



Meeting Minutes- Whipple Heights Parent and Teachers Organization

2021-2022 School Year

September 9, 2021

Call to order

6:01pm by Kent Witters, Approved by Jennifer Catazaro and Erica Mytinger

Attendees included: Kent Witters, Holly Lenox, Alison Witters, Rebecca Paliswat, Erica Mytinger, Lisa Wagner, Erin Katusin, Sarra Flickinger, Emily Cather, Irina Eyster, Afifa Ejaz, Ting Shih Chieh, Jessica Gaddis, Heather Egert, Jolanda Jackson, Jennifer Catazaro.

New business

2021-2022 PTO Budget

- Audit complete.
- Taxes complete.
- Expense paid: Kindergarten Shirts - Tee Shopz \$655

Event Chairpersons

- Sign-up sheets have been sent home and we have already had a good amount returned with a lot of interest in volunteering from parents. Kent will compile and send out emails regarding committees and other details including all future meetings moving forward. He will then hand off to Rebecca Paliswat to keep track of volunteers.

Events

- **Family “Kick-Off” Field Day: This event was canceled due to COVID restrictions.** Kent Witters to Chair the committee. Event Date Sept. 8, 2021. Budget could range from \$2500-\$3000. Budget could change depending on donations/discounts from the vendor. Discussion included mentioning Pfeiffer had a snow cone machine that we might be able to borrow and carnival themed items owned by the PTO in the past but since donated however could possibly be borrowed back for this event.
- **Walk a Thon:** Breaking ground for new buildings will begin in the spring so the walk needs to happen now. **Thursday October 14 with a rain date of Friday October 15.** Limo ride will be postponed to the spring. Moving forward there will be five themes for the Walk a Thon so we are able to rotate through them with each grade having the opportunity to experience each theme during their time at Whipple. This year will be a Superhero theme with prizes including a fidget, water bottle, t-shirt, and the grand prize being the limo lunch. Mr. Snyder will kick off Tuesday September 14.
- **Family Night** – New committee. Event slated for Spring 2022.

- **Fundraising** – New committee which will include Walk a Thon and Chipotle Nights.
 - **Chipotle** - First date set for end of August 2021. Location, Tuscarawas St. Kent Witters will coordinate with Chipotle.
 - **Pepperoni Roll Fundraiser** – Rebecca Paliswat chairperson
 - **Wine Fundraiser** - TBD
- **Limo Lunch:** Postponed to Spring. Restaurant TBD
- **Fall Class Parties:** Oct. 29, 2021.
- **Election Bake Sale:** Nov. 2, 2021.
- **Grandparents Day:** Nov. 11, 2021.
- **Mother/Son Day:** Jan. 30, 2022; Location: The Career & Wellness Center.
- **Winter Class Parties:** Feb. 11, 2022.
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Feb. 25, 2022.
- **Bookfair:** Mrs. Williams reached out to Erica regarding funds. Mrs. Williams normally uses the funds from the book fair to purchase a book for each kid in the school that they then receive at literacy night. With the Bookfair being virtual last year it did not bring in as many funds as years past when it was in person. She has asked if it would be possible for PTO to offset some of those costs, \$300, to help achieve this donation. Kent Witters motioned that we give \$300 to Mrs. Williams to cover cost of book per student. Motion passed. There was then additional discussion regarding reaching out to other outside sources to receive this money. **Bookfair Dates: March 7-11, 2022 Family Bookfair Night March 9, 2022.**
- **Variety Show:** Tryouts March 8, and March 10 2022; Dress Rehearsal March 17, 2022; Variety Show March 18, 2022.
- **End of Year School Field Day:** May 20, 2022 – **inflatables will need to be reserved.**
- **Fourth Grade Graduation Parade:** May 19, 2022.
- **Fourth Grade Massillon Rec Center Party:** May 24, 2022 – **facility will need to be reserved.**
- **Quarter Auction:**
- **Scholarship Awards:**

Misc. Discussion Items

Family Night – There was discussion involving a family night toward the end of school year. Possible locations: Pro Putt; Strike Zone; Michael D’s Pizza, and Tropical Sno. Concerns/questions/items to think about were: can they accommodate us, would we facilitate the money/tickets, would they increase their prices or donate or offer a discount, possibly planning time slots according to grade. Kent motioned that we establish a committee and then revisit at the next meeting. Motioned passed.

Additional discussion regarding a Family Glow Night/Trick or Treat. There are many concerns around COVID and what we would be allowed/not allowed. Also concerned about planning the event only to have it canceled due to COVID restrictions. We will revisit this in a few years once new school buildings are done. It was determined it would be difficult to plan for next school year due to new building construction .

Kindergarten Pumpkins – needed by Thursday October 21st, Kent will get in touch with Brian regarding the pumpkins.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2021. Hopefully in person as well as inside Whipple Heights Elementary School Library. We will attempt to go LIVE on Facebook for those who cannot attend in person or do not feel comfortable meeting in person.

Motion to Close:

7:07pm Jennifer Catazaro, second Lisa Wagner.

***Tracey Evans**

9/9/2021

Secretary

Date of approval

***Minutes taken by Vice President, Holly Lenox, due to Secretary's absence from the meeting. Minutes typed by Secretary, Tracey Evans.**