

**Wallingford Elementary School
Parent-Teacher Organization
January 7, 2020**

AGENDA

Attendees

Audra Bach	Melissa Carden-Boline	Kelly Whitehead
Erin Stancill	Kate Shaughnessy	Doni Reece
Allison Collings	Shannon Chandy	Candice Rogers
Colleen Thom	Stephanie Cavanagh	Christie Cari

Call to Order - 7:03 pm

Approval of minutes from 11/12/19 meeting - Approved

Committee Thank You's

- Restaurant Nights: Courtney Kelly, Theresa Birardi (Iron Hill Night)
- Teacher Appreciation: Doni Reece, Maria Acosta-Garcia & volunteers
Conference Dinner for teachers
- Hour of Code: Lindsay Goldsmith-Markey, Beth Benzing & volunteers
- Spirit Wear: Michelle Long, Jenny Dolan
- Lost and Found: Jess Trout
- Gift of Giving: Kelly Whitehead, Sara O'Reilly, Lynne Schofield
- Foreign Language: Lisa Godlewski, Maggie Lorch Second session start up
- Bingo Night: Kate Shaughnessy, Shannon Holt, Michelle O'Shea
- Visiting Authors: Heather Warley, Martha Lambertsen
- Treasurers: Allison Collings and Fran Yan
- Milk and Cookies: Sue Gaur, 2nd grade students and parents, cookie-bakers
- Turkey Drive: 5th grade teachers and students

Principal's Report: Gabe Savage

- PBIS Acknowledgement Kick-Off – January 10th, wear WES colors
 - o Looking at academic and behavioral aspects of the school under one umbrella. MTSS connects all the systems of support - academics, absentees, etc. Includes: New Schedule (which is already in place) - 1 hr block built into the day for the kids that get pulled or needs extra help in class. Responsive Classroom (Power of our Words by Paula Denton is being read by the teachers) training for teacher in service days, PowerSchool will be used for the report cards that are coming up. Hoping report cards will be out by the end of the month.

- o PBIS (WES CARES) - Staff has been using this quote, “Until we have defined, taught, modeled, practiced, reinforced and re-taught, it is unethical for adults to punish...” There are three types of reinforcement: 1) Golden Paw - Raffle Menu: Coupon, gift cards, read to another classroom, lunch with a preferred adult, and lunch with Principal (yellow ticket with name and grade number given by teachers for positive behavior, given in common areas. It will give them a chance at a reward.) 2) Rusty’s recognition (only in the classroom, given by teachers hoping each student gets it once or twice a month in each classroom. They will tell them why they got it so they can share at home.) 3) Class Paw (given by specialist - Art, Music, Gym, etc). This will be rolled out at the assembly on Friday, Jan 10, will start Monday, Jan 13 and first raffle Jan 17.
- o WES Cares project where the kids could give up their tickets in an effort to reach out to community people - like writing cards to crossing guards, police officers, etc (Ms. Hole is running this project, but looking for the PTO’s support, looking to roll out by the end of March)
- Raptor Security System
 - o It will be in the front office. You will scan your license when you come in. Goes through sex offenders, gang members, etc. It will have your picture on it. After your license has been scanned, when you come in the office, they can type your name in and print it out. The stickers can be printed in advance for school events if they know who is coming in advance. (only if your license has already been scanned.) Someone suggested an Open House or set time for people to come in and scan license to make it easier on the office staff.
- Thanked us for breakfast for teachers, for the Hour of Code, Turkey Drive, Ms. Gaur’s Cookies and Milk, Music Concert
- Mr. Savage mentioned that the Variety Show is coming back - there will be a grade level representative for each grade.

