



Meeting Minutes-WHIPT

Whipple Heights Interested Parents Teachers

2023-2024 School Year

Nov 2nd, 2023

Call to order: Rebecca P. 6:01 pm

Attendees: Rebecca P., Alison W., Tracy S., Nate A., Holly L., Laura B., Stacia H., Kayla E., Amber R., Nicole R., Megan S., Aron S., Alicia L., Sarah C., Kelsi A.

New business:

- Treasurers report from Alison: \$13k+ (Walk-a-thon deposit has not been made)
- Election Day Bake Sale: **11/2/23** Laura: All volunteer spots are filled. There are 13 people donating baked goods for the sale, open to having more if anyone else is interested in donating.
- Christmas Craft – **11/2/23** Laura: The current plan is still for the kids to decorate picture frames. Kids will be photographed in front of the balloon arch that will be set up for the Christmas open house event. Would also like to do the ornaments again. Budget will need increased to cover the purchase of new paint pens, frames, ornaments, and possibly the printing of photos.
- Mother/Son – **11/2/23** Tracy: Wellness center is reserved. Looking for prior years info on how much food/drinks to purchase (Rebecca and Alison will look for the folder with that info). Also looking into a couple of other games to replace Hungry Hippos.
- Father/Daughter Dance – **11/2/23** Sarah: Working on a carnival theme. The photographer is scheduled and will also be offering a digital option with picture packages this year. The DJ is booked.
- Game Time Grill Fundraiser – **11/2/23** Rebecca: Game Time is open to do an all day (dine in/carry out) fundraiser in January. Due to the holidays it will be scheduled for mid to late January.

Old business:

- Walk-a-Thon – **11/2/23** Alison: Top earners will be sliming staff on November 17th and parent volunteers are being requested. The limo lunches to Red Robin are scheduled for November 20th & 21st and there will be a need for a few parent chaperones, however there is only room on the limo bus for two parents, all others will be meeting the bus at Red Robin. A Flyer with menu choices will be sent home with the limo lunch winners in the coming weeks. 10/12/23 Alison: The Walk-a-Thon was a huge success! The donations far exceeded expectations and Mrs. Mytinger will be getting slimed! The students enjoyed the Walk-a-Thon events throughout the day. Details on the limo lunch will be coming soon.
- Trunk-or-Treat – **11/2/23** Sarah: A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered and/or set up trunks! The event was a huge success again this year. 10/12/23 Sarah: There have been several prize donations collected from businesses within the community! Set up will be a bit different this year as the plan is to utilize the back portion of the church parking lot for trunk set ups and use the front part for guest parking. Additional volunteers are needed if anyone is interested. There are not a lot of people registered to set up trunks for the event and registration is scheduled to close tomorrow, depending on how many have registered, that deadline may be extended. Another Remind message will go out on Friday and possibly another flyer sent home with students.
- Fall Class Parties: **11/2/23** Nate: All of the parties were wonderful and the kids really enjoyed them. Thank you to the parents who volunteer their time and resources to make the parties fun for all the kids. Details on the winter parties will be sent out soon. 10/12/23 Rebecca: Nate was unable to attend tonight's meeting

however volunteers have been established for the fall parties. Parents have been contacted with information on the fall party.

- Whipple Elementary Community Walk Through: **11/2/23** Alison: The plan is to request cookie donations and hot chocolate and decorations will be purchased from the budget provided by the PTO. 10/12/23 Dec. 2nd – The building will be decorated for Christmas and this event will be open to the whole community. Mrs. Mytinger would like to have cookies and hot chocolate as refreshments. We will decide at the November meeting if we ask for parents to donate Christmas cookies or if the PTO will provide both cookies and hot chocolate.
- Final School T-Shirts: **11/2/23** Alison: Information on the original printer for the image everyone likes has been found and they will be contacted to see if they can recreate that image for Whipple's final t-shirt design. 10/12/23 Mrs. Mytinger mentioned that the elementary schools are creating and selling final year shirts for their schools and would like to have a design for Whipple. Kelsi A. shared a picture of one of her old Whipple t-shirts and everyone loved the image. Several people have offered to look into having the image recreated or trying to find out who made the original image to see if we can use their file. If anyone has any other image ideas please feel free to present them to the PTO in November. We will decide on a final image at the November meeting.
- March Celebration Day: 10/12/23 Mrs. Mytinger is requesting funding for two Mad Science presentations for the March Celebration Day. PTO will vote to approve funding once a final cost is determined.

Events:

- Grandparents Day: Sept. 22nd (rain date Sept. 29th) Chairperson-Holly L. **COMPLETED**
- Popcorn Days: Oct. 20th, Dec. 20th, & March 21st **Chairperson-Kayla E.**
- Trunk-or-Treat: Oct 22nd @ 3pm **Chairperson-Sarah C. COMPLETED**
- Christmas Craft Workshop: Dec. 8th Grades K & 1/Dec. 15th Grades 2, 3, & 4 **Chairperson-Laura B.**
- Mother/Son Day: Jan. 19th @ 6pm **Chairperson-Tracy S.**
 - Location - The Career & Wellness Center
- Winter Class Parties: Feb. 9th @ 2:15pm Volunteers to be organized by Nate A.
- Father/Daughter Dance: Feb. 23rd @ 6:30pm? **Chairperson-Sarah C. / Co-Chair-Kayla E.**
- Variety Show: **Chairperson-Laura B. / Co Chair-Sarah C.**
 - Rehearsal dates March 5th & 7th
 - Dress rehearsal date March 14th
 - Show date March 15th @ 6:30pm
- Staff Appreciation: May 6th-10th **Chairperson-Rebecca P./ Co-Chair-Kayla E.**
- End of Year Field Day: May 24th
 - inflatables will need to be reserved
- Fourth Grade: **Chairperson-Amber R.**
 - Parade: May 16th @ 7pm (rain date May 21st @ 7pm)
 - Party: May 21st (facility will need to be reserved)

Fundraisers:

- Blaze Pizza: Sept. 19th **COMPLETED**
- Walk-a-thon: Chairperson-Alison W. **COMPLETED**
 - Kickoff date Sept. 14th
 - Walk-a-thon Oct. 12th (rain date Oct. 23rd)
- Election Bake Sale: Nov. 7th
- Game Time Grill: January TBD
- Chipotle: TBD
- Square 1 Art: Date TBD Chairperson-Holly L.

Misc. discussion items:

- 2023-24 PTO meetings: Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, Mar. 7th, & April 4th.
- Next meeting: Jan. 4th @ 6pm.

Motion to Close: Rebecca P. 6:30 pm, Second Nate A.

Tracy Smith

SECRETARY

November 6th, 2023

DATE OF APPROVAL