

W.E.S.T. MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bannon and JoEllen Holowinski (Co-Presidents) at 6:35 P.M.

In attendance

Lisa Bannon, Erica Donadio, Kristie Donegan, Amanda Ramsing, Brooke Layo, Todd Layo, Maureen Mulderig, Joyce McGlynn, Elena Tjaden

Welcome & Introductions by Lisa Bannon & JoEllen Holowinski

Quick Updates

1. Wreath Sale: Coordinated by Sara Starowitz and Lisa Bannon. Orders being taken through the end of the week. Pick up will be 12/5/15 at WPS from 8 am to 12 pm.
2. Tree Lighting: Town of Geddes, December 7th at 7:00 pm corner of Parsons and West Genesee Street. CRS cafeteria will be open after tree lighting ceremony for refreshments (cookies/hot chocolate) and Santa will be visiting. Town of Geddes supplies the refreshments. Joyce McGlynn and Amanda Ramsing will help as volunteers. A couple more volunteers may be needed at CRS from 6:45-8:00 pm.
3. Yearbook Coordinator: 2 coordinators for yearbook committee needed (1 for WPS and 1 for CRS). Cooch Jaquint has volunteered as WPS coordinator. There is a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19th with Lifetouch to discuss contract.

Treasurers Update – Lisa Bannon for Erin Ryan

General Fund: \$17440.89

CRS Site Based Fund: \$11607.35

WPS Site Based Fund: \$6382.01

2015 Yankee Candle Sales: \$18,277.00 (online Sales until January 1st)

Outstanding: We still need to write Scholastic Book Fair check. Each teacher will be receiving about \$30 in free books.

Amazon Smile: Will give 5% back to charity of choice. Choose "Westhill" if signing up for Amazon Smile.

Funding Requests

1. Mr. Engle (CRS): \$500 (with discount) for French/Indian War, immigration, life in the Adirondacks school wide assembly on 2/4/16 and 2/5/16. APPROVED
2. Zoo to You for 3rd grade. \$588.00. Three days. Connected to Science Unit. APPROVED.
3. Gordon Korman author visit in April 2016. \$2050.00. "Swindle Books" APPROVED

4. Mr. McCrea partnering with Westhill Educational Foundation for the Symphoria: Making Musical Connections. All students Grades 2-4 at CRS. Project will immerse students in high quality, live musical performances by small chamber groups coming in to play. Westhill Educational Foundation to split the funding. \$1600 total (WEST \$800 and Westhill Foundation \$800). APPROVED

Principal Report: Maureen Mulderig, CRS Principal

Board of Education Goals discussed. Inquiry Learning: Encouraging students to think on higher levels. Examples:

2nd Grade: Bat houses made by each grade (Westhill Educational Foundation Grant). Students learning why it is important to protect bats, how they help the environment. Grant has been written by the students for cameras to get footage.

3rd Grade: Learning Food chains and webs. Teachers developing units to discuss endangered species. Students will do projects on endangered species. Also having experts come in.

4th Grade: Robotics. Staff member from BOCES coming in on Monday mornings. Students get to work with the robots, learn and troubleshoot. Special needs students working on this project with Mrs. Phillips.

Closing Comments/Questions

SAVE THE DATES:

1. Geddes Tree Lighting: Monday December 7th at 7:00 pm.
2. Westhill Educational Foundation Chip in for Education: Saturday, April 16th, 2016.
3. Snow Tubing at Four Seasons: Saturday, January 23rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Flier to be sent out on how to sign up. Max 250.
4. Silver Knights: Sunday, January 24, 2016 1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016 AT CRS 6:30 PM. Any interested Westhill staff member, teacher or family member is welcome to attend.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 pm and was passed unanimously.