

PTO Meeting Minutes: February 4, 2020

Attendees:

Ed Rogers, Heidi Hora, Jami Demuth, Trish Recker, Melissa Adams, Kevin Royer, Bird Gengler, Morgan Yarker, Andrew Hunt, Allison Parr, Kim Albers, Hollie Trenary

Meeting called to order by Heidi Hora.

Introductions:

Trish Recker spoke about fundraising options for future years in the event of not meeting the Write One fundraising goal or needing big items like playground equipment. There are student incentives as well including collectables and drawings for items like iPad and Nintendo Switch. The options for fundraising are the following:

Bed Sheets, Cost \$49 (all sizes), \$15-17 goes back to PTO

Popcorn, Cost \$2, \$1 goes back to PTO

Pretzel Rods, Cost \$1, 40 cents goes back to PTO

Fortune Cookies, Cost \$1, 40 cents goes back to PTO

Cookie Dough, Cost \$20

Trish also would also assist in counting money collected and sorting items when they arrive.

January PTO meeting minutes approved.

Motion to approve by Hollie Trenary, seconded by Jami Demuth.

Principal's Report:

The new school start times have been announced (7:50 am-2:35pm-Middle and Intermediate schools, 8:30 am-3:15 pm Elementary schools, 9:00 am-4:00 pm High School). The new start times are in line with district goals including having all schools on the same time, aligning start times with research on child development, and cost efficiency.

The two new intermediate buildings are on schedule. The district is interviewing for principal vacancies due to two principals moving to the new schools. Deb Wegman will be moving from Westfield to the new intermediate school and as a result, Westfield will be interviewing for a new librarian.

Currently, Westfield expects to have 93 kindergarteners next year. Next year the intermediate, middle and high school will all be 1:1 (each student will have a school issued computer which they can take home). The following year the elementary schools will be 1:1 (kindergarteners will have iPads).

FAST testing results for Westfield are as follows:

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>
Kindergarten	91% proficient	95% proficient
1 st grade	77% proficient	84% proficient
2 nd grade	85% proficient	90% proficient
3 rd grade	82% proficient	81% proficient
4 th grade	82% proficient	85% proficient
5 th grade	82% proficient	84% proficient

The building average is 86% proficient. The district goal is 85% proficient

Westfield has 88 ELL (English Language Learner) students.

Tomorrow is the 100th day of school.

The 4th and 5th graders will be going to the high school to view a performance of "I Have a Dream".

February 6th is the band concert at the high school.

February 7th is PBIS reward day. Students will be working with their classroom buddies to make Valentine's Day placemats for Meals on Wheels.

February 7th is Westfield Night at the Rough Riders and the chorus will also be performing.

February 11th is the 5th/6th grade Orchestra concert at the high school.

February 17th is Teacher Comp Day. There will be no school.

February 20th is the 1st grade musical.

February 21st will be an ALICE drill with an all school lockdown.

February 27th will be a 2 hour early out due to middle and high school conferences.

Old Business:

The "Write One for Westfield" campaign has brought in \$15, 545.42 so far. We are still waiting for some matching funds to come in and believe we will meet our goal of \$16, 000. Also, donation receipts have been sent out.

Officer's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

Since Movie Night was canceled again this year due to weather, there was a loss of \$10.49 due to refunds. There are many teacher funds that have not yet been claimed. There were no expenses in January except envelopes which were purchased with a Hy-Vee gift card.

Committee Chair Update:

Movie Night was canceled for the second year in a row. A suggestion for next year would be switching the date. 87 pizzas were ordered. There were 19 leftover pizzas that were donated to the Willis Dady Shelter. All other supplies were returned. Another suggestion for next year would be to look at other pizza places that would be better equipped to handle a large order as Marcos would not have been able to have the 87 pizzas made at the same time. Options to suggest for next year would be Paul Revere's or Little Caesars.

New Business:

The Westfield Night at the Rough Riders flyers were sent out. Also, flyers were sent out for Family Fun Night which will be held on Friday, February 21st. Super Skate Night is March 2nd. Casey's convenience store has a new app, Casey's Rewards Cash for Classrooms where you can earn points that add up to rewards for schools. Visit <https://www.caseys.com/schools> for more information. Download the app and indicate that you would like your reward money to go to Westfield.

Judy Stoffel will be organizing conference meals for teachers during conferences on March 5th. She will use the Beltone \$250 donation at Panera to provide an evening meal for the teachers.

Andrew Hunt has volunteered to lead running club this year. Students would meet 1-2 times per week for running practice. Dates and times to be determined. The running club would then participate in the Marion Arts Festival Race on Saturday, May 16th. Andrew will put together an email to ask for volunteers.

Next month, the PTO will be accepting nominations and will hold elections for board member positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

Allison Parr has volunteered to be the Write One for Westfield Chairperson.

A suggestion for next year is to have a web format for PTO meetings so that those who cannot attend are able to watch the PTO meeting live from their computer or smart phone or have a conference call option.

The next PTO meeting will be held in the Westfield media center on March 3rd at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned.