

WHSA Meeting
Tuesday, 2/7/2017
6:30 PM

Attendees: Margaret Kaufmann, Abby Rigden, Jenn Ulrich, Danielle Tonsil, Lori Mattern, Tricia Voss, Molly Periandi, Jennifer Handwerk, Jennifer Huyett, Arlene Wiemann, Carrie Benkert, Wendy Rio, Jenny Matten, Shirley Sites, Kelly Wylezik, Anissa Southwick, Caitlynne Dameika, Leslie Aizkalns, Kimberley Dickerson, Holly Armbuster, Stephen Croft, Amy Bornais, Christina Mayer

WHSA Board: Katie Keller - President, Erin Allred - VP, Katie Pross - Secretary, Jen Weyman - Treasurer, Madeline Bieber, Sophia Rivera, Matt Derr, Rachel Schultz, Ashley Huff, Dr. Antonis

Welcome:

Katie Keller called the meeting to order.

Minutes (K. Pross): January minutes were approved (motions made and seconded by Abby Rigdon and Howard Emerson).

Treasurer's Report (J. Weyman): Report was approved - Howard Emerson motioned, Tracey Markle seconded.

Principal's Report (Dr. Antonis):

- Activities:
 - We had our Fire and Shelter in Place Drills last month. These drills are mandated by the state and the students and staff do a nice job responding to the Drills.
 - PSSAs are tentatively scheduled for: ELA (3rd-5th grade) 4/3-4/7, Math (3rd-5th grade) 4/25-4/27, and Science (4th grade only) 5/1-5/2. NO electronic devices that can take pictures or record will be permitted during testing. *Possible conflict with Take Your Child to Work Day.*
 - Fifth grade graduation will be moving back to the afternoon - tentatively scheduled for June 8 at 1:45 pm (doors open at 1:30). They will also do their Yocum presentations to the fourth graders.
- Information for Board:
 - The School Board tabled the traffic feasibility study for Whitfield's pick up/drop off situation. Mr. Baker and Margaret Lindsey have been contacted for more information.
 - The IRS does not allow monetary gifts from the WHSA to staff without taxing the gift.
 - Please contact Dr. Antonis with issues - for example the recent report card delay.
 - Readers' Workshop initiative update: requested WHSA to purchase 2 grade level books at a cost of \$10,000-\$15,000.

- Upcoming Dates:
 - February 14 -- Valentine's Day Parties at 2:15
 - February 17-20 -- No School
 - May 18 -- Art Show

Committee Reports:

1. Hospitality

- a. **Fifth Grade Picnic (A. Bornais):** Planned for 6/2 at Wilshire Pool. Anybody who wants to help out in planning or volunteer at the event please contact Amy Bornais (ambornais@comcast.net).

- b. **Art Show** - Event scheduled for 5/18/2017.

2. February Book Fair (A. Rigdon) - Planned for 2/21-2/27 (will end Monday after lunch period). Volunteer information will be coming out soon. R. Schultz has organized the online Book Fair from 2/13-3/2. Link below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=whitfieldelementaryschool>

Preliminary Items (to be voted on next meeting)

1. Teacher Appreciation committee can no longer give staff monetary gifts. New ideas are being brainstormed. Potential solutions - using Amazon Smile to order supplies, using Scholastic Dollars to order supplies/books. Perhaps we will create a Google form asking staff how they would like to receive gifts.
2. My School Anywhere Program (to vote next meeting):
 - a. Please take a few moments to go to the website and watch the demo video.
<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/demo.html>
 - b. Parents would be able to enter their own information. School could provide chromebooks at back to school events to facilitate data entry.
 - c. Cost for the program: \$398 yearly.

Voting Items (items that were presented/discussed at the last meeting and need majority vote to approve. Non-budgeted items over \$75)

1. **Book Boxes** - The WHSA voted to approve \$86 for a second grade teacher to purchase book boxes.
2. **Reading Olympics** - The WHSA voted to approved \$270 for the purchase of T-shirts for the Reading Olympics.
3. **Reading Workshop Initiative** - Concerns were raised about the ratio of teachers to parents in the meeting for this vote; however, it was brought up that parents outnumber staff in the school and could easily come to meetings and vote. The WHSA is reworking the Bylaws and may change voting rules - perhaps requiring members to attend 2 meetings before they can vote. After discussion, the WHSA voted to approve up to \$15,000 for the purchase of supplemental reading materials for the classroom libraries.

Other Business

- Bingo Committee (K. Pross, K. Keller) requested assistance in handing out raffle letters.
- The table has been removed from the WHSA closet (the people rejoiced).

- Dr. Antonis approved T. Markle's request to publicize that the Color Run fundraising will go towards the leveled books that WHSA just approved.

Katie Keller made the motion to adjourn. Next meeting will be 3/7/17 at 6:30 pm in the Whitfield Cafeteria.

Thank you to everyone who attended!