



Malcolm White PTO

Minutes: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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Executive Board Attendance: Ulli Airey (enrichment coordinator), Jackie Buttaro (vice president), Kevin Kealing (secretary), Rob Nickerson (principal), Carla Beaudoin

Membership Attendance: Rae Allen (2nd grade teacher), Sarah Bergman-McCool, Renee Prestia, Jennifer Jones, Emily Lipsett, Elise Meyers, Chris Elwell, Areti Papadopoulos, Katie Fitzgerald

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Review of Minutes from February 9th meeting
 - a) Motion made to accept the minutes from the 2/9/22 meeting by Emily Lipsett, seconded by Carla Beaudoin and passed unanimously.
- 4) Principal / Teacher Comments
 - a) Mr. Nickerson discussed the new mask-optional policy in WPS. A lot of time and effort was put into preparation to make all comfortable and it seems that everyone is doing okay. Approximately 25% of kids and 20% of staff appear to be wear masks. Overall seems to be a positive experience.
 - b) Book fair is back in person and it is going well.
 - c) Field trips and field day are being planned.
 - d) Still have a serious need for lunch monitors.
- 5) President's Report
 - a) Community Day 2022 - April 30th (Jennifer Jones)
 - i) Communications will be coming out the first week of April for sign-ups.
 - ii) April will be focused on school yard cleanup, a part 2 for planting will take place mid-May.
 - b) 5th grade committee update (Ulli Airey)
 - i) Currently working on yearbook questionnaire
 - ii) General ask for pictures and t-shirt sizes
 - (1) Jennifer Jones asked for a deadline for pictures for the yearbook. Ulli will get information out on that.

- c) Scholarship Committee (Carla Beaudoin)
 - i) Volunteers are needed to review applications during April Break. Please reach out to Carla or Amy if you are interested.
- 6) Upcoming elections / nominations
 - a) Nominations for next year's executive board will be made at the April meeting.
 - b) The question of term limits was raised, Kevin explained that the practice is for board members to serve no more than 2 years without taking a 1 year break between terms.
 - c) Nominations can also be made "from the floor" at the May meeting.
- 7) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Income this year has been very positive
 - i) Walk-a-thon brought in \$8,500
 - ii) Football squares netted \$500
 - b) Future costs include additional enrichment
 - c) Current balance is approximately \$18,000. Per bylaws we need to have a balance of \leq \$10,000 by the end of the year.
 - d) Money-Minder
 - i) This financial software for PTOs currently costs us \$140/hr. There is an additional module that allows for greater integration of bank accounts, paypal, etc.
 - (1) Motion to approve by Jennifer Jones, seconded by Renee Prestia, passed 13 for, none against
 - e) Umbrellas
 - i) Teachers have requested umbrellas to help with arrival and dismissal.
 - ii) Motion made by Sarah Bergman-McCool to allocate \$200 to purchase umbrellas. Seconded by Jennifer Jones and passed unanimously 14-0.
- 8) Vice-President's Report / Fundraising
 - a) Trivia Night
 - i) Friday, May 20th
- 9) Enrichment Coordinator's Report
 - a) Book Fair
 - i) Not all books are in stock so some kids may bring home papers with instructions on how to order online
 - b) Field trip updates
 - i) Lower grades going to Stone Zoo and others going on a Trolley Tour
 - c) In school enrichment
 - i) Top secret science for grades 1 -5 is being set up. Kindergarten had a beekeeping presentation earlier in the year
- 10) Additional comments/questions
 - a) Cheryl Lombardo memorial - looking for volunteers
 - b) Field Day ideas were solicited
 - i) Dunk Tank
 - ii) Slush or cold treat, italian ice, hoodsies
 - iii) Shirts or colored shirts

- iv) Next meeting we will vote on budget for the event
- c) Kindness Committee
 - i) Heart handout went really well and seemed to be enjoyed by all
 - ii) Next event is chalk obstacle course
 - iii) Carla made a motion made for \$100 for kindness committee supplies, seconded by Jackie. No discussion was had and the motion passed unanimously.
- 11) Adjournment
 - a) Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jennifer Jones, seconded by Jackie and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

****Our next meeting will be on Wednesday April 13th at 7pm****