraiser: in December only \$30 raised (lowest total so far); next fundraiser is Thursday, 1-15-2015
- Wolf Pack Wire: WSA once per month newsletter as another way to provide information to parents-will be sent home via kids and as an e-blast.
- Diversity Bulletin Board-looking for volunteers to board March-May:
- Science Fair-March 19: kids to do presentations; information needed soon for kids to get started.
- Carnival: May-startup money approved at December meeting; more info forthcoming
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Additional fundraisers for playground: spring 5K, brick walkway, Girl Scout efforts
 - Secretary Coni is requesting a pedestal table to provide a place for someone to fill out forms (Mr. Wells to contact district facilities first)
 - Whitehills Directory updates/revisions possible - WSA will resend

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kim Steed-Page, WSA Secretary