

WDSA January Meeting Minutes

Jan. 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

Meeting Attendance: Liisa Morton, Colleen Taylor, Bree Anderson, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth, Julie Tobin, Lisa Farzam, Nicole Martin, Michaela Norman, Emily Ostrowski,

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

Welcome and Introductions : Meeting was brought to order by President Bree Anderson.

Approval of Minutes: Before approving the minutes, the meeting agenda was amended to add the family fun night after STEAM. November 2018 minutes were presented by Liisa Morton. Motion to approve the November 2018 minutes was made by Emily and seconded by Lisa F. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Colleen.

November:

Make a plate - \$865.82

Donley Dash - \$50 - from Mighty Cause

\$202.00 in Misc Scholarships was for the 4th grade recorders. This will be a line item for future years.

\$92.88 was for teacher reimbursement.

December:

Kroger - \$45.86

Spiritwear - \$9.72

\$257.41 was spent on the prizes for the Donley Dash fundraiser winners.

\$1037.09 was spent in Misc. Scholarships. Of this total amount, \$191.33 was spent on food for 20 families for the winter break, \$436.26 was spent on the WDSA Adopted Donley family for Christmas, and \$409.50 was spent on the DK&K classes to see the Polar Express. Next year a category for family opportunities will be created.

\$27.04 was for Story Night

\$10.98 was for popcorn Friday.

\$297.35 was for Teacher reimbursement

\$300 was for Science on Wheels for the 1st grade.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Rhiannon and seconded by Julie.

Teacher report/ Principal report – Michaela Norman. A SPIN club (Special interest Science Club) with 4 H will be starting. It is for grades 1-2 and 3-5. It is application based and there is a \$20 fee. There is a maximum of 20 children for each session. The plan is that there will be multiple sessions running next school year. An additional 4 adult volunteers are needed for the

program. There is an application procedure to become a volunteer for 4H. The program will run Tuesdays and Thursdays. Donley will be the first East Lansing school to have a SPIN club. The application fee is once per year. Applications are first come first serve. It will begin after spring break in April.

Steam Night is coming along. It is currently over budget, but will have some amazing things! Everything is organized and ready to go. Rhiannon volunteered to be the point person for the day of the event.

The new building is about 3 weeks ahead of schedule. The gym floor was poured last week, the roof is almost complete and the interior work has started. Also, Meridian Police will be dropping in to assess the parking situation.

Beginning in May, there will be a need for volunteers to help the teachers with the packing of the classrooms. A few people will need to assist with packing, but most teachers would like to pack themselves, so need they help supervising the children or assisting with bingo games, movie times or other activities in other classrooms while the teachers pack.

With regards to March is Reading Month, the 1st grade is all set. They are doing a scuba theme.

Ms. Norman would also like to talk to the WDSA about a pantry for next year in the new building. The details of this will be discussed at another time.

Committee Reports:

Family Fun Night: Julie T. Everything is all organized. There are 5 additional games for the gym space that can double as games for Pumpkinfest. The volunteers are ready to go. Copies of the flier have been sent out. Signs are up at the school. A stamp has been made to stamp kids hands if the waivers have been signed. Parents will need to sign a waiver to allow the kids to use the bounce house. We just need the water jugs and cups.

March is Reading Month: Bree. Shared the ideas for decorating the school. Colleen mentioned that Shannon would like the Michigan Chillers Author to come to the school for a reading during March is Reading Month. It was agreed that this would be a really nice thing to do. It was also agreed that having an author come in cannot be done annually due to the appearance fees.

Late Start Snacks: Late start days are in Feb and March. Tracy will be looking into whether or not the WDSA needs to provide snacks.

New Business

Flower Sale: We need to talk to the Music teachers about having a concert on this date.

Mileage Club: Colleen. The school has been signed up. The gym and hallway cannot be used for Mileage club. The kids are able to run around the perimeter of the school, but we wi need lots of volunteers and we cannot run it daily.

Pumpkinfest: Lisa F. There are about 19 games that can be improved. Rather than having a Haunted House, it was suggested that we hold a Glow Dance in the gym. Everyone liked the ideas and suggestions.

Winter Market: Liisa M. suggested the creation of a Winter Market in December. The idea is that the students would earn Donley Dollars (like they earn pride slips) and then have the opportunity to be able to shop in the Winter Market for gifts for their families using those Donley Dollars. We (the WDSA) would have to curate the items for sale in the market. Perhaps we could ask for donations of items from our families, or we could possibly explore the idea of purchasing items to be sold at the market.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is at the Donley Library on Feb 19 at 7pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Lisa F. and seconded by Julie T. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.