



Weller PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

- I. Welcome Robyn Bueltel
 - Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

- II. Officer Reports
 - A. Secretary – January Minutes Shelley Buch
 - Minutes approved at 9:01 am
 - B. Treasurer Report Ema Lam
 - Ema distributed copies of the current financials and reviewed the income and expense items that were incurred since the January meeting.
 - Budget approved at 9:07 am
 - C. Vice President/Principal Report Andrew Boeke
 - Testing Schedule distributed
 - MAP before Spring Break, state testing is after spring break
 - Currently, MAP is tied to teachers SLO (Student Learning Objective), which is due April 15 and is why the test is taken before Spring Break. Next year, it won't be tied to their SLO so it can be pushed back until May.
 - Security: Cameras are currently being installed through the middle schools and they are planning elementary for around May/early summer. Currently Weller has 10 usable cameras and the plan is to increase to about 31 cameras. We will add surveillance outside to the parking lots. Cameras will be zoomable with very clear picture quality
 - Looking to departmentalize in 4th and 5th grade next year. We are one of the few districts in the area that are self contained in these grades. State standards changed 7 years ago which made the learning targets in 4th grade significantly more than the amount in 3rd grade. With five teachers in 4th grade and 5 teachers in 5th grade, the plan would be to have a two teacher team and a three teacher team.
 - D. President Robyn Bueltel
 - Kroger Community Rewards – November through January – brought in just under \$1800 which is comparable to this time frame last year. We have more households this year compared to last.
 - Box Tops and Coke Codes ended last Thursday. They are being sorted and counted and we should have the results by end of the month.
 - There are at least 8 open positions for next year due to graduating parents. Contact Robyn Bueltel if you are interested.
 - Cuddles with Canines – Mrs. Wentz is involved with 4 Paws for Ability – 10 volunteers will come with pet therapy dogs on April 21 from 5:00-7:00pm in the gym. 5 dogs from 5:00-6:00 and 5 dogs from 6:00-7:00. There will be an online sign up for families to sign up for time slots.

III. Committee Reports

A. Reading Challenge Recap

Beth Jones

- Reading Challenge – last year 61% participation, 72% this year. Last year we had just under 160,000 minutes last year, this year 196,000 minutes. Everyone got a treat.
- Number of students turning in 100 minute ticket – last year there were around 280, this year was a record setting 315. Top classes for minutes read in each grade were Quinter, Gutmann, LaValley, Schroder. They will get to choose a book and correlating movie for reward party.
- Mrs. Gutmann’s class had the most library visits and will get a visit from Tail Waggin’ Tutors.
- We have put in a request for Kings Island tickets for a raffle prize for next year.
- Thank you Beth Jones for all of your hard work.

B. Book Fair Recap

Karen Gruenberg

- Thank you to Karen for organizing
 - Sales of \$13,667 which is more than \$500 over last year.
 - Estimated profit will be determined after calculating discounts and \$2 vouchers from the Reading Challenge

C. STEAM Night

Robyn Bueltel / Ema Lam

- Formerly Hour of Code. It was expanded to make it more varied and robust.
 - Thursday, February 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Students and Parents will have an opportunity to experience:
 - Virtual reality (cart from the district)
 - How codes and ciphers work, sponsored by the Wizards of Wright (Wright Patt)
 - Eric Lam will be doing Circuits with the kids
 - High School engineering students will be here doing extreme bots and drones
 - Centerville Library is bringing a button maker and maker kits
 - First Lego League team demonstration
 - Classroom will be set up with Chrome Books for code.org
 - Looking for a chairperson for next year.

D. Wellerfest

Beth Jones

- Main Entertainment
 - Team Zoom Canine Entertainment – cute dogs doing long Frisbee, jumping rope, etc. After the show the kids will have an opportunity to meet and interact with some of the dogs (pet the dogs, take a picture).
 - The dogs can only perform a 30 minute show every 2 hours, so we would only be able to have one performance. However, if we schedule it during the middle of the event, we can maximize the number of attendees who see it. We can list the time in our communication and make PA announcements the night of to remind people.

- At \$800, the cost is more than our typical entertainment; we are seeking donations from Day Air Credit Union to help cover the cost and have put out a request for other corporate sponsors via FB and ListServ.
- Secondary Entertainment
 - Photo Booth (sponsored by Lyons Dental)
 - Candy Walk
 - Henna Tattoos (this year she will bring a friend to help her so the line can move faster)
 - Demonstration by Ultimate Leadership Martial Arts
 - Trivia Contest – there is a company called Trivia with a Twist that works with a lot of the local restaurants and bars to do their trivia night events. They also do private events. For \$250 they will facilitate a series of family-friendly trivia contests. We are thinking the games will last 15-20 minutes and people can sign up for a time slot.
 - Caricatures – looking to find art students who would volunteer to come in and do this for free.
- Refreshments
 - Plan will be the same as previous years – we are seeking donations of popcorn and donut holes and will purchase small bottles of water.
 - Looking for a Food Coordinator.

E. Curriculum Advisory Council

Colette Steiger

- A lot of discussion on the 4th/5th grade departmentalization.
- Ed Choice was discussed at the meeting. Law makers cannot reach an agreement on how to resolve it.
 - ODE website – you can filter through and see our test scores vs. private schools that offer Ed Choice
- High School Level – 3 levels of classes – Essentials, Standard, and Honors. Due to research, looking at eliminating Essentials program. They feel like those kids don't necessarily work harder because they are labeled.
 - Colleges don't even accept Essentials classes on their transcript.

F. Parent Connection

Robyn Bueltel

- Rise in emotional health issues; talk about how to support students and parents.
- Hope Squad is coming to CHS next year. It's a national school-based peer-to-peer support program for students needing help. It gives everyone a common language for discussing.
- Next meeting is May 14 at noon.

IV. Open Forum / Announcements

- Next PTO meeting March 17 at 9am

V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am