

September 7th, 2023

Whitney Elementary PTA Meeting Minutes

- Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 - Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
- Secretary – [Meredith De Guire](#)
- Approval of Minutes from April 2023 (Posted to Whitney Elem PTA website for 23/24)
 - Approved by Michelle Molls / Desiree Causevic
- Treasurer's Report – Bethany Bixler
 - Tax free reminder – PTA will not / can not reimburse for tax
 - Vote on budget
 - i. Motion to approve: Desiree Causevic, second: Amanda Williams
- Principal's Report--Mrs Hawk
 - Welcome comments
 - Building goals –
 - i. Focus on PBIS continues
 - ii. Supports for behavioral support tier 1 and tier 2
 - iii. PBIS incentives each month
 - 1. First month incentive – bounce house paid by student council
 - 2. Second month – water balloon hawk and schibley
 - iv. Model Mustang – characteristics to instill in students
 - v. Family engagement cultural committee created – goal to get parents involved
- President's Report- Amanda Donnellan
 - Welcome comments
 - Excited for this coming year
 - Correspondence – thank you notes, etc.
- Vice President- Molly Sunkle
 - i. Molly introduced herself, nothing new to report
- Teacher Representative - Mrs Barrett and Mrs Bova
 - i. Teachers extended their welcome
- Council Delegate- Michele Molls
 - President of council coming next meeting
 - All schools have representation
 - \$8k of grants available – form to come out 9/25 and due 10/2, meet nov 6th
- Need one rep from each school to review. – Orysia Hartman
- Standing Committee Reports - Committee Chair Meeting Sept 12th
 - a. Fundraising- Meredith DeGuire and Michelle Molls
 - Mum
 - Sale 9/15-9/25! (Soft launch as of 9/13)
 - Kids will be bringing flyers and letters home next week
 - Sale this year is entirely ONLINE. This will eliminate need to manually enter any orders or collect cash / check.

- Need michele to post to social media
- Pickup will be Sunday, October 1st!! (Please note the day of week!!! this is so we can fully leverage the parking lot and ensure parents can pick up mums – without worrying about work, etc.)
- Sign up genius will be distributed as we will need parent volunteers to help with unloading truck and pickup of plants.
- Butter Braids
 - Sale is slated for November with delivery before Thanksgiving / Winter break

Other fundraising ideas –

- Poinsettia sale via Mum Vendor
 - Spirit wear
 - Car wash via Sargent Car Wash – Whitney would get 50% of sales
 - Color Run
- b. Fall Festival - Michele Molls & Meredith DeGuire
 - c. Book Fair - Danielle Adams and Desiree Causevic
 - 10/16-10/21; need volunteers for each class; 20% of books are \$5 or less;
 - Promote use of ewallet
 - will run during ice cream social (10/19)
 - d. 5th Grade Recognition - Ryan Smith and Erin Reynolds
 - e. Hospitality Chair --Molly Sunkle / Marianne Dean (Conferences)
 - welcome back dinner during dinner (gran fiesta donated entire meal);
 - looking to show appreciation throughout the year;
 - October conference will be BBQ themed (10/5)
 - f. Membership - Meredith DeGuire and Ryan Smith
 - Online drive ONLY to date: 183 members
 - Paper drive will be sent home end of month
 - g. Birthday Book Club - Carla Gamin and Orysia Hartman
 - h. Grants- Available National grants - URGENT NEED
 - i. Kris Nadjem and Orysia Hartman to meet and discuss
 - i. Carnival -- Laura Van Vechten & Beth Anderson (recap last year)
 - j. Family Bingo – Jackie Steffy
 - k. Family Breakfast with a Buddy- Desiree Causevic and Amanda Williams
 - l. Family Movie Night- Rachael Belvin
 - m. Holiday Shop - Bethany Bixler & Melissa Radivoj
 - n. Room Parent – Meredith DeGuire, Michele Molls & Ryan Smith
 - 122 people have submitted a google form
 - Will start to compile list of head room parents
 - Tentatively planning for an info session for head room parents
 - 17 of 19 classes had a parent register to be a head room parent / remaining 2 classes have “maybes”
 - Different approach, huge success

- o. Pizza / Restaurant Night Coordinator - Molly Sunkle & Laura Van Vecten
 - this year is donatos pizza to support principal fund;
 - September – core life, October – master pizza, November - Chipotle
- p. Yearbook/Historian- Linda Ali / Desiree Causevic
- q. Staff Appreciation - Molly Sunkel; Desiree Causevic; Jamie Matic
- r. Kindergarten Orientation / 1st Day of School - Desiree; Amanda W; Sharmila
 - Done! Successful!
- s. PBIS Initiative Support - Molly Sunkle
- t. Newsletter - Leah Tornabene
 - Please continue to send all updates to Leah Tornabene
- u. Mother/Son & Daddy/Daughter Events - Meredith D. and Desiree C.
 - Daddy / Daughter - Date: 2/23/24 from 6:30-8:30pm at Whitney or SMS
 - Mother / Son
 - Xtreme Ninja Warrior
 - 3/22
 - Gelly ball, target shooting, bubble soccer, 75ft obstacle course, ninja gym, extreme cornhole, gaga pit, brewery for adults
 - Split 50/50
 - Provide website and marketing materials for easy sign up
- v. Family Science Night (grade 3-5) Meredith D and Molly S

- Unfinished Business

Shoe Drive Funds - balance of funds used

- Purchased snow cone machine, cups, syrups

- New Business:

Standing Rules

- Motion to approve – Meredith, second – Barb Major

Membership Drive

Book Fair / Ice Cream Social - October 19th

Calendar Finalization –

- Calendar is fluid; Amanda Donnellan will provide updates at each meeting

Teacher Supply Requests

Council Dances - Volunteer request

Google Meets

- Announcements:

- Whitney Night as SHS - Sept 15th
- Next meeting - October 5th - Also conference night

- Adjournment @ 7:43pm