

WHSA Minutes
September 1, 2015
4:00 pm

Attendees: Katie Keller, President; Erin Allred, VP; Katie Pross, Secretary; Howard Emerson, Treasurer; Krista Antonis, Principal; Connie Aarons, Teacher; Rita Barbon, Counselor; Jen Joiner, Teacher; Stephanie Snell, Teacher; Lisa and Doug Miller; Kristi Hart; Jodi Witmer; Miranda Hartman; Mary Turner; Christie Viscariello; Nicolle Schnovel; Alli Plank; Anne Matesic; Andrea Haldeman; Erin Tokuc; Justine Lefkowitz; Nicole Leskin; Alicia LaGrassa; Christina Mayer; Arlene Wiemann; Michelle Coldren; Tricia Voss; Rebecca Jarzyna, Margaret Kauffman; Tracy Markle; Amy Bornais; Abby Rigdon; Sarah Arnholdt

President Katie Keller welcomed the attendees
Welcome – Katie Keller

ColorATHon– Tracy Markle and Speaker Representative from the Color A Thon presented information to the group. Highlights include:

- Event must be planned with 7-8 weeks notice.
- Color packets are non-toxic.
- Run will be on Wilson Campus.
- Fundraising based– technically there is no minimum amount to raise, but the “average” student brings in between \$90-\$110. There are incentives to help encourage students to bring in higher donations.
- Fee based – Each student pays a straight fee.
- Shorter distance turnaround is suggested as an option for those who cannot complete the 5K.
- We were told to refer to the brochure for logistics and questions.

Principal’s Report – Dr. Antonis School Closed 9/4 and 9/7 for Labor Day Weekend.

9/8 – Picture Day (Kindergarten to be photographed first), Meet the Teacher (there will be 3 sessions).

9/21-9/25 Scholastic Book fair – needs list for volunteers will be emailed.

Edna Carroll will no longer be the Whitfield School secretary. New candidates are currently being interviewed. In the interim, Jennifer Weidner will be performing all front office duties.

Early dismissal days (11:45 am) 9/16, 9/30.

Treasurer’s Report – Howard Emerson WHSA is financially stable with \$26,000 in the account. Our current budget is running with a deficit of \$5000 that should be negligible after our yearly fundraising.

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Corn Maze – Margaret Kauffman	Duncan's Corn Maze scheduled for Sunday, 10/11. Flyers to come home soon. Need bake sale volunteers for both baking and working the stand. Any baked goods should be individually wrapped. More information to come.
Book Fair – Abby Rigdon	Taking place 9/21-9/25. Volunteers needed for lunch and after school. Sign up genius will be used to coordinate volunteers. Set up for the event takes place Friday, 9/18, after school.
Hospitality – Abby Rigdon	Water and cookies purchased for Meet the Teacher night from Weis Markets.
Gift of Love – Abby Rigdon	Charity event for the entire school. Takes place Nov-Dec. More information to come.
Girls on the Run – Kim (GOTR Rep)	Representative came in to clarify how the scholarship system works for the program. Highlights: • 12 weeks after school program for grades 3-8 focused on helping girls with self-esteem. • Ends with a 5K. • No girl is turned away for financial reasons and GOTR requests that the WHSA reimburse them for the difference between what the families can pay and what the total fee is (\$150) so funding can be spread throughout more needy school districts. • Maximum number of girls in program is 15.
Staff Appreciation	New committee suggested to focus on giving the Whitfield staff more WHSA funding. Dr. Antonis will pay for instructional materials for classrooms to allow the WHSA to focus on helping the staff with other needs. Vote approved to remove RAZ kids from WHSA budget. Jen Joiner heads up the Sunshine committee for the Whitfield staff. She will work with the Staff Appreciation committee.
Box Tops	Meet the teacher night backpack giveaway drawing for parents who bring in 5 box tops. Need little donations to fill the backpacks. Need volunteers to count box tops. Last year box top total: \$3493.11 Net. The box top website allows you to access more information about box tops and the individual school goals.

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Committee Chair – Wendy Rio (not in attendance).

Spirit Wear – Michelle Coldren	Sparkle Wear will be working with Spirit Wear this year. Order forms for product coming home soon. There will be a cash and carry table at Meet the Teacher night.
Giant/Campbell's Labels/Amazon Smile	We get a percentage of Giant proceeds when patrons sign up with their bonus cards. Campbell's Labels can be used to purchase playground style merchandise. Amazon Smile allows patrons to make purchases from Amazon while giving the school a percentage. More information will be provided in the next newsletter
Holiday Shoppe – Tracy Markle	Scheduled for 12/5. Will have gifts for kids to purchase for family members, bake sale items, crafts for a cause, and Santa!
Coupon Books	Committee Chair – Aaron Orrell (not in attendance). Look for coupon books coming out soon.
Directory	**Need a committee chair to do the Directory ASAP or else we may not have a directory this year!
Community Nights – Katie Keller and Katie Pross	Next 2 planned are Rita's (September date to be determined) and Friendly's (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving).
Sweet Street	Takes place 2 Saturdays before thanksgiving. Looking for a new committee chair.
Yearbook/School Store – Christina Mayer	Looking for a co chair.
Bulletin Board	The WHSA has been given a bulletin board near the entrance to facilitate communication to both parents and students. Christina Mayer and Tracy Markle have volunteered to maintain it for the year.

Dr. Antonis will be sending out a survey about the first meeting. Any feedback is appreciated.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, 10/6 at 6:30 pm** in the Whitfield cafeteria.