



Meeting Minutes-WHIPT

Whipple Heights Interested Parents Teachers

2023-2024 School Year

March 7, 2024

Call to order: Rebecca P. 6:03pm

Attendees: Rebecca P., Alison W., Tracy S., Nate A., Erica M., Holly L., Sarah C., Kayla E., Alicia L., Nicole R., Lisa W., Sarah L., Megan S., Aron S., Erica E., Nicole R.

New business:

- Treasurers report from Alison: \$41,076.17
 - We are still determining how to use some of the money for current students. Mrs. Mytinger has also discussed this with Mr. Stutz and his recommendation for all PTO's is that the money follow the current students to their new schools by percentage. (Example: If 66% of students go to Watson and 34% of students go to Southway then the remaining balance should be split at 66% for Watson PTO and 34% for Southway PTO. More information on this will be coming once they are more certain of plans for students.
- Variety Show – **3/7/24** Sarah: Rehearsals have been great and the kids are really amazing. This will be a great show. Would like to set up a photobooth area for the performing students and their families (location and logistics to be worked out before the show). The students who are performing will be provided with popcorn/water during the show. Rebecca: Will work with Alison to determine what refreshments will be sold. Will purchase these items and bring them to the school before the show. Student volunteers will run the concession table. There will not be an intermission as there are too many people packed into the gym and letting them move around will just be chaotic, but refreshments will be available throughout the show. 2/1/24 Laura: There are only a handful of students signed up to participate at this time so the registration will be extended. Would like to have popcorn and drinks available again this year. The refreshment stand can be run by student volunteers. 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.
- Mother/Son Game Night – **3/7/24** Tracy: Everything is set to go as before with Rebecca picking up pizza, I will bring the other food and "quiet games". We still need volunteers to help with bringing in the food, setting up, and refereeing dodgeball/other games. 2/1/24 Tracy: Event is rescheduled for April 5th and a flyer notifying parents was sent home. Requesting a budget increase of \$100 to cover the cost of cookies as the cookies purchased for the original date couldn't be saved and were donated to the school as a prize for a contest set up by Mrs. Mytinger. 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.

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.
- Final School T-Shirts: 2/1/24 Alison: The deadline to purchase has been extended. 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.
- 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.
- March Celebration Day: 2/1/24 Erica: The total cost for 2 shows will be \$800. 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.
- Father/Daughter Dance – 3/7/24 Sarah: The dance was incredible. Big thank you to all the volunteers!! 2/1/24 Sarah: There are plenty of volunteers as well as treat donations. Would like to purchase a “red carpet” for the dance, but it will also be used for the Variety Show if the cost can be split between both event budgets. Megan S. will be helping keep the photographer’s line flowing smoothly. Kayla: Would love to use the popcorn machine to provide popcorn for the dance or have some other type of snack that is not a sweet treat. 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 – 3/7/24 Nate: Winter parties were great and the kids loved them. Thank you to all who volunteered. 2/1/24 Nate: All volunteers have been contacted and plans for the parties should be underway. 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.

Events:

- Grandparents Day: Sept. 22nd (rain date Sept. 29th) Chairperson-Holly L. **COMPLETED**
- Popcorn Days: Oct. 20th, Dec. 20th, March 21st, & May 10th **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**
- Winter Class Parties: Feb. 9th @ 2:15pm Volunteers to be organized by Nate A. **COMPLETED**
- Father/Daughter Dance: Feb. 23rd @ 6:30pm Chairperson-Sarah C. / Co-Chair-Kayla E. **COMPLETED**
- 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 (students performing should arrive by 6pm)
- Mother/Son Game Night: April 5th @ 6pm **Chairperson-Tracy S.**
 - Location - The Career & Wellness Center
- 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: March 19th

Misc. discussion items:

- 2023-24 PTO meetings: April 4th
- Final meeting: April 4th @ 6pm.

Motion to Close: Rebecca P. 6:50 pm, second-Alison W.

Tracy Smith

SECRETARY

March 8, 2024

DATE OF APPROVAL