

Westfield PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Call the meeting to order: Sara Mishler

In Attendance: Sara Mishler, Colleen Bakker, Deb Wegmann, Ed Rogers, Kelsey Slay, Kari Titus, Angie Kinkeade, Kari Whitlow, Kim Bauer, Dawn Wonick, Angie Trenary, Tara Dirks, Sylvia Shannon, Lisa Shumacher, Lisa Comer and Ben Young

November Minutes Review and Approval: The minutes were approved.

Principal Report – Ed Rogers

Thank you PTO for the staff lunch. The food was wonderful.

Jessica Corcoran is the new School Administrator Manager (SAM)! She will be at the February PTO meeting to formally introduce herself.

The building construction is ahead of schedule. Mrs. King will be in her new classroom January 17th. The entire construction project should be done March 1st. Several teachers will be moving to the new space in February. There will be an opportunity to tour the new space after our February PTO meeting.

The district is changing the look of the webpage. This will also impact Westfield's home page. You will notice the changes starting Jan 24th. This may temporarily impact the PTO link. Please remember you can go to westfieldpto.com if you have problems with the link.

Students have started taking the NWEA and will start FAST testing next week. Results will be reported soon.

The Roller skating unit starts January 23rd. Fifth grade and Kindergarten have school programs this month. Please check out the school calendar for a listing of all school activities.

Teacher Update/Requests

Kari Titus did a presentation on how first grade is utilizing current iPads. She showed us several different applications. The demonstration included ways that the students benefit from having this technology in the classroom. The teachers in attendance all agreed that iPads help enhance teaching techniques and keep students accountable. Thank you Kari for presenting. Shelly Woods from the Linn-Mar foundation suggested that we send a similar presentation to the foundation along with a request for more iPads next year.

Moby Max was purchased by Mr. Rogers for the 5th grade classrooms. This app was \$99 per 5th grade class and has an annual renewal fee. We discussed that these types of requests will come to the PTO in the future because Mr. Rodgers does not always have a budget for these types of programs. A suggestion was made that we explore other ways to fund these apps, for example a program like donorsChoose.org.

Treasure Report – Angie Trenary

Financials:

- Opening Balance 11/08/2016 ~ **\$18,109.97**
- Cash Out ~ **\$536.13**
- Cash In ~ **\$0**
- Ending Balance (1/09/2017) ~ **\$17,495.09**

Income:

- Box Tops ~ \$2228.50
- Matching Funds ~ \$355.00
- Write One for Westfield ~ \$60.00
- Mathnasium ~ \$60.00
 - TOTAL: \$2703.50

Expenses:

- Classroom Funds:
 - Kathleen Moore ~ \$58.74
 - Jen Canby ~ \$27.49
 - Jen Novak ~ \$57.98
 - Natalie Havel ~ \$70.61
 - Sarah Doyle ~ \$151.26
 - TOTAL: \$ 366.08
- Hy-Vee Cash for Kids ~ \$33.14
- Checks/Deposit Slips ~ \$79.02
- Child Care ~ \$20
- Photo and Frame ~ \$16.55
- 5th Grade Chorus Concert ~ \$19.99
- Bathroom Beautification Canvas/Paint, etc. ~ \$177.26

IPad Funding Vote

If you take current income and subtract out all committed expense for the school year, we are left with about \$8000. We need to keep about \$5000 in the account to start the following school year. That leaves a surplus of just under \$3000 that we can spend on iPads. We are still waiting on some matching fund from Rockwell and may be able to purchase additional iPads at the end of the school year. We voted to move forward with purchasing \$3000 worth of iPad mini's and cases. Deb Wegmann will contact Linn Mar's IT department to start the purchase process.

Current Business

Thank you to all those that helped with the staff lunch it was wonderful. A special thank you to Stephanie Nye for chairing the event.

Hy-Vee Cash for Kids – We earned almost \$700. Keep saving those receipts. We will do another collection in the Spring. Thank you to Nicole Glau for organizing the collection.

New Business

Movie Night will take place January 20th. We will show Pete's Dragon and The Secret Life of Pets. Pizza orders due January 17th.

RoughRiders Night is February 8th. The Westfield Chorus will sing and Ed Rogers will drop the first puck. Tickets can be purchased online. Please do not send checks to school. Flyer coming home soon.

Open Discussion

Eat at Chili's until January 15th and 15% of you check will be donated to Westfield. You must mention Westfield to receive donation.

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