WMES Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Agenda

WMES Media Center 3/3/25 7:00pm

1. Call to Order: 7:01pm by Meaghan
2. Secretary Report: Pass February Minutes: Motion to approve by Stephanie/2nd JoAnn
3. Treasurer Report: Kayla: current balance: $26,234.88
    a. January/February expenditures: $3273 for I Love to Read month which was under budget: $560 for non-fiction library books: $2255 for Strides – prizes, bounce house, tables (budget for Strides is $5000)
4. Public Relations Report: starting to post Strides info on Facebook and fliers that go home: perhaps add some silent auction items to advertise
5. Old Business: I Love to Read month Recap: Unlock the Kingdom of Royalty theme: family night went well, mostly positive feedback: 506 people attended-lots of creativity: students could make paper dragons, shields, I spy tubes: door competition was close – new idea to post results on PTO FB page, Nikki to do: the gym continues to get a bit chaotic, unsure how to calm it down at this point: event was paid for by PTO and put on by staff
6. New Business
    a. Parent Teacher Conference Meals & Book Fair: March 18 and 20: 18th to be PTO catered from LaCatrina: 20th family provided pot luck – sign up nearly full
        i. Book Fair: volunteer spots full. OK to speak about PTO if you are working the fair. PTO to have informational fliers available. The fair will arrive prior to the 18th, already have 2 volunteers to set up
    b. Easter Eggstravaganza: April 19, 9am-12pm
        i. Crafts: PTO to donate craft items and run the craft table – Meg to send out Sign up Genius. PTO has leftovers from I Love to Read family night: green cardstock, pompoms and tape
        ii. Promote Kindergarten Registration: signs & QR code sheets on craft table
    c. Strides for Students Update: May 3: thinking of different possibilities for set-up configurations: inside? **Have key for gym available**: On track for donations-mailing to go out this week for local businesses: Thinking of different options for teacher rewards- teacher package for each grade winning class – scholastic dollars – free hour/prep time – duty free day – reward per dollar amount kids earn -drinks
        i. Student paperwork: done but can make changes if necessary - if possible send home first week after spring break but this is changeable: Mrs Renken to make video again with student council: CheddarUp to start individual fundraising pages which would make visible who donated per individual student
        ii. Day of Food and Activities:
            1. Food: Squeeky Cow, Elephant Joe's, Papa D's, Mini Doughnuts
            2. Activities: Bounce house, balloon animals, crazy hair, tattoos, could add facepainting, craft station provided by a kindergarten

mom. Outdoor activities: lawn games, picnic tables, fire truck. Have left over blue and red poppers

3. Waiting to hear back from: K9, H.S. band
    a. To ask if available: Carver County Mounted Posi – talk about search and rescue and what to do if lost
4. Online shop for shirts put together by Jared: $10 shirts available: other styles available also:Nicole has picture on student paperwork

iii. Prizes for Students: all have WM logo: $20 – clip on book light: $100 - frilly flier: $200 – speaker (if available: small issue with supply, awaiting response from company): $500 pizza party lunch or doughnut party in the staff lounge

1. Ideas: top earning grade: tape principal to the wall (need approval)? Dunk tank? Have teachers volunteer then winners vote who goes in the tank? Pie in face? Silly String "Fight" with classmates

d. Teacher Appreciation: May 12-16
    i. Theme: Wicked: Budget increased from last year: Ideas used last year – coffee/drink day, punch board for prizes, breakfast, treats, lunch: something similar this year, still in planning
e. Celebration of Learning: May 22: open house style: art piece created by students with Artist in Residence to be unveiled (provided by Strides monies): Unveil Little Library including books purchased with Scholastic Dollars – plan to install near garden
f. Ninja Course/Track and Field Day: May 28: weather depending, some of the course is able to be set up indoors: at this time it looks as though necessary volunteers are all set
g. Open Board Positions 24-25: please reach out with any questions

7. Open Discussion: Teacher Grants review - $150/teacher, $250/specialists and new teachers annually: Media Center personnel excluded due to other grants. PTO to grant a one time reimbursement to Ms Hoover for books she purchased for the Media Center at 2nd hand stores
8. Adjourn: motion by Stephanie/2nd Nikki

****NEXT MEETING APRIL 7th****