Treasurer’s Report: Submitted by Allison Collings

This report spans: 11/11/2019-1/6/2020

- We started the period with a cash balance of **\$48,840.66**
- We had deposits of: **\$18,738.40**
- And withdrawals of: **(\$14,519.18)**
- Leaving us with a balance of **\$53,059.88**

Highlights

- Deposits:
 - o \$8,642.59 – Fall Book Fair
 - o \$7,656.95 – Foreign Language Club

- o \$956.84 – Halloween Carnival
 - o \$796.60 – Pancake Breakfast
 - o \$515.00 – Other - donation from parent that company made a donation.
\$15.00 from Vanguard check
 - o \$132.19 – Giant/Amazon Smile
 - o \$38.23 – Membership Directory
- Withdrawals
- o \$6,153.75 – Fall Book Fair
 - o \$1,475.17– Halloween Carnival
 - o \$4,310.27 – Foreign Language Club
 - o \$785.10 – Unbudgeted Wish List (Tree - John Lyons, and 1st grade manipulatives)
 - o \$605.45 – Visiting Authors
 - o \$400.00 – Kindergarten (storyteller)
 - o \$333.04 – Staff Appreciation
 - o \$163.38 – Pancake Breakfast
 - o \$152.26 – PTO Admin
 - o \$140.76 – Misc.

Reminders

- Deposits have all been labeled, please continue to do so

Total Expense vs. Deposits SYTD – 07/1/19-1/6/20

- o Expenses: **(\$43,064.28)**
- o Deposits: **\$56,943.87**
- o Net YTD: **\$13,879.59**

Committee Reports (Committees at work have the opportunity to report, share good news/feedback, ask for help/advice/input

- Gift of Giving – Winter party/Valentine’s Day project
 - o Distributed cards to four local nursing homes after Winter Parties.
 - o Valentine’s party will be given to Caring for Friends. Donations will be accepted for breakfast bags. Students will make cards and put bags together. They will be given to home bound people that don’t have family around.
- Iron Hill Night – made \$280.21
- Hour of Code – A lot of positive feedback. Lindsay and Beth said they are thankful to everyone that had a hand in making this work.

- Bingo Night – January 24th, 6:00- 8:30 pm, looking for book donations, experiences to raffle, and volunteers for the night. Wawa is donating drinks for the event. The pizza will be ordered from Pinocchio's. So far they have the following raffle items: certificate for - Creative Living Room \$100, Bette's Family Fun Center, Hedgerow Theatre, WES Spirit Wear Basket, Community Art Center, etc)
- Sustainability - Erin - Discussed how they see our role. They want sustainability to go across the board in all our committees, May Day idea - small toy and trinket drive (like little balls, pencils, erasers, notebooks, paddles with a ball, etc). Tammy McCauley is ok with doing this. When can the drive be done where we don't overlap with another drive? Suggested later in February, after Valentine's Day.
- Give the kids the opportunity to make choices - poster contest, green committee, etc - Christie suggested speaking with student council (Mr. Miller). Kelly mentioned we should start with recycling to get it straightened out here in our own cafeteria. Erin mentioned having a sustainability speaker every year. Looking for a water bottle filling station in the cafeteria. Christie asked Kelly if she has the information for the inside ones to keep it consistent with what we already have.
- Using reusables for classroom parties instead of throwing out stuff. Melissa suggested cloth napkins for each classroom (maybe a pack of 30) and have parents wash them. Mr. Savage doesn't support having parents wash and return to the classroom, because of allergies. It was brought up that SRS already does this. Mr. Savage reiterated how concerned he is about the allergy issue. He doesn't want to move forward with this because they are going home with someone and he doesn't know the circumstances at their homes - dogs, cats, foods, etc. Christie asked if the district is concerned about it from a litigious point of view? (Mr. Savage is going to speak to the district about this.)
- Spirit Wear – \$563 from Fall Sale, Spring Sale coming up, headbands, t-shirts, mesh shorts, aim to have items will be delivered by spring break.
- Foreign Language – Second Session beginning next week (62 students - 1st session was 80) They can take sign-ups till Friday, January 10th. People complained about the lack of consistency - it was because they don't meet the week that there is no school on one of those days. Example: If there is no school on Monday, there will be no meetings that week.
- Chess Club – Thursdays February 27th – March 26th after school, sign ups to follow.
- Guest Author – Thomas Taylor, Malamandor January 27th, 3-5th graders
- International Night - Melissa wants to get people signed up right away for a country. In the past, people have signed up last minute. This year Melissa wants to prevent this from happening. They hope to have 20-25 countries. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 @ 6 pm to 7:30 pm.
- Box Tops \$600+ into our \$1000 goal for the year
- Nominating Committee - is looking to see who is in for next year. Contact Candice Rogers or other people on the nominating committee.

Open Floor (A time to share new ideas, ask questions, general discussion)

Adjournment 8:13 pm
