**Westfield PTO Meeting Minutes**

**February 23rd, 2016 7:00**

**Call the Meeting to Order Sara Mishler**

In Attendance: Dawn Wonick, Kari Whitlow, Sara Mishler, Angie Roling, Michelle Langston, Ben Young, Tabitha Lightfoot, Rachel Blackford, Chyan Shiek, Lisa Comer, Lisa Schumacher, Chad Schumacher, Colleen Bakker, Kelsey Slay, Raychelle Kiley,

Meeting called to order and January meeting minutes were approved.

**Financial Report Dawn Wonick**

**1/13/2016 Beginning Balance $13,638.02**

**Income:**

**Stride for Pride $240**

**Misc Income $10**

**Total Income: $250**

**Expenses:**

**Classroom Funds $277.56**

**Sock Hop $150**

**LM Foundation $100**

**Field Trip $463**

**Movie Night $62.59**

**Printing Costs $51.22**

**Total Expenses: $1,104.37**

**2/23/2016 Balance $12,738.65**

**Stride for Pride matching funds**

**Miscellaneous Income from student participating in Mathnasium**

**Classroom funds**

**Sock Hop – prepaid for the DJ**

**LM Foundation – donation for the spring foundation event**

**Field trips - $100 damage deposit for 5th grade sledding trip & 2nd grade trip to Iowa Children’s Museum**

**Movie Night expense**

**Printing Costs – various flyers that were sent home with students**

**Principal’s Report Ed Rogers**

Next week is conferences, Progress Reports go home, and Book Fair- busy week. March 4th the Old Creamery Theatre comes to school. Spring Break is March 14-18. We will not be making up the snow day. Teachers will make it up, but not students. Hy-Vee on Collins Road wants to partner with Westfield. They offer many programs for us to take advantage of: nutritionist can come and talk to enhance curriculum, Kids Hy-Vee Fit Program, after school cooking clubs, Cash 4 Kids, coupon books, catering discounts….etc. It would be a great partnership and Westfield could pick and choose programs to use from Hy-Vee. We would not have to do them all.

**Featured Speaker Chad Schumacher**

 Update on addition to the building. Chad is the Project Manager of the High School addition and also Westfield addition. Westfield is the lowest enrolled school is the district with 439 students. Wilkins has 466, Bowman Woods 485, Indian Creek 516, Novak 534, Linn Grove 567, Echo Hill 609. Echo Hill has a lot of new development around the school, so Westfield has to help alleviate some of the enrollment at Echo Hill. They are only going to grow in the next couple of years. Westfield will not get a new playground with the addition. The swings and basketball hoops will move to the field side during the addition and stay there once done. 3 new hoops will be added. The swings will be moved before addition begins and hoops to follow. The addition will be added behind the current first grade classroom, with Mrs. King’s room becoming a hallway and Mrs. King’s room moving to a new classroom. The addition will add 6 classrooms, a Technology Room, 2 Special needs rooms, locker area, and bathroom. The classrooms will be a little bit bigger square footage than existing classrooms, but not by much. The board approved the addition on February 7th. On March 3rd the bids open and the district has to select the construction company with the lowest bid. Work will start on the outside of the building the end of April and move to the inside during the summer. They will also get bids for upgrading the security system in the school, new lighting, new intercom. Construction will be complete August 2017. The addition is a short term fix for Echo Hill’s enrollment. It will be a long term fix for the district based on the next 5-10 year goals. District is looking at options to deal with growing enrollment. A boundary committee will be formed in September 2016 to decide redrawing boundary lines. In November 2016 recommendations will be made to the board. Chad Schumacher stressed that kids will always be safe and put first during construction of the addition. Daycare will stay open during the summer and should not be effected by the construction. Daycare will change from Kids Inc to Hand in Hand starting the beginning of the summer.

A new parking lot will be constructed after the addition is complete in August 2017. Lot will change from a two lane entrance to a three lane and have 140 parking spots, along with 15-20 more spots by the bus lane.

Questions can be posted to the Westfield website about the expansion and Mr. Rogers will answer them. All questions and answers can be accessed.

Dr. Shepherd will be sending out an email to all families for input on Strategic Planning of the District. Families are asked to give opinions and feedback on what options they feel would be best. The email will come through Thought Exchange March 3rd-March 13th. All opinions will be organized and then sent back out to families to vote on which options they like the best. The Strategic Planning Committee will take the data into consideration when figuring out the future of LinnMar. Dr. Shepherd really wants opinions from everyone in the district and community.

**Committee Reports**

**Movie Night**

Movie nightwent really well. All kids enjoyed it and liked having a choice between two movies.

**Family Fun Night** **Sara Mishler**

Chris Cakes is coming for pancakes. You can still pay at the door if families did not return reservations. Volunteers are still needed to help Friday. Bring a game to play in the gym.

**Read-a-Thon** **Dawn Wonick**

Starts February 29-March 16th. Info will come home on Monday. Keep track of the minutes your child reads at home. Volunteers will be asked to come in to classrooms and read March 11th. Reading minutes will be tied to a goal this year. If a student meets the goal they will get a free custard from Culvers. The top 5 readers per class will get a free kids meal from Culvers. The pay out is $1700 from Rea a Thon. Mrs. Wegmann has requested new furniture for the Library:

3 Step Stair Bench- $1500

2 Step Stair Bench- $1400

3 Cylinder Chairs- $633

3 Cubed Chairs- $633

3 Seats with Backs- $1560

Total $6100

Members voted to buy all items for the library- if enough funds are not raised then supplemental funds will be spent.

Colleen Bakker motioned and Chyan seconded. All voted yes

**Yearbook Michelle Langston**

Mr. Brandt had the fifth graders design the cover. Beginning of March order forms will go out and orders need to be in beginning of April. $13. More pictrues are needed and baby pictures for the fifth graders still. Send to Michelle Langston or contact her for more info.

**Box Tops Sara Mishler**

Collection will be March 7th-11th. Create a school goal and if met then school will earn a popcorn party. If second goal is met then school will earn a movie as well.

**Running Club Sara Mishler**

Volunteers are still needed. This week sign up will go out. 65 students can participate. If you volunteer then your child gets to participate first.

**Stride for Pride Sara Mishler**

Mrs. Mooney had some ideas on how to use Stride for Pride money :

Parachute with 28 handles, curl up strips, 15 footballs- $640

Pay out is $1700. Looking in to using any Labels for Education to pay for new recess balls.

Roller skating unit is the week after Spring Break. Roller Skating Night at Super Skate is April 25th.

Discussed if we would ever want to do a Westfield Night at a Rough Riders game or a Rampage Game next year? Similar to Kernels Night.

Blood Drive will be Tuesday, April 19th. If we get 20 donors then we get a $250 Grant to spend on school related items. More information at the next PTO meeting in March.

Parent University at the LRC is March 24th from 6:30-7:30. Focusing on Fine Motor Skills. Will be great information done by GWAEA OT Patti Soldner.

**Announcements**

Family Fun Night February 26

Read-A-Thon February 29-March 6

Next PTO Meeting March 22

Meeting adjourned by Sara Mishler

Respectifully submitted by Kari Whitlow, Elementary PTO Vice President