**Westfield PTO Meeting**

**October 20th, 2015**

**Call the Meeting to Order Sara Mishler**

Present: Sara Mishler, Michele Infanger, Ben Young, Nicole Glau, Kim Gourley, Dawn Wonick, Angie Roling, Kelsey Slay, Jackie Brown, Chyan Schiek, Michelle Bovinet, Sarika Bhakta, Kim Bauer, Colleen Bakker, Kari Whitlow, Ed Rogers, Keelyn Kanz

Meeting was called to order and the September minutes were approved.

**Featured Speaker Keelyn Kanz**

Keelyn has taught at Westfield since the school opened. There is a new music curriculum this year, called Game Plan. This new curriculum is very interactive and she is learning right along with the students. The students are learning to play instruments in the correct way and they love to experiment with them. They use instruments about every other lesson. Chorus is for 4th and 5th grade students with this year having 83 kids. Chorus will have a holiday concert on December 17th. In February, School House Jazz will be coming to Westfield. It is a group of 6-7 musicians that will play for an all school educational assembly. They go around to the schools based on a free will donation. Keelyn has asked for $100 for a donation to be paid for by PTO.

**Financial Report Dawn Wonick**

**For Period July 1st through October 20Th**

**Beginning Balance as of July 1st: $15,147.09**

Income:

1. Enjoy the City/Save Around books - $6,670.00

2. Stride for Pride - $5,476.00

3. Yearbook refund - $117.47

Total Income - $12,263.47 (44% of total income)

Enjoy the City Coupon book sales

Stride for Pride donations

Yearbook refund from prior year

Expenses:

1. Classroom Funds – $1,241.03

2. Enjoy the City/Save Around books - $3,280.00

3. Stride for Pride - $562.15

4. Back 2 School Bash - $1,374.21

5. Child Care - $20.00

6. Field Trips - $344.00

7. Open House supplies - $66.86

8. Printing - $10.00

9. School Funding requests - $2,087.02

10. PTO Financial Software - $129.00

Total Expenses - $9,114.27 (33% of total expenses)

Total Earnings - $3,149.20

Classroom Funds – includes the $324 for Art binders

Enjoy the City/ Save Around books – 50% cost

Stride for Pride Expenses - cups, popsicles, envelopes

Back 2 School Bash – Balloon animals, redemption prizes, supplies, candy, face painting, pizza

Child Care – Kids Inc person during Sept PTO mtg

Field trips - Kindergarten to apple orchard

Open House supplies – ice cream supplies

Printing – 3rd trimester Print shop charges

School Funding Requests

· Open House Classroom games - $216.98

· New kindergarten classroom games/toys - $270.64

· New kindergarten classroom daily 5 cubby - $664.95

· Raz Kids online reading programs for K – 1st and 5th grades - $934.45

**Ending Balance as of October 20th: $18,296.29**

**Principal’s Report Ed Rogers**

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Homecoming Parade. It was great to see how many parents and students there were. Thank you for the Stride for Pride volunteers. Thank you for all of the families that came for conferences. Westfield had 98% of the families come out for a conference. Thank you to PTO for having Panera for the teachers on the Thursday night of conferences.Thank you for purchasing Raz Kids for some of the teachers.

The students just got done with assessments.

There is talk of an addition to Westfield . Right now, the school board has approved for bids to be sought out for the addition. There are many logistics that need to be worked out before the construction of an addition can take place. Right now, the plan created back in 2011, would be to have the addition to go out 60 feet from the area by Mrs. King and Ms. Hollinrake’s classrooms. This addition would have six classrooms plus an adult bathroom, a couple small classrooms for reading and technology. There is a possibility that preschool could be added to Westfield. It is also possible that they will decide to create a centralized preschool building. Many items are still being discussed and figured out. If the addition goes through, then construction would start in April 2016, with the new addition to be open in fall of 2017. If there are any concerns or questions about this, they can be directed to Dr. Shepherd, the superintendent.

**Committee Reports**

**Back to School Bash Sara Mishler**

Thank you to all of the families that braved the rainy weather and came to the Back to School Bash. There was a great turnout. Thank you Kristi Bell for being in charge of this event.

**Stride for Pride Sara Mishler**

Stride for Pride went very well. Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help! The mascots did a great job! Thank you to Doris Agmeyang, Jackie Thierer and Michelle Langston.

**Homecoming Parade Sara Mishler**

Thank you for coming out to support Westfield at the Homecoming Parade. The attendance turn out was amazing! Many families came out to walk and hand out pencils!

**School Directory Sara Mishler**

The PTO has provided one school directory per family this year. Thank you to Michelle Langston, Mr. Brandt and Mrs. Pistulka for your hard work on getting these put together! Thank you to volunteers who came in to help assemble the directory.

**Box Tops Sara Mishler**

There will be a collection in the spring for box tops. Please keep collecting!

**District Report Sara Mishler**

Dr. Shepherd is really focused on communication and the best way to connect with parents. He will be coming to the November PTO meeting so if you have any questions or concerns, please plan to attend.

**Mini Dance Marathon Kim Gourley**

The mini dance marathon will be Friday, December 11 from 6-8. There are five groups working together to get this event ready to go. More details to come in November with fun events. Right now the committee is hoping to have a bake sale, t-shirt sale, and silent auction on the night of the marathon. Mr. Brandt is helping to make signs promoting the fun activities that are planned.

**Learning Night Michelle Bovinet**

Learning NIght will be held Thursday, November 5th from 6-8. There will be hands on activities like last year. The Grout Museum will be coming for a large group presentation called Mad Mixture.

**Movie Night Sarika Bhakta**

Movie night will be held on Friday January 22nd at 6. There was a discussion of trying to show two movies this year since the committee couldn’t decide between Home and Inside Out.

**Staff Funding Requests Sara Mishler**

Mimeo teach board: Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Dirks asked for a mimeo teach bar to be purchased for the new kindergarten teacher. The cost is $885 plus shipping. The motion was passed to purchase the mimeo teach board for Mrs. Morey.

School House Jazz: Mrs. Kanz asked for a donation of $100 for the group coming to perform in February. This motion was approved and passed for the $100 for School House Jazz.

Announcements

Learning Night November 5th

Next PTO Meeting November 10th

Winter Appreciation Luncheon December 4th

Meeting adjourned by Sara Mishler

Respectively submitted by Nicole Glau,PTO Secretary