



Meeting Minutes Whipple PTO Meeting

April 8, 2021

Call to order

6:02pm – Travis Cyrus

Attendees

Attendees included: Kent Witters, Tracey Evans, Brian Miller, Erica Mytinger, Travis Cyrus, Alison Witters, Holly Lenox, Rebecca Paliswat

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. **Pizza will be donated for lunch one day during staff appreciation week. Small snacks for staff will be provided each day from the PTO. All staff will receive a small gift each day from the PTO. Principal Mytinger will be sending out the week before staff appreciation week information that will allow parents and students to help to celebrate the staff that week also.**
- **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. **Food truck for “grand prize” is reserved. Kick-off is in the planning phase, possible YouTube video to be viewed in class.**
- **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. **Everything is on schedule for the Fourth Grade Graduation Parade. Slide show is complete. Each student will receive yellow and black string bag with Panther Pride and a pawprint. Included in each bag will be the book “Surviving Middle School” by Luke Reynolds and a homemade middle school survival kit which will include items such as a paper clip “to help hold it all together” and an eraser “to remember mistakes are not permanent”, etc. Each student is also receiving a personalized congratulatory yard sign. T-shirts are designed and will be purchased from Regos. **Principal Mytinger will be meeting with the committee to confirm volunteers for Parade Day.**
- **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 2nd 4-8PM – Raised \$635.22.**
- **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. **Everything has been submitted.****
- **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. **All online and paper orders for the fundraiser have been submitted. Results on dollars credited to the school to be determined.**** 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
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.

2021-2022 PTO Board: **Kent Witters – President**
Holly Lenox – Vice President
Tracey Evans – Secretary
Alison Witters – Treasurer
Rebecca Paliswat – Nominations Chair

- 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.
- **Recess Monitor Request** – **Recess Monitors requested new basketballs for the students. PTO approved purchasing new basketballs for the school.**

Next Meeting: Board Budget Meeting date to be determined

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

Motion to Close: Kent Witters, 6:18pm

Tracey Evans

4/12/2021

Secretary

Date of approval