

## **MINUTES FOR WILLIAM DONLEY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 10/20/2015**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

A monthly meeting of the WDSA was held on October 20th, 2015 in the Donley Library. The meeting began at 7:06pm and was presided over by Jeff Powers.

### **ATTENDEES**

Jeff Powers (President), Julianna Hanna (Vice-President), Colleen Taylor (Treasurer), Nichole Martin (Secretary), Tracey Barton (Principal) and parents at-large; Micaela Balzer, Alexandra Huhta, Leonie Hintze, Jen Scott, Bree Anderson, Kelly Luther, Jennifer Clark Kate Powers (East Lansing School Board), and Vicky Bellon.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alexandra Huhta and seconded by Leonie Hintze, all favored.

### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Treasurer's report was presented by Colleen Taylor

Field Trip Scholarship funds from the WDSA were increased to \$250.00  
Book Fair supplies from the WDSA were increased to \$100.00  
Government Filing fees were increased to \$550.00  
Library Budget contribution from the WDSA was increased to \$5000.00  
Mileage Club supplies from the WDSA were increased to \$250.00  
STEAM night will receive \$600.00 to assist with activities and supplies  
Teacher Appreciation Day was increased to \$250.00  
Raz-Kids was approved to receive \$525.00 to assist K-1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Transportation line item was replaced with Field Trips and will be increased to \$6500  
International Night will receive \$200.00 to assist with activities and supplies

Motion was made by Colleen to support ongoing, monthly payment to have a babysitter at all WDSA meetings. Motion seconded by Jeff Powers and all voted yes to make babysitting a line item on the monthly treasurer's report.

#### Principal's report was presented by Tracey Barton

Mrs. Barton reported that there are currently Title-1 surveys being conducted. At this point in time Donley only has the ability to give Title-1 services to students who are identified for Title-1 funding. She reported that 46% of Donley students are on free or reduced lunch plans.

In order to qualify as a Title-1 school, the process takes approximately 1 year. There is a MDE facilitator overseeing the process, however the school will be looking for feedback and engagement from stakeholders and parents to attend future meetings in order to identify a unique plan for Donley.

Mrs. Barton reported the hiring of 3 full-time Title I paraprofessionals and 1 part-time teacher for Donley. DRAs (reading tests for previously identified children) are currently being conducted. Aimsweb testings will then be conducted to assist in identifying students levels of educational need. GoFit Groups will begin soon with classrooms breaking into 4 small groups with utilization of paraprofessional supports.

Teachers thank the WDSA for the fall clean up and report that the school looks amazing. Thanks for your hard work! Thank you to Earth Tones and Hammond Farms for your help in donating supplies. A request to place a Earth Tones Sign in the front of the school was made.

Parking – We continue to have parents parking and leaving their vehicles in the north entrance of the school.

Guest Speaker: Curtis Hertel

Senator Hertel reported a \$25 increase per youth during this school year. He reported that much of the School Aid Fund money is going to Community Colleges. There are current bills being presented related to Gun Control and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade proficiency levels. Senator Hertel is working on legislation related to increased fines for vehicles who are not obeying by school zone laws.

Fun Run update was presented by Vicky Bellon

The Fun Run totaled \$9465.31 in pledges and school reached its goal of reaching \$6000.00. Sedric in Ms. Becketl's class will be the Principal for the Day and all the other students in the school will be allowed to wear a hat of their choosing.

Pumpkin Festival / Fall Carnival

Pumpkin Fest was a huge success with \$1200 profit. Suggestions for next year include paying for pizza and drinks to be placed in the breakroom for volunteers. Huge THANK YOU to Kandi for her organization and preparation for a fun event and thank you for all the volunteers help.

Make a Plate was presented by Kelly Luther

Make a Plate orders / design forms will be sent home the first week of November and will be due on November 27<sup>th</sup>. WDSA agreed to provide families with the options to purchase a plate, cup, mug and/or tote bag with their child(ren)'s art work.

T-Shirt Sales was presented by Jen Scott

Jen reported that 74 items had been ordered and there were currently 19 original blue shirts in stock.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alex Huhta has been named as the Secretary of the District Parent Council. Thanks Alex!

WDSA will work to create Photos for Thank You Cards to pass out throughout the school year.

Kate Powers announced that there is an agenda item for Parent Council Representatives, at every non-work session, outside of public comment and parents should be encouraged to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events: Winter Book Fair is December (Preview on 12/7) Book Fair Sales 8-11, 2015  
International Night is January 22, 2016

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bree Anderson moved the meeting be adjourned, second by Kelly Luther and this was agreed upon at 8:37pm.

Nichole E. Martin

Nichole E. Martin, Secretary 2015-16  
William Donley School Association

11/17/2015

Date of Approval