

Whitehills School Association
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

7:03 p.m.-Meeting called to order.

- Welcome/Sign-In
- Approval of January meeting minutes. **Motion passed to approve minutes.**

Teacher Reports

Mrs. Volovsek-Physical Education

- **Mileage Club:** is live; about 70 students and staff registered so far. Registration should be completed online by 3/5 for kids to receive personalized mileage card.
- **Jump rope for heart:** 39 kids have online donation websites and have \$905 raised so far.
- Dancing for 3-5th graders; working on project to have MSU athletes come to do “stepping and stomping” with the kids for physical activity
- ELEF Grant received for balls-throwing and catching for K-2nd grade; parachute purchased for kids
- Fitness Gram
- Track & Field day for 4th and 5th graders in May; date TBD
- Field day to be held last week of school-volunteers needed for stations
- *Mileage club volunteers needed to stamp cards during recesses; potentially do it at lunch/recess as it is longer and a smaller group to start week after spring break; D. Walton to help organize with Ms. V 11:30-1:30 is the time volunteers are needed; request for WSA to provide some reward for the kids who run the most miles.

Mrs. Anderson-1st grade

- Appreciative of volunteers; would like more parent volunteers to help in her class-Writer’s workshop, math games/enrichment, individual reading assistance; would be interested in training volunteers afterschool at times to work effectively in the classroom; reach out to other community people to volunteer in the classes (i.e. seniors, etc.); reach out to neighborhood associations

Mrs. Talaski-1st grade

- March is reading month-request for WSA to support reading month with an activity similar to PJs and Paperbacks

- Yearbook: looking for parents to come in to take photos of different kids; photo deadline end of March.

Box Tops: deadline Feb. 27; Mr. Gries' class are the latest winners

Teacher webpages: will they be updated; teachers will have discussion as to what to do about the pages

Teacher coach-Teachers provided an update regarding the positive impact of the Teacher Coach program, new to the district this year. Overall feeling is the Teacher Coach is helpful in enhancing their teaching with technology and other resources.

Principal's Report

- Meeting @ ELHS to recruit student volunteers for Whitehills
- Data day: 2.9.15 to problem solve and 2.10.15 data analysis in the building and discussion to address needs of students; looking at data and working on action plans to address student needs; district wide data day at the end of February to look at trends
- Bucket Filler assembly held in January to reward student good behavior-was successful and all enjoyed the event
- District budget under discussion/review; Superintendent spent time in building 2.10.15 to gather info to support teachers in various academic areas
- Crossing guard-coverage is ok for now; current guard may leave in March and help will be needed. Still evaluating best way to address safety and crossing issues.

School Board Representative-No board representative available to attend meeting due to Board obligations.

District Parent Council Update-Art for Charlie project-give out kindness cards to encourage kindness;

- District may bring AVID program for students needing some extra guidance, structure; volunteer teachers will receive training; program to start at ninth grade level
- Need a parent rep to attend monthly Thursday morning meetings (9-10:30 at the ELHS board meeting); Debbie Walton cannot attend anymore; Elizabeth Ivkovich volunteered to attend future meetings
- 5th grade graduation/celebration: Mr. Wells to reach out to 5th grade teachers to determine interest/plan

Treasurer's report: \$18,464.66 as of 2.10.15

- WSA enrolled in Amazon Smile program-enroll and shop online; will send info to parents
- Elizabeth Ivkovich to research Meijer fundraising opportunity
- Kirsten Borgstrom to research Kroger fundraising opportunity

President report: Girl Scouts will sell peanut free cookies at ETW event

- Lowe's grant submitted for playground
- Continuing to explore playground options; sandbox/sand & water tray options

Vice President & Secretary Report:

Embrace the World event-Feb. 12

- 6-8 p.m.
- 19 tables confirmed

Language Enrichment Program-German 5 week course in B & A program beginning in March

Science & Engineering Festival-Debbie Walton; 8 MSU Labs confirmed; springboard to kick off science club in April; **Motion to approve \$250 for the McGraths to participate in festival-motion passed.**

Carnival update- Lynsey Clayton and Erin serving as co-chairs; components-raffle license needed, class baskets with sports; concessions committee, informal meeting Monday, March 2 at 8:00 p.m. to detail event

Spring Book Fair-need to coordinate dates to not conflict with Carnival

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.