



# Meeting Minutes Whipple PTO Meeting

March 11, 2021

## Call to order

6:00pm – Kent Witters

## Attendees

Attendees included: Kent Witters, Tracey Evans, Brian Miller, Erica Mytinger, Travis Cyrus, Alison Witters, Katie Waggoner, Betsy Sterling, Natalie Evans, Jennifer Catazaro, Amanda Hogan, Holly Lenox

## Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and approved

## New and Old business – Updates in Green text

### Events

- **Family “Kick-Off” Field Day: Canceled** - PTO Board will make up the committee. Event Date Sept. 9, 2020. Food/Inflatables/Bob Snyder to possibly speak. Kent is getting some quotes on the food/games/inflatables
- **Staff Appreciation: Committee** – Amanda Hogan; Katie; Christina; Betsy Sterling; Rebecca Paliswat. Upcoming events: Staff appreciation in May. Discussed possible ideas including boxed lunches, coffee bar set up from Tremont Coffee, gift cards. **Still gathering ideas, Office supplies, Pens, Post Its, Candy Bars with messages, Lunch (no sweets) have been suggested. Also, possible food truck for teacher/staff on Field Day.**
- **Walk a Thon:** May 7, with a May 14 rain date. Committee – Holly Lenox and Alison Witters. Discussed prize options that could replace the usual Limo Lunch Ride. **Continuing to gather prize ideas, Stress balls/lanyards with paw prints/T Shirt. Would like to come up with an online donation option possibly through Venmo Business. Also brainstorming “grand prize” ideas.**
- **Limo Lunch:** Canceled due to COVID.
- **Kindergarten Pumpkins:** Paid for by the PTO, ordered by Brian Miller, and will be delivered by 10/22 to the school- Completed
- **Fall Class Parties:** Oct. 30, 2020 – PTO to provide Snack, Drink, Craft and treat bags for all students. Teachers/school staff will host the classroom parties. No volunteers allowed at this time. Completed, Under Budget.
- **Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** proposed by Kent Witters. Options are: Dine in/Bag of Peanuts Sale/Gift Card Sale. Texas Roadhouse will then donate a salad and bread luncheon to the teachers in addition to sharing a percentage of the fundraiser sales with the PTO. After further research it was determined the risk of delivering gift cards was greater than the potential fundraising reward.
- **Election Bake Sale:** Canceled - Nov. 3, 2020
- **Grandparents Day:** Postponed at this time. Revisit in the Spring.

- **Mother/Son Day:** Postponed at this time - Jan. 31, 2021; Location: The Career & Wellness Center; Holly Lenox to reserve the date
- **Winter Class Parties:** Feb. 11, 2021. Completed. Committee – Alison Witters, Tracey Evans, Rebecca Paliswat
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Postponed at this time - Feb. 19, 2021
- **Bookfair:** Working on a virtual bookfair March 8-21. Week of March 8, 2021; Family Bookfair Night March 10, 2021
- **Variety Show: Postponed at this time** - Tryouts March 9, and March 11 2021; Dress Rehearsal March 18, 2021; Variety Show March 19, 2021
- **End of Year School Field Day: There is still hope for a field day this year.** May 21, 2021 – inflatables will need to be reserved
- **Fourth Grade Recognition and Massillon Rec Center Party:** All field trips are postponed at this time. There will be a Fourth Grade Recognition Celebration Parade. Committee – Amanda Hogan; Natalie; Rebecca Paliswat; Betsy Sterling. May 25, 2021. **Slide show is drafted, T Shirt design is complete. Currently pricing yard signs for each student to be displayed along the car parade route.**
- **Chipotle Fundraisers:** Fall Dine-in Complete. \$482.41 raised which was 33% of the sales brought in by Whipple supporters. Kent Witters suggested we host 2 Chipotle Fundraisers (possibly beginning of September 2020 and again in April/May 2021). Kent Witters will coordinate with Chipotle. **Spring Fundraiser is complete, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-8PM – will raise approximately \$400-\$500.**
- **Scholarship Awards:** 2019/2020 Complete. 2020-2021 Committee - Holly Lenox and Betsy Sterling. **Currently gathering candidates.**
- **Quarter Auction:** on hold for further discussion.
- **Yearbook – Committee –** Kristy Ruef and her son. **Wrapping up the process. This project is time consuming**
- **Student Birthday Treats:** Committee – Kent Witters. PTO has been and will continue to provide, this year, a Peanut/Gluten Free pre-packaged treat for all students on the last Friday of each month so that classrooms can celebrate student birthdays. End of January will include December and January birthdays.
- **Square One Art – On schedule. Art is complete. Order forms coming home to parents March 17/18. Orders Due April 2.** Box has arrived at the school as of 1/14/2021 to begin the art projects. Board approved moving forward with Square One Art for the 2020/2021 school year. Committee – Tracey Evans

#### Miscellaneous Discussion Items

- **March 13 Nominations for 2021-2022 WHPTO Board to be emailed to: [thetraviscyrus@gmail.com](mailto:thetraviscyrus@gmail.com)**  
**Nominations for: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Nomination Chair.**  
**March 14-20 Travis (Current Nomination Chair) will confirm eligibility and willingness of nominated individuals.**  
**March 18-25 Travis will email out initial ballot to Tracey (Current Secretary). Any position that has only one nominee will be voted on by Tracey and returned to Travis ASAP.**  
**April 2 Votes due back to Travis via email.**  
**April 8 Travis will announce results at our next meeting.**
- Kent Witters introduced “Amazon Smile”. A new fundraising opportunity through smile.amazon.com purchases which will be rolled out in detail via paper flyer to parents, WHPTO Facebook page, and Remind.

- **Future PTO Meeting Date:** Second Thursday of every month, held virtually: 11/19/2020; 1/14/2021; 2/11/2021; 3/11/2021; 4/8/2021. 6:00p.m. Link to Google Meet will go out via Kent Witters.
- **Behavior Parties:** Will be replaced by “Whipple Celebration Days”. There will be four next school year.
- **Kindness Club: Complete** - with Mrs. Ousley moving to T.C. Knapp Whipple Elementary will be taking a year off from Kindness Club to be revisited next school year (2021-2022). Remaining Kindness Club money will be transferred to T.C. Knapp. Erica Mytinger will get that information to Brian Miller.
- **Face Masks Donation** – a Whipple parent has handmade and donated bags of Adult and Child face masks to Whipple Elementary. The Board has approved to gift to the parent a gift card that has been in reserve/unused from last year’s staff appreciation.
- **Christmas Movie/Pajama Day** – canceled due to early winter break. PTO Board approved providing the snack for this in school event.
- **Taxes** – Kent is working out a tax filing issue with the IRS from 2019’s tax year.

Next Meeting: April 8, 2021 6:00pm opened up to Whipple parents. Will be held virtually.

Direct any questions to: [kent@waikem.com](mailto:kent@waikem.com) or [whpto2020@gmail.com](mailto:whpto2020@gmail.com)

Motion to Close: Kent Witters, 6:30pm

Tracey Evans

3/11/2021

Secretary

Date of approval