

## **WDSA Meeting Minutes**

Nov 14, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

**Meeting Attendance:** Bree Anderson, Micaela Balzer, Julianna Hanna, Tracy Barton, Todd Buckingham (Safe Routes to School co-ordinator), Emily Ostruski, Alex Huhta, Josh Robertson, Lesley Keith, Nell Kuhnmuench, Liisa Morton.

Meeting Commenced at 5 pm.

**Welcome:** Introductions and welcome

**Safe Routes Report:** Todd Buckingham (Safe Routes to School Co-ordinator)

Todd gave a brief overview of what Safe Routes to School has been doing over the past 2 years. They have given safety presentations to the middle school students in both bike and walk safety and they have been trying to start walking school buses at each school on the elementary level. Only Whitehills has a walking school bus at the moment. Walk to school day was on Oct. 4 and it was successful overall at the elementary schools. Safe Routes will be co-ordinating more presentations in conjunction with Law enforcement officials about walking to school at all of the elementary schools. After some discussion, Liisa Morton was nominated by Alex (seconded by Bree), to be Donley's contact for Safe Routes to School.

**Principals Report:** Tracy Barton

Mr. Robertson has been hired as the new principal of Marble. He will be leaving Donley. We are starting the interview process for a new teacher for the Heroes classroom. We have some candidates that we will begin interviewing over the next few weeks. This will be a contract until the end of the school year.

We have had some positive reports from the intervention groups. We are seeing some very significant growth out of the students.

**Board Report :** Nell Kuhnmuench. The Board formally accepted Josh as Principal of Marble. They are very pleased to have him as a principal.

The Board needs to appoint a Board member. In the early November meeting, there was no consensus reached. Much discussion ensued.

With regards to the renovations at Red Cedar, things are moving forward. All of the information is online.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Presented by Liisa. Motion to approve the Oct. 2017 minutes made by Alex and seconded by Bree.

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Micaela.

Pumpkin fest – the check was deposited but there are still some things that need to be discounted

The Dunk tank payment from the spring went on this year as opposed to last year because the receipts were recently found and turned in.

Popcorn Friday – some supplies had to be purchased

Teacher reimbursements have gone out to a few more teachers this month.

Bree has volunteered to help Coleen with tracking the teacher field trips for this year.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Julianna and seconded by Bree.

**Teachers Report:** Josh Robertson.

Overall it has been a good year for the teachers so far. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is going to the Big Zoo lesson at Potter Park next week.

Josh thanked the WDSA for all of their support over the years. He will be taking up the position as Marble Principal as soon as a teacher can be found for his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class.

**Bond proposal updates:** Tracey. The building has been moved a little bit on the plans to accommodate concerns from the neighboring residents.

**DPC /Fundraising:** Alex.

We have just sent in \$275 with Box tops. Ms. Gracik won the box top collection party. Another box top competition will be held in January.

### **Committee Reports**

International night (Julianna): International night is on Thursday. Officially only 8 people have signed up to bring dishes.

Make a plate – Things are moving right along. All of the forms have been submitted and we should have the items before winter break.

Book Fair – There will be a Story night on Nov. 30. Erika Darling is in charge of organizing the story tellers.

**New Business:** A new copy of upcoming events has been made and will be made available at International night. Also, a new slate of candidates for the WDSA will need to be nominated next year – it's never too early to start thinking about it.

Next meeting will be in January 2018.

Motion to adjourn made by Juliana and seconded by Emily. Meeting adjourned.