

WHSA Meeting
Tuesday 11/1/2016
6:30 PM

Attendees: Margaret Kaufmann, Mike & Samantha Dietrich, Howard Emerson, Wendy Rio, Melody Walley, Michelle Coldren, Keya William, Carrie Benkert

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

Welcome:

Katie Keller called the meeting to order.

Box Tops (Wendy Rio):

- Last total \$1300.
- Need Box Top Counter volunteers. People on the volunteer list are not responding to requests to help count.
- The Box Top “wall” will be returning to the school soon!

Principal’s Report (Dr. Antonis):

- State mandated Fire/Severe Weather Drills were completed last month.
- Principal’s Assembly was held Monday 10/31.
 - 2 students per class received an “OSCAR” (Our Students Can Act Responsibly and Respectfully as a Whitfield Family).
 - Sum Dog, GOTR, and Super Speech Club students were recognized.
 - Slideshow of K-5 accomplishments was shown.
- The monthly newsletter is now online.
- Parent & Student/Teacher Conferences will be held this month. School age children are encouraged to come with their parents.
 - **A member had concerns about discussing issues in front of the children - bringing the student is optional. Just discuss the situation with the teacher.**
- The school focus this year is *Read to Self/Read with Someone* throughout the day. Please send “Good Fit” books to school daily. Math Fact Fluency will be a focus as well. There will be more on that program in the future.
- Arrival/Dismissal issues - The WHSA board has met with Mr. Baker regarding the installation of stairs from the Lower House Parking Lot to the back of the Whitfield. Mr. Baker then met with Dr. Antonis and some other Wilson staff in order to discuss options. The steps are not approved, but the new COO, Ms. Lindsay has been observing the Whitfield procedures and will be reporting back to Mr. Baker and his team. Dr. Antonis will report information as it comes.
- Dates:
 - 11/8: Girls on the Run practice 5K (come cheer them on)
 - 11/14: 4-5 Parent Visitation

- 11/15: K-3 Parent Visitation
- 11/14-11/23: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/21-11/22: Early Dismissal 11:45
- 11/23-11/28: Holiday Break

Treasurer Report (Jennifer Weyman): Paid \$35 to replace lost library books. November 15th is the tax deadline for last year - Howard Emerson is in touch with the necessary people.

Corn Maze (Margaret Kauffman): Great success! Sold 200 tickets and made \$736. We had an excess of baked goods due to our bad location. Duncan's is aware of the problem and will make adjustments for next year!

Directory (Howard Emerson): Howard has completed the Directory and has sent it to the printer. It will be out during the month.

Sweet Street Sale (Kristi Hart): Presale papers are going out this week and are due back 11/21. Pick up will be on 12/3 during Holiday Shoppe. There will be cash and carry available as well. We are looking for volunteers. More information to come!

Holiday Shoppe: Please see the following report from Tracy Markle, Co-Chair

- The Holiday Shoppe is set for Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9-12. We will be looking for volunteers to work a shift or 2 at the Shoppe, as well as the set up the night before. We will also be looking for donations of scotch tape, sticky gift tags and wrapping paper so the kids can wrap the gifts that they buy.
- In addition to the actual gift selections, I believe we will be including the following in the Holiday Shoppe this year:
- Book Fair – As we did last year, we will set up and guide people down the long hallway with the book fair tables all along the wall, requiring people to pass by the books in order to enter the Holiday Shoppe in the Cafeteria. I believe we requested to focus on selling the books, and not set out the trinkets, as that would take away from the gift sales.
- Spiritwear – Michelle will have cash and carry Spiritwear to sell.
- Poinsettia pick-up – If someone is running a poinsettia sale, they will need to be present from 9-12 at the Holiday Shoppe for the pick-up. **We had no volunteers for the Poinsettia sale so it will be canceled unless a new people facilitator is found.**
- Bake Sale - In the past, Jenn Bilodeau ran the bake sale/popcorn/hot chocolate table – we never did anything with that at all. Jenn's kids are gone from Whitfield now, so we would need someone to take on that task if we want it to remain up and running. **Katie Pross will be taking over the bake sale this year.**
- Cookie decorating – We will do this again, as it was well received at \$1/cookie. We had A LOT of cookies left over last year, so we may ask for a cookie reservation this year to at least get an idea of interest for purchasing purposes. This replaced the "Crafts for a Cause", was run by student council, and the profits went to the school philanthropy.

- We will continue to put out display boards with Kwanzaa and Hanukah info and activities.
- We will send home a flyer and a shopping list for the kids to fill out.
- There will be Music, Caroling and Santa, if available. He's very busy at this time of year... I will also set up a photo backdrop again.
- In the past, we have also collected a small amount of non-perishable food for Gift of Love. We will continue to put a collection box out for that.
- This is our last year running this event, so we would really like to have someone work with us this year to learn the details as we go along to make the transition easier. Please let us know if you have anyone who has volunteered. **Melody Walley has volunteered to take over Holiday Shoppe.**
- If you would like to see something added or changed, or have any questions at all, please let one of us know. I will send a volunteer signup link to Katie Pross to forward out to the e-list.
- **Katie Pross is in touch with Tracy to coordinate all the volunteers.**

Gift of Love (Abby Rigdon):

- Introductory letters going out next week.
- Family assignments per classroom will go out soon after.
- Classroom collection boxes (2 paper size or larger) wrapped in paper are due 11/21. Erin Allred will send notices to homeroom parents.
- Abby will need 3 people to help sort the collected items. More information to come.

Other:

- Soda tab collections go to Mrs. Reppert, Gifted Teacher.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

Thank you to everyone who attended!