



Meeting Minutes Whipple PTO Meeting

January 14, 2021

Call to order

6:00pm – Kent Witters

Attendees

Attendees included: Kent Witters, Tracey Evans, Brian Miller, Erica Mytinger, Travis Cyrus, Rebecca Paliswat, Betsy Sterling, Jenn Catazaro, Amanda Hogan

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed and approved

New 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: Teacher appreciation in May and Parent/Teacher conferences February 9-11.**
- **Walk a Thon:** On hold until Spring. Holly Lennox and Alison Witters forming a committee - Kick off Sept. 9, 2020; Fundraising deadline Sept. 25, 2020; Walk a Thon Date Oct. 8, 2020; Rain Date Oct. 16, 2020
- **Limo Lunch:** Postponed until Walk a Thon is complete. Due to COVID we might need to come up with another idea - Oct. 22, 2020 Thomas Limos usually the vendor but Kent Witters is going to shop around. If we stick with Thomas Tracey will call them to “save the date”.
- **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 Lennox to reserve the date

- **Winter Class Parties:** Feb. 11, 2021. 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. Committee – Rebecca Paliswat; Alison Romigh; Tracey Evans. It was suggested extra snacks be purchased for each room.
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Postponed at this time - Feb. 19, 2021
- **Bookfair: Postponed at this time.** 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:** Postponed at this time. May 21, 2021 – inflatables will need to be reserved
- **Fourth Grade 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.
- **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. **Next Fundraiser Tuesday March 2nd 4-8PM**
- **Scholarship Awards:** 2019/2020 Complete. 2020-2021 Committee - Holly Lenox and Betsy Sterling.
- **Quarter Auction:** on hold for further discussion.
- **Yearbook – Committee –** Kristy Ruef and her son.
- **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. 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

- **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.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2021 6:00pm opened up to Whipple parents. Will be held virtually.

Direct any questions to: kent@waikem.com or whpto2020@gmail.com

Motion to Close: Kent Witters, 6:16pm

Second, Tracey Evans

Tracey Evans

1/14/2021

Secretary

Date of approval