

Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 2015

7:00 PM

- I. Call to order with welcome and sign-in
- II. Approval of October minutes/Old Business
 - a. Meeting minutes are always on our new website
 - b. Motion to approve; seconded. Approved.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve; seconded. Approved.
- IV. Teacher Report
 - a. Number one information point is a great thank you for the lunches during conferences! It is a high stress time, so it's so nice to not have to worry about that. Also, for the reimbursement for classroom items.
 - b. Teachers are wondering when the Spirit Wear will be arriving!
 - c. Halloween
 - i. Scary outfits were still present
 - ii. A teacher from another district said that they have a "no face paint, no masks" rule because too much school time is being spent not on school tasks but on dressing up.
 - iii. Thank you for the Farmraiser option; teachers were able to use it as a Holiday shopping thing.
- V. Principal Report/ Q & A
 - a. No principal report this month; principal unable to attend.
- VI. Officer's Report/Treasurer's Report
 - a. Nico
 - i. We are at \$4,990 in our account and \$14,600 in our playground account.
 - b. Angie
 - i. \$30,000 is the minimum we would like to raise to do the first big push.
 - ii. We are trying to get a hill slide, and are hoping to put it in this spring.
 - iii. We are considering doing a fundraising dinner/auction communicate with us on our website.
 - c. Elizabeth
 - i. Teachers are happy with the lounge being updated. They would like chairs for the large table so we should look into that for them.
 - ii. Matilda Jane – see below.

- d. Joy
 - i. Please feel free to contact us with ideas or thoughts on the playground or any other WSA projects via the WSA email or website.

- VII. Playground Committee Report
 - a. See Angie's report above.

- VIII. Spirit Wear
 - a. We had a slight hiccup with pricing due to working with several different contacts, but it's sorted out now. The "peace, love and paw" print was the student favorite.
 - b. They did want to possibly not have white to avoid stains
 - i. What color should we go with? Gray, Dark Blue?
 - 1. Voted to stick with white.
 - ii. The sweatshirt didn't work out with the correct pricing so we have to choose a normal pullover/zip or the thinner, softer fabric for \$10 more each.
 - iii. The shirt is \$8 but could be marked up to \$10.
 - iv. The general consensus was to do the higher cost sweatshirt.
 - v. Turnaround is only five-ish days so we could get them in time before winter break.
 - vi. Color for the sweatshirt? Light Blue with white print.
 - vii. Final Prices - \$25 for sweatshirt, and \$10 for tshirt
 - viii. What do you think about having kids in a particular grade design, and vote on next year's tshirt.
 - 1. General consensus – this would be a good idea.

- IX. Thank you to Kirsten Borgstrom for compilation of School Directory
 - a. Thank you to Joy for proofreading; Coni will have a copy in the office.
 - b. It won't be posted but is available if people email Coni or the WSA.
 - c. Coni possibly sent out a second email with the Wolf Pack Wire instead of a copy of the School Directory so we will try to get that sent out.

- X. Thank you to Elizabeth Ivkovich and Debbie Walton for organizing fundraisers recently (Matilda Jane and Farmraiser)
 - a. Farmraiser
 - i. Next Saturday from 9-2 we will be getting things ready for delivery
 - ii. Monday, November 23rd will be pick-up from 3:00-6:00pm. Anyone available to help should contact Debbie Walton.
 - iii. We made around \$600 profit.
 - iv. They need more bags so if anyone has anything extra at home please bring them into the office.
 - b. Matilda Jane
 - i. We didn't make a ton – only a little over \$30 because we were at the lowest percentage of earnings with the amount of sales we had.
 - ii. We can revisit it next year to see if we want to do it again.

- iii. It was easy to setup and do, so we could do it again.
 - c. Box Tops
 - i. Miss Talaski won the Box Tops trophy for this last round that was just sent in.
 - ii. We will get around \$400 or \$500 from the last bunch we sent in this summer.
 - d. Fun Run
 - i. We brought in \$13,222 – the most we have made yet. Minus expenses we are just under \$10,000.
 - ii. If we want to schedule the Fun Run for next year we need to do it in the next couple of days.
 - iii. Vote to continue with the Fun Run Crew – Vote was positive to book again.

XI. Upcoming Events

- a. Book Fair
 - i. Signup genius will be going out soon
 - ii. We will be doing a Penguin/Winter Theme
 - iii. We will do two special events, a “Books and Bagels” morning and a “Penguins and Paperbacks” evening event with crafts. A penguin movie, and a special book reading.
 - iv. Watch the website for more info, and it will be open Monday morning through Friday lunchtime for different hours each day; if we don’t have volunteers to staff it, it just won’t be open so we need help.
 - v. Make sure if you are shopping before school with your kids that you get them to class on time!

XII. Date for International Night/Embrace the World

- a. Last year was a great event, so we are looking forward to this year.
- b. This year we are looking at doing it in February again. Dates are not yet posted for the East Lansing Daddy Daughter Dance, but are looking at either the 11th or 18th – we can either pick a date now or wait a little longer to see if the city will post other February events soon.
- c. Joy’s center at MSU helps support it quite a bit, but we will need help as well.

XIII. Science and Engineering Festival March 24th

XIV. Carnival will be in early spring; we will wait until January to talk more about that.

XV. Miscellaneous

- a. Curriculum Director to join our January meeting
 - i. She will come to our January meeting
 - 1. Would someone from the board be willing and able to come to a meeting?
 - 2. Is there a school improvement person that could attend?

- b. Lunchroom
 - i. We need more help with lunchroom; one girl is leaving so we will be even more short staffed.
 - ii. A lot is up in the air with possibly hiring someone, so lunch and recess help are both needed.
 - iii. We can send out an email or something to possibly get out the word.
- c. Wellness Programs
 - i. Angie got an email about a group called "Lettuce Live Well" that has a grant to do wellness events at the school. Is this something that we are open to?
 - ii. We voted to pass on the idea.
- d. Auction Options
 - i. Maybe renting out Impression 5 Museum
 - ii. Having affordable options or options that are practical (Meijer gift card)
 - iii. Time of year – March?
 - iv. Should it be an adult-only venue?
 - v. Back room at Beggars, Brody Caf, Upstairs Hopcat, Dublin?
 - vi. Email brainstorming ideas to the WSA for the committee to consider.