

WHSA Meeting
Tuesday 9/6/16
6:30 PM

Attendees: Meghan Krick, Shannon Simons, Melody Walley, Jenn Ulrich, Crystal Kulpcavage, Carrie Benkert, Tracy Smith-Salzman, Michelle Coldren, Kim Williams, Miranda Hartman, Howard Emerson, Samantha Dietrich, Michael Dietrich, Kristi Hart, Erin Tokuc, Danielle Voelker, Arlene Wiemann, Tracy Markle, Sarah Arnholt

WHSA Board: Katie Keller - President, Erin Allred - VP, Katie Pross - Secretary, Jen Weyman - Treasurer

Welcome:

Katie Keller called the meeting to order and all attendees gave introductions.

Principal's Report:

- State mandated fire drills were run during the previous week. Intruder drills are scheduled for the week of the 9/12.
- Principal's Assembly was held on the first day of school. This year's theme is "Rolling Out the Red Carpet". Kindergarten had a separate assembly on Thursday to discuss behaviors. Students can now earn an OSCAR (Our Students Can Act Responsibly and Respectfully as a Whitfield Family) by being nominated by their homeroom teachers! Assemblies are held every other month!
- Fourth and Fifth graders will be asked their thoughts on how departmentalization has been working.
- Reading is a priority focus this year for school. Students are to bring "Good Fit" books with them daily.
- Due to some late budget changes 2 grade levels will need extra funding for field trips.
 - The WHSA has approved the funding of \$1700 for this year.
 - Giant rewards checks are supposed to help fund field trips. The board will inquire where that funding is going and if it can be used for field trips in the future. Last year we received \$3000 from Giant Rewards.
- The WHSA funded path project (creating a walkway from the lower house parking lot to the back of Whitfield) is back on the table. The 2013 quote for stairs costs is being reviewed. The District is concerned about path maintenance as they are not willing to fund any part of the project. We are waiting to hear from Operations for approval and will revisit the project when there is more information.
- Please provide a copy of all handouts/flyers that are distributed - they can go in Jen's "In-Bin".

Treasurer Report:

- Jen Weyman reported on WHSA finances. We are financially sound.

Book Fair:

- Taking place 9/19-9/23 during lunch and after school.
- Volunteers needed - sign up through signup genius.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa4a623a1fe3-whitfield>
- This year we are offering a \$5 incentive/volunteer to help out with book fair!

Meet the Teacher Night:

- WHSA to have a booth with information and refreshments.

Coupon Books:

- Books will be distributed in the next week.
- Erin Allred explained the fundraiser to the new members of the WHSA.

Directory:

- Howard Emerson is heading up the directory this year.
- Forms went out with the WHSA packets.
- Advertisements are coming in and will be able to fund the Directory this year.
- There will be a ride share option to help out with carpooling families.

Front Garden:

- WHSA approved to fund the painting of updated bulldog paws for the front walkway.
- Newcastle Landscaping donated new plants and trees for the front garden beds. Thanks to the WHSA members who helped with the labor!

Chairs to be filled:

- Holiday Shoppe - Amy B. and Tracy will continue to chair this year, but need at least one person to start learning the process.
- Family Reading Night
- Hospitality - Jenn Ulrich to take over from Abby Rigdon next year.
- Spiritwear
- Corn Maze - Tricia Voss and Ann Matesic to take over event from Margaret Kauffman next year. Flyers due out soon.
- Box Tops - Howard Emerson to take over from Wendy Rio.

School Store:

- Will occur on the first Tuesday (K-2) and Thursday (3-5) of the month from 8:15-8:35.

Other:

- Tracy Markle deserves a big thank you for decorating the WHSA bulletin board!
- WHSA Whitfield backdrop has been ordered and arrived. It will be used as a photo background at various school events.
- Closet is packed with non WHSA material. We will look into getting it cleared out.
- Researching if Gift of Love presentation can be live streamed.

- Katie Pross is working on the WHSA email distribution list and it will be ready ASAP.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, Oct 4 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

Thank you to everyone who attended!