

W.E.S.T. MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Bannon (Co-President) at 6:30 P.M.

In attendance

Lisa Bannon, Erin Ryan, Joyce McGlynn, Beth Kramer, Rachael Dixon, Elena Tjaden, Ellie Abraham, Cooch Jaquint, Mandy Purkett, Brooke Layo, Todd Layo, Mary Kleberg

Welcome & Introductions

Quick Updates

1. Capital Improvement vote on Thursday, October 8th, 7-9 pm, Westhill HS
2. Student Directory – Marla Kelly to give Elena Tjaden the remaining data entry forms to finish up directory. Should be ready for distribution to students early November. Will work on getting out in October next year.
3. Food Drives – Coordinated by Amy Pendergast. Possible dates are November 9-13, March 7-11 and May 31-June 3. Need to confirm dates with St. Charles Food Pantry. Note will be sent home with students. One of the food drives coincides with the Art Show.
4. Box Tops & Labels – Cathy Madigan coordinates. This will be Cathy's last year as coordinator. 11/1/15 next submission for Box Tops.
5. Book Fairs – WPS Book Fair 11/16/15 5-7 pm. Email will be sent out for volunteers.

Treasurers Update – Erin Ryan

General Fund: \$27,314.82
CRS Site Based Fund: \$6555.00
WPS Site Based Fund: \$6582.01
Outstanding: \$4100.00
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2nd year for Yankee Candle Sales. Has gone over very well.

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Online Sales until January 1, 2016. WEST makes 40% of gross sales.

Wreath Sale

Sarah Starowicz will be coordinating the wreath sale in November. Flyers will go home with students the first week of November. \$18 wreaths, 6" Poinsettias (red, white, marble) for \$10 each and possibly a 12" Poinsettia for \$20. Pick up will be 12/5/15.

Tree Lighting

December 7th, 7:00 pm. Town of Geddes hosts the Tree Lighting at Parsons/West Genesee. The town asks WEST to sponsor having people come to CRS cafeteria afterward for refreshments. Town pays for cookies, cocoa & Santa. Only costs WEST \$35 for cafeteria fee. The Cafeteria workers sort the food.

Yearbook

Committee help is needed. Issues being worked out with Photography Company.

Silver Knights

Community event and discounted tickets. Kids very involved. Approx. 800-900 have attended Silver Knights event in past. Jeanne Albanese has booked Silver Knights game Westhill night for February 28, 2016.

Snow Tubing

Joyce McGlynn coordinating Snow Tubing Family Fun Night. Will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Four Seasons. \$6.00 per person. 5:30-8:30 PM. Max of 250 people.

Movie Nights

Joyce McGlynn printed out top 10 movies from the website used for the movie night. Committee members voted on "Inside Out". Looking at November 13, 2015 for the movie night to take place at CRS. Free. Annual license needed.

Principal Report

Beth Kramer, WPS Principal, presented.

1. Eric Litwin, Author of Pete the Cat books, scheduled for 10/22/15.
2. Site based team meeting soon to discuss charity drive. Also discussing activities such as yoga and running club.
3. High Five Program – McMahon & Ryan Child Advocacy Center comes to WPS to discuss topics with students and staff. Started this week. Ties in with the Walberta Promise. The team will present a different topic each week for 4 weeks.
 - a. Emotional Safety & Healthy Feelings (10/5)
 - b. Safety Around Strangers (10/13)
 - c. Physical Safety (10/19)
 - d. Personal Body Safety (10/26)

Open Forum & Discussion Topics

1. Water fountain issue at CRS during lunch. Lisa Bannon will bring issue discussed to Mrs. Mulderg's attention.
2. Bus Transportation Issue: Parent said that child got off the bus with a letter that she is getting off the bus 14 minutes earlier. Parent contacted Bus Garage and apparently due to rerouting. Discussion then led into the length of the bus rides for the students, particularly the long bus ride time for the Kindergarteners and 1st Graders.

Upcoming Events/Save-the-Dates

1. Food Drives
 - a. November 9-13
 - b. March 7-11 (family breakfast week at WPS)
 - c. May 31-June 3 (includes art show – tentative)
2. Town of Geddes Tree Lighting, Monday, December 7th 7:00 pm
3. Book Fairs: WPS Monday Nov 16th 5-7 pm. CRS Book fair during the day 11/5, 11/6, 11/9 and 11/10.
4. Snow Tubing at Four Seasons, Sat., January 23rd from 5:30-8:30 pm.
5. Beak & Skiff Cider and "Dough" Nuts: Saturday, November 7, 2015. 6-10 pm.
6. Westhill Education Foundation "Chip In for Education": Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at CRS 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 pm and was passed unanimously.