

Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

7:00PM

1. Call to Order
 - a. April Minutes were not present but May Agenda was approved.
2. Amy Refior – Safe Routes To School
 - a. Safe routes to school program received a \$5,000 grant for all ELPS.
 - i. \$3,000 is going towards a coordinator, so if you know anyone interested please let them know; the position is posted.
 - ii. The other \$2,000 will be for supplies, copies, safety cones, etc.
 - iii. Would love Whitehills to participate in “Walk to School Day” October 5th.
 1. This is like walking school buses with 2 adults at each spot.
 2. Flyer is being created and input is welcome since people know their neighborhood best.
 3. We will identify meetup spots and give stickers out.
 - iv. Pedestrian Bike Safety is slated for August 27th
 1. Same day as Whitehills 5K, so hoping to have it later in the day (11am-1pm) for a win/win
 - b. Each School needs a SRTS representative, who will be in charge of “Safe Routes” for each school and will work with an overall Rep.
 - i. They will talk to Principal and ELPS Board and be a point of contact.
 - c. The long-term goal is to raise more money
 - i. The organization who gave the grant also gives larger grants which could provide things like a light or repaving dangerous sidewalk areas.
 - d. To contact Amy, email her at amy_refior@hotmail.com
3. Farmraiser
 - a. Ginger Ogilvie chaired in the past and she is stepping down; a new chair is needed.
 - b. If someone is interested, please consider chairing this fundraiser that also supports local businesses.
4. Teacher Report
 - a. Stefani Wagner
 - i. Thank you for a great Carnival – it turned out great!
 - ii. We are gearing up for year-end “everything” and looking to a busy end of the year with events and celebrations.
 1. Aquatic Center is June 9 for grades 3-5.
 2. Patriarche Park in June 8th for DK-2.
 3. There are no rain dates set, so we are hoping for nice weather!
 - iii. Grades are back from testing and it ran smoothly
 - iv. We are wrapping up classroom assessments
 - v. Data review is in a couple weeks
 - vi. Wharton Center
 1. Our bill was paid through an education endowment
 - a. We would like to send a thank-you to whomever paid
 2. Angie suggested we put it in the budget for next year and that was agreed upon
 3. Shows are all right around “snow day” times, so we will just have to take our chances again
 - b. Lynne Clyma
 - i. Carnival was great
 - ii. I won and purchased two pieces of art from Art for Charlie and would love to hang them in the school
 1. One could go in teacher’s lounge that is more delicate and we could move the current teacher’s lounge art into a hall or somewhere else.
 - a. Elizabeth needs to coordinate a date to have lounge painted so new art can be hung
 - iii. Teachers felt spoiled during Teacher Appreciation Week, so thank you!

5. Principal Wells
 - a. We will be sending out an EBlast of report cards
 - b. We are doing a data analysis for next fall and class lists will be posted the 2nd or 3rd week in August
 - c. Field Day is the last day of school and we are aiming to end closer to the end of school day
 - i. We will do a 5th grade tunnel
 - ii. Popsicles will be at a station since there was some confusion last year as to when children got them; this will "ease" distribution
 - d. We would like to meet with the WSA in the summer to look at next year's framework
 - e. Some students have had angst in leaving for a different school
 - i. This is a common thing for the end of the year and we are trying to deal with it appropriately
 - f. Thank you for your support
6. Officer's Nominations
 - a. Angie is stepping down as President and has nominated Joy as President; Joy has in return, nominated Angie as Vice President
 - b. Angie nominated Jen Gorchow as Vice President and Jeff Hicks as Treasurer and withdrew her nomination as Vice President.
 - c. Elizabeth is nominated to remain Secretary.
 - d. All nominations were seconded, and passed.
 - e. Next Year's Board:
 - i. President – Joy Campbell
 - ii. Vice President – Jen Gorchow
 - iii. Treasurer – Jeff Hicks
 - iv. Secretary – Elizabeth Ivkovich
7. Carnival Wrap-Up
 - a. More successful than last year with over \$3,000 in profit.
 - b. Feedback
 - i. Great new games added
 - ii. Busy time of year
 - iii. Wristbands seemed to bring in more money and worked well overall
 - iv. Pre-sale should have a discounted price to attract people to purchase early
8. Upcoming Events
 - a. Mileage Club
 - i. Continues until May 20th – thank you volunteers!
 - b. Incoming 6th Graders Activity Night – May 20th
 - c. Marco's Pizza
 - i. Decorate your own box – must have boxes to office by this Thursday
 - ii. We should take boxes to B/A aftercare so kids can decorate
 - d. Science Club – May 20th
 - e. Brick Sale
 - i. Goes from May 13th to June 8th and we will be getting information out really soon
 - f. Fun in the Sun Book Fair
 - i. May 23rd to 26th
 1. We are ending on Thursday because of Memorial Day weekend
 2. Sign Up Genius is up and running for volunteers to sign up.
 - g. 5th Grade Breakfast is June 6th
 - i. Amy Zaagman is heading it up and it will go from 9:00am-9:55am
 - h. Field Day is June 10th
 - i. We need sign-up genius and lots of volunteers for it to run smoothly
 1. We are having 16 stations with 2 volunteers at each
 2. It will go from 10:15am to 12:00pm
9. Round Table
 - a. Angie
 - i. We would like to separate an area on the playground for the D-K
 1. We will ask Kim what the kids need/want when they go outside
 2. We could put Little Tikes toys or play structures out in a separate area.
 - ii. We made \$355 from Christian's Greenhouse gift card sales, so that was a great little fundraiser.
 - iii. Mr. Gries is leaving for a one-year parental leave.