

## Westfield PTO Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

**Call the meeting to order: Sara Mishler**

**In Attendance:** Sara Mishler, Colleen Bakker, Angie Roling, Ed Rogers, Kelsay Slay, Lisa Comer, Tabitha Lightfoot, Amy Robertson, Michelle Bovinet, Kari Whitlow, Amity Preston, Dawn Wonick, Angie Trenary, Tara Dirks, Susan Scott, Sylvia Shannon and Ali Horsley

**October Minutes Review and Approval:** The minutes were approved.

### **Principal Report – Ed Rogers**

Thank you to those that participated in Science Night. It was a great night.

The building construction is ahead of schedule. Mrs. King's class will be moved into the tech area on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to have her in a new classroom after winter break. Ed plans to give a tour of the new building space during our January 10<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. The hallway outside Mrs. King's current classroom will be under construction and kids will be required to stay clear of this area for a period of time.

Report cards will be coming home on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Smarter Balanced is a new testing system that Iowa schools are considering adopting. This may replace the current Iowa Assessment. This test is an adaptive test that moves with a child's skill level. This test has many positive features but the value of this type of testing is still being evaluated. Ed suggested that parents visit [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org) to obtain additional information. If approved, it could be in place next year.

### **Treasure Report – Angie Trenary**

#### **Financials:**

- Opening Balance 10/18/2016 ~ \$18,985.68
- Cash Out ~ \$1,125.71
- Cash In ~ \$250.00
- Ending Balance (11/08/2016) ~ \$18,109.97

#### **Income:**

- Write 1 for Westfield ~ \$25.00
- Matching Funds ~ \$225.00
  - TOTAL: \$250.00

#### **Expenses:**

- Classroom Funds:

- Kari Titus ~ \$58.14
- Ashley Messerli ~ \$32.00
- Michael Brandt ~ \$43.41
- Alicia Jessen ~ \$20.00
  - TOTAL: \$153.55
- Stride for Pride ~ \$30.00
- America Reads ~ \$10.99
- Back to School Bash ~ \$57.89
- Child Care ~ \$20
- STEM night ~ \$185.87
- Movie License ~ \$436.00
- Homecoming Parade ~ \$231.41

### **Teacher Update/iPad Request**

Unfortunately, Mrs. Titus went home sick and was not able to do her presentation on how first grade is utilizing current iPads. She will present at the next PTO meeting.

We did discuss that Westfield only has 30 working iPads. Most elementary schools within our district have between 70-100+. We asked the following questions during our meeting:

Should the PTO purchase some iPads for the school?

Are iPads really needed and will be they be used if purchased?

Several staff members mentioned that they would like to have access to additional iPads during the day. Mr. Roger's explained that iPads are no longer just being used for games or as a reward. Teachers are using them to enhance teaching techniques and make students accountable. Based on the PTO's current income/budget projections, we are considering buying 5-7 iPad mini's (\$399 each) for the school. We plan to hold an official vote during the January meeting after seeing Mrs. Titus's presentation and receiving the remaining matching funds from the Write One for Westfield Campaign. According to Mr. Rogers, the ultimate goal for our school would be 5 to 6 iPads for each classroom. This is an aggressive long-term goal that will involve funding from a variety of different sources.

### **Current Business**

Thank you to all those that helped with Science Night it was a wonderful event.

Hy-Vee Cash for Kids - The PTO will be doing a Hy-Vee receipt collection the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>. The class that collects the highest dollar amount will get a donut party. Please total your receipts before sending them into school.

## **New Business**

Staff Appreciation Lunch is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for e-mails on how you can help make this a great day for our wonderful Westfield Staff.

Movie Night will take place January 20<sup>th</sup>. We will show 2 movies again. Feel free to e-mail us with any movie suggestions.

## **Open Discussion**

Eat at Chili's anytime November 15<sup>th</sup>-January 15<sup>th</sup> and 15% of you check will be donated to Westfield. You must mention Westfield to receive donation.

Box Tops for Education is doing a special online drawing. You can enter to win daily. Three schools will earn an extra \$1000 in box tops. If you have the time to enter that would be great.

Please excuse any spelling or grammar errors. It is our goal to get the minutes out as quickly as possible and mistakes happen. Respectively  
Submitted by: Colleen Bakker and Kim Bauer, Co-Secretaries