

WDSA Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Liisa Morton

Meeting Attendance – Juliana Hanna, Nancy Mesko, Colleen Taylor, Dori Leyko, Stefani Wagner, Vicky Bellon, Tracey Barton, Najah Alsuleen, Liisa Morton, Alexandra Huhta, Bree Anderson, Hillary Henderson, Micaela Balzer, Julie Rairigh, Shannon Johnston.

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

Approval of Minutes – presented by Michaela. Motion to approve minutes made by Alex and seconded by Bree.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Colleen.

\$5,509.29 in Fun Run.

\$829 in Make-A-Plate

\$143 in Marco's

\$37.18 in Kroger. Need to encourage more to sign up for the Kroger program.

Turn out for Pumpkin Fest was not as high as expected. Still brought in \$678.78.

Popcorn machine needed to be fixed in December, so there were expenses of \$131.14 over November and December for Popcorn Fridays.

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

Principal's Report – Tracey Barton

Announced names of new staff members at Donley.

Teacher Flash Mob

Steam Night – Feb. 2.

School Improvement meetings – working with Edgewood to explore possibility of joint meetings that would work to bridge home and school environments.

Four teachers attended Conscience Discipline Workshops/Meetings.

Meetings had great information and are looking at more training in this area for other staff.

Discussed traffic flow and how it is being worked on.

Teacher Report – Julie Rairigh

Younger classes working on monthly themes and it is going well. Senior classes are working on some year long projects. In particular, Grade 5 kids embarked on a program to raise money and write grants to purchase Lego Kits to build Robots. Project has been very empowering for the students. The Lego kits have arrived and now they are working on building and programming the Robots.

Teachers love their re-decorated Teacher's Lounge.

School Board Report – Hillary and Dori (Curriculum Director for District)

Bond Proposal for the renovation and building of new elementary schools has been set at 93 Million. It is hoped that the bond proposal will be voted on in May. The school board will be looking for the community to assist with the campaign. The Architect and Construction company have been selected.

Safe Routes to School – Stefani (Safe Routes to School District Co-ordinator)

A grant has been obtained and now we are looking for a parent volunteer from each school to champion Walk to School Wednesdays. Walk to School Wednesdays will start after Spring break. The idea is to organize walking school buses one day a week. Can start with just one neighborhood with the idea that eventually all local neighborhoods will participate. Juliana and Nancy agreed to start looking at organizing a walking school bus.

DPC Fundraising – Alex

Box Tops – bring more in

Krogers – sign up if you haven't already

Book Fair - Nancy

December book fair went well. In total there will be 3 book fairs for this school year, but there will only be 2 book fairs for next school year. The next book fair will be in April (co-ordinating with the dance) and will be a BOGO. The book money has already been spent on books for the library. A new sign is needed for the book fair and Nancy will look into that.

Steam Night – Feb 2. All is good.

March Is Reading Month – Bree

Theme is Space (“Take me to your Readers”). WDSA will commit to decorating the library, gym and front doors. Need class parent volunteers to decorate teacher doors. Start of reading month is March 1. Decorating to be done Feb 24, 25, 26.

International Night – Juliana

May 18, 6-8. Keeping same concept as last year.

Dolphin Dance – In April. It was decided to keep the food at the Dolphin Dance to healthier options such as popcorn, veggies and fruit.

Teacher Appreciation – Week of May 3. WDSA to decide on which 3 days to provide lunches.

New Business – Julianna

Due to her election to the school board, Nicole Martin will be unable to maintain her role as WDSA VP. It is proposed that Micaela Balzer fulfill the role as VP and that Liisa Morton fulfill the role as secretary. Motion to accept proposal made by Colleen. Seconded by Bree. Unanimous.

Adjournment

Motion to move for adjournment by Colleen. Seconded by Micaela.