



Meeting Minutes-WHIPT

Whipple Heights Interested Parents Teachers

2023-2024 School Year

Jan. 4, 2024

Call to order: Rebecca P. 6:03pm

Attendees: Rebecca P., Alison W., Tracy S., Nate A., Erica M., Laura B., Sarah C., Alicia L., Erica C., Lisa W., Sarah L., Nicole R., Megan S., Aaron S.

New business:

- Treasurers report from Alison: \$47,572.38 with the future scholarship money having been temporarily moved back to this account until we can figure out the best way to keep the scholarship funds long term.
- Popcorn Days – **1/4/24** Rebecca: Kayla E. was unable to attend tonight but would like to request a budget increase of \$100 and some more popcorn days. Budget increase and additional days approved.
- Mother/Son – **1/4/24** Tracy: RSVPs have been sent home to get a better idea as to how much food will be needed. Tug of war and 3 leg race options will be replacing Hungry Hippos this year. There will be a photo booth area again this year. There will also be some board games set up in the café area for the students who would prefer a quieter atmosphere. 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 – **1/4/24** Sarah: Theme-A Night with the Stars. Save the dates are ready to be sent home within the next few weeks. Flyers requesting cookie donations will be sent home in early February. The photographer may be moved to a better area to prevent an overcrowded hallway. The photos possibly be set up to be complete by last name as another effort to prevent long wait times. 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.
- Winter Class Parties – **1/4/24** Nate: Currently going through the list of volunteers to make sure everyone who wants to help has had the opportunity to do so at one of the two parties. Parents who have volunteered for the winter party will be notified soon.
- Variety Show – **1/4/24** Laura: Would like to send out a flyer to get an idea how many students are interested in participating. This may eliminate the need for two rehearsal dates and give us a better idea on the “acts” and how much time will be needed for each. Rehearsal date time may also be decreased if we are doing two rehearsals because we finished more quickly than anticipated, leaving kids standing around waiting to be picked up.

Old business:

- Walk-a-Thon – **1/4/24** Alison: Lunch at Red Robin was amazing! The staff at Red Robin was so wonderful! The kids were incredibly well behaved. The kickball game will be scheduled for later this spring. 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.

- Christmas Craft – **1/4/24** Everyone is incredibly impressed with the craft event. The PTO is very thankful to Laura for pulling together this event and making sure the students were able to do 3 crafts this year. Laura: The event was successful and the kids really enjoyed it. 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.
- Final School T-Shirts: **1/4/24** Alison: Final design is complete and approved. Details on what items will be offered with this design are being finalized now. 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, & April 19th (May date is pending.) **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. COMPLETED**
- 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 February 26th & 28th
 - 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 10th
 - inflatables will need to be reserved
- Fourth Grade: **Chairperson-Amber R.**
 - Parade: May 16th @ 7pm
 - Party: May 14th (facility 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 **COMPLETED**
- Chipotle: TBD (Will be in March if approved by Chipotle)
- Square 1 Art: Date TBD Chairperson-Holly L.

Misc. discussion items:

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

Motion to Close: Rebecca P. 6:54 pm, Second Nate A.

Tracy Smith

SECRETARY

January 5, 2024

DATE OF APPROVAL