

WDSA Meeting Minutes

Feb 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

Meeting Attendance – Juliana Hanna, Liisa Morton, Colleen Taylor, Jeff Powers, Micaela Balzer, Bree Anderson, Alexandra Huhta, Jen Louagie, Karen Hoene (Board Rep), Michelle Scott.

Meeting Commenced 7 pm.

Welcome – Meeting brought to order by president Juliana Hanna and introductions commenced.

Approval of Minutes – presented by Liisa. Motion to approve January 2017 minutes made by Bree and seconded by Colleen.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Colleen.

\$516 in box tops.

\$150 in Spirit Wear.

\$100 from Land of Lakes. Amount was put in Fun Run, but can be moved.

\$33.65 was spent in popcorn and bags for popcorn Fridays.

\$4.37 in incidentals – this is the difference between the 20.07 for the Directory and

\$15.70 in Cookie dough.

\$2198 was for the Wharton Center field trip.

Motion by Bree to add a Directory line item in the budget. Seconded by Micaela.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Bree and seconded by Micaela.

Teacher's Report – Michelle Scott.

Wharton Center field trip for the Grades 1 – 5 was a hit. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the performance. DK and K will go to the Wharton Center this week to see Pete the Cat.

Scholarships are available for the Girls On the Run program. Please encourage everyone to look at the program. It is very good. Will be speaking to Anna who runs the Facebook Page It Takes a Village about posting the information on Facebook.

Everyone is getting ready for the Title One Audit. All of the information is being pulled together in preparation for the upcoming site visit. A parent survey will go out at conference time and the parent Group that met last year will be meeting again.

Field trips – There was a good discussion about field trips and how they are to be funded. Transportation costs are a huge factor in determining whether or not a trip can go forth. It was discussed how the privatization of the busses has increased the costs for the field

trips as the cost is determined by where the bus originates. This is also the reason why the bus company charges different amounts on different days for the same field trip. Different ideas about how field trips should be funded were mentioned including perhaps having the board ensuring equitability across all schools for field trips, especially required ones.

Karen Hoene (Board Rep) discussed how field trip decisions are made by administration and not by the board, but mentioned that it is possible to perhaps discuss it at the Board level. She mentioned that it is clear that equity is needed across the schools for field trips. She also mentioned that there have been many concerns raised about bussing since it has been privatized. She will contact Dori Leyko as to what the proper protocol should be for issues with Dean (the bus company) and will check about the cumbersome complaint procedure.

Board Report – Karen Hoene

There is an upcoming forum about the bond proposal at Marble school on Feb 27th at 9 am.

Steam night at the East Lansing High School in the Student Union on March 14th at 6 pm. Board is in the process of training 10 elementary teachers in the principles of STEAM learning.

M-Step is online this year. The principals of the schools are being the trainers of this program.

Board passed a safe schools resolution. This policy and protocol is for the best interests of the students who may be affected. The Board also sees a need to have a plan in place to support students who may be affected by ICE.

Superintendent search is in negotiation. Dori Leyko is the current Acting Superintendent. Possible that a search for a Superintendent will begin in the summer, depending on what happens after the bond vote.

Recent events at the high school regarding cultural insensitivity and intercultural dialog discussed. Reminder that the Board appreciates any kind of feedback, both positive and negative.

DPC/Fundraising Report – Alex Huhta

Donely Dash – Playmakers are on board. They will do it for us. They will bring the Music. We need to bring the cheer. It is only a ½ day and the date is set.

DPC – Donley scores have gone up, but Donley is still a focus school.

MESP would like to start to come into the school to encourage kids to start saving for college – they are willing to pay for coming in and this could be used as a fundraising opportunity.

Discussion ensued about the Donley scores, the efforts that the teachers make and the challenges that are unique to the school. It was also mentioned that the behavioral interventionist is no longer at the school.

Committee Reports

Book Bingo – March 1st. Teachers are doing it to kick off March is Reading Month. They need book donations, new or used, and will need help to sort donations.

March is Reading Month – Friday Feb 24 and Saturday Feb 25 we will be decorating the doors for March is Reading Month. The theme is Space. Bree has some Sorority help for decorating the doors, but the more people who can come, the better. Decorating is from 4-7 Friday and 9-3 Saturday.

Mileage Club – 118 kids registered thus far. Kids need to have parents sign them up.

Dolphin Dance – Will be on April 14 in conjunction with the book fair.

Teacher Appreciation – Nothing planned yet.

International Night – May 18th – want to make the event more hands on and not as stationary as in years past. Would like to focus on the café part and perhaps have folk dancers. Is on the same night as Spring Sing. Time is from 6-7:30 pm.

New Business – Bond Proposal. Juliana briefly discussed the awareness of the bond proposal.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Alex and seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.