

W.E.S.T. MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

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

In attendance

JoEllen Holowinski, Lisa Bannon, Kristie Donegan, Amanda Ramsing, Elena Tjaden, Erin Ryan, Erica Donadio, Joyce McGlynn, Maureen Mulderig, Beth Kramer, Rachael Dixon, Shelly Canavan, Ellie Abraham, Casey Barduhn

First WEST Meeting of the 2015-2016 School Year

Welcome & Introductions

Capital Improvement Project

Overview of capital improvement projects given by Casey W. Barduhn, Superintendent.

Examples of some of the renovations include:

1. Westhill High School: Academic wing, science labs and classrooms, replacing windows
2. Onondaga Hill Middle School: Drop off and pick up zone
3. Renovations at CRS, WPS and the bus garage but the bulk of the project focuses on the high school
4. Replace phone system district wide

An outline of the scope of the Capital Improvement Project will take place on September 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Westhill HS Auditorium. The Capital Improvement Project Vote will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

Student Directory

Update of the student directory given by Elena Tjaden. Marla Kelly is overseeing the data entry for the student directory project and will give to Elena to finish and print in October.

Picture Days

Amy Pendergast is the Volunteer Coordinator. Picture day at WPS is Friday, September 18, 2015. Some issues to work out with the photography company. At this time, WMF Photography is scheduled to take the pictures.

Yankee Candle Sale

Lisa Bannon gave overview of the upcoming Yankee Candle Sale. Flyers went home with students about the fundraiser details. The sale ends on 9/30/15 but accepting forms until 10/1/15

Parent Volunteer Center

PVC at Cherry Road is all set. Discussed the help that is needed at Walberta Park PVC.

Yearbook

A yearbook coordinator is still needed. There are a few interested individuals. Discussed taking a picture for the yearbook of the guest speaker, Red Grammer.

Movie Nights

Discussion on having more than just one movie night for the school year. Erica Donadio and Joyce McGlynn volunteered to coordinate the fall Movie Night. We need to obtain a license to post in the cafeteria. Information will be given to Erica and Joyce on flyers, website to pick the movie, etc.

Treasurers Report

Erin Ryan gave an overview of the current treasury report:

Community Fund - \$287.43

General Fund - \$9026.19

Cherry Road Site Base - \$5177.82

Walberta Park Site Base - \$5562.73

Funding Requests/Approvals:

WPS for Eric Litwin (Author of "Pete the Cat" series)

CRS trying to get Gordon Korman (author) to come speak.

\$650 from 3rd grade team for Gillie Lake Pavillion and for the crafts/face paint.

\$1075 for Red Grammer to speak at WPS and CRS (\$2150 total with 50% off).

\$300 for WEST for Books Come Alive at CRS.

\$300 CRS for Syracuse Stage.

Beth Kramer to submit request for WPS to see Dashers Magical Gift.

Snow Tubing

Joyce McGlynn coordinating Snow Tubing Family Fun Night. Board decided on Saturday, January 23, 2015. Four Seasons. \$6.00 per person. Max of 250 people.

Principals' Report

Maureen Mulderig, CRS Principal: Overview on updating Essential Learnings at CRS. The common core language can be very technical and the focus is to try to make the students more self aware of their own learning. All Essential Learnings reworded into student friendly language. Some teachers will talk about these updates at Meet the Teacher Night. A newsletter will also go out to families to explain the updates. New poster formats have been made. The 2nd grade posters are almost complete, but the 3rd and 4th grade posters are done. Assessments have also been updated to go along with the Essential Learnings to gauge where the students are at.

Beth Kramer, WPS Principal: WPS also on the Essential Learning path. Vision of having these Essential Learnings on the website eventually. Only 5 or 6 Essential Learnings at WPS because of Kindergarten and 1st grade. Commit to the most essential things the K and 1 students need to know. Over the summer a "character committee" was created based on Paul Tough's book "How Children Succeed" (focus

on character traits). Walberta Promise updated – simple language for more concrete understanding (Safe, Kind and Do My Best).

Mrs. Mulderig explained that Target is doing away with the Target Red Card “Take Charge of Education” program as of 5/14/16.

Upcoming Events/Save-the-Dates

1. Beak & Skiff Cider and “Dough” Nuts: Saturday, November 7, 2015.
 - a. Kristie Donegan gave overview of event.
 - b. 6-10 pm at Beak & Skiff. \$40 per person.
 - c. Mere Mortals will be performing
 - d. Shuttles from CRS and OMS. Approximately 40 people per bus. Capacity is 175 people. \$5 per person.
 - e. Alumnae Match Program - \$10,000 donated
 - f. Sending home flyers in backpacks, online ticket sales and bus reservations, food, raffles, tastings, cash bar.
2. Book Fair in November
3. Westhill Education Foundation “Chip In for Education”: Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2016 at CRS 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm and was passed unanimously.