

WESPTSA Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2017

Attendees: Craig D, Denise D, Monica S, Jamie R, Michelle E, Tala E, Melissa I, Tammy N, Sean F, Carrie H, Amy M, Lina C, Heath P, Chad S, Lynette P, Sara E, Kelly C, Emily B

Meeting:

1. Regular Business.
 - a. Welcome and Introductions. Craig D.
 - b. Feb Minutes. Michelle motioned, Amy second. Minutes approved.
 - c. Feb Treasurer Report. Chad
 - i. See enclosed financial report.
 - ii. Not much activity, but have a lot coming up. Discovery has receipts coming. Money is being spent on grade level grants and arts, checks have gone out.
 - iii. Michelle motioned, Amy second. Report approved.
2. Events/Activities Calendar - Recap and Updates. Craig.
 - a. Used Book Sale. Michelle on behalf of Heather.
 - i. Still collecting through March 10th. Sale will be next week. Maybe make new arrangements for book drop-off next year. Currently can only drop-off at Discovery, try to do a drop-off spot in Explorer too.
 - ii. Some books being donated are brand new, maybe show them to Mrs. Nagy to see if she wants some for the library. Heather has already reached out to her about this.
 - b. Family Reading Night. Melissa.
 - i. Everything is all set - 8 guest speakers, room reserved, volunteers signed up, food being donated, prizes purchased. May need to buy a little more food.
 - ii. Theme this year is - camping/adventure.
 - iii. Will also pick up a speaker system from the High School as it was hard to hear last year.
 - iv. Last year we had about 120 present.
 - c. Conferences. Denise.
 - i. It would be nice to stock a few carts for the teachers during conferences with coffee and snacks.
 - ii. There is a teacher appreciation budget (\$350) which hasn't yet been touched. Speak with Camilla about this.
 - iii. March 23 would be a good date to do this since conferences occur on several days.
 - d. Mileage Club. Monica.
 - i. Kids can still sign up online, but the deadline for pre-printed cards has already passed. Final deadline to sign up is April 6.

- ii. Discovery - out of 396 kids, 267 have registered.
 - iii. Explorer - out of 400 kids, 211 have registered.
 - iv. Big increase in registration.
 - v. A video was completed and shown to the kids to explain what Mileage Club is - a walking program in which kids earn incentives for the miles they log.
 - vi. Discussed electronic device which would allow for tracking and logging miles for the kids, instead of manually hole punching the cards during recess. Big time saver for volunteers, but does need Wi-Fi, which doesn't quite reach that far out on the playground. It's an app and is currently still being developed. More info to be out this summer.
 - 1. Costs \$149 for the program and then a \$39 annual fee.
 - e. April Parent Info Night. Michelle.
 - i. Lost some camps for the April meeting, that's ok.
 - ii. Flyers went out.
 - iii. There were about 12-15 people at the March Info Night, good turnout.
 - iv. If this is continued next year, maybe don't have it every month.
 - f. Teacher Appreciation Lunch.
 - i. Camilla absent, Emily B - let's use the stock pile of plates we have.
 - g. Ice Cream Social. Michelle.
 - i. May 4th
 - ii. All sponsor positions filled! First time ever.
 - iii. Due to the Summer Camp parent info, we had more businesses/traction with the directories and those new businesses are now coming to the Ice Cream Social.
 - iv. Looking for 5 sub-coordinators who would need to show up after school day of the event to help set up (get there about 3:25 pm).
 - 1. Lina C volunteered to be a sub coordinator.
 - 2. Tala - tot spot.
 - 3. Denise D - hallway games
 - 4. Monica - food/shopping
 - v. Chris L. to take over selling tickets.
3. Communication.
- a. Facebook posts.
 - b. Newsletter content. Emily B.
 - i. Going well, always looking for content ideas, ways to get involved.
4. Succession Planning Updates. Craig.
- a. Still need VP for next year.
 - b. Need new people to get involved.
5. Other Items- open discussion. Craig.
- a. Superintendent Search. Emily.

- i. Attended Board meetings and watched interviews, all open to the public. Interviewed 5 people, narrowed it down to 2 for second interview (Adam S and guy from Ferndale). Second interviews on 3/21.
 - ii. Board members discussed the priorities they were looking for - number 1 was decision maker/manager, though they did indicate that they wanted someone with curriculum experience, but that didn't come out in their communication to the public.
 - iii. Maybe have someone to be a Board liaison, or rotating schedule for people to go to meetings and report back to the PTSA.
 - iv. Misc. - Williamston Foundation - maybe have a liaison for that organization as well. In the past the WF didn't have a set platform, so there wasn't much to communicate. Next year, however, it is going public with the formal plan (endowment process), at that point we may want a liaison.
 - b. Math Night. Emily
 - i. Discussed possible new PTSA event for next year, before the Fall festival. MSU will give us the stuff, we just need to provide the volunteers (maybe the HS math club would like to get involved).
 - c. Advocacy SubCommittee?
- 6. Items for future discussions? Craig.
 - a. Michelle - is in the process of putting together report on viability of replacing some of the water fountains. She spoke with Discovery and Explorer principals, they approved. She is now making a report to submit to George to discuss which fountains could be replaced. There are 8 total and there is a request to put 1 in the Explorer gym. Would use the Ice Cream Social money for this.
 - b. May 3 is bike to school day.
 - i. Michigan is ranked #3 for bike to school day (nationwide).
 - c. May 4 is Ice Cream Social
 - d. Lynette - parents should be giving input to the Board regarding curriculum. Adam S gave a presentation - maybe available to the public/online - music teacher is retiring next year, maybe replace music with STEAM. When he gave the presentation Board made no comment, just listened.
 - e. Grade level grants -
 - i. Sean - discussed grade level grants and how 1st grade has been using that money - art supplies, books, speakers, shelves, technology (Android tablets, RAZ kids, etc). 2nd grade has also used money - RAZ kids, docking station, art supplies.
 - ii. Lynette - bought a video camera as well.
 - iii. Heath - bought new pedometers.
- 7. Adjourn.
 - a. Michelle motioned, Amy second. All approved.