

PTO Minutes  
11-19-09  
WRMS Library

In Attendance: Karen Hafling, JoAnn Turner, Janessa McKinley, Judy Feist, Anette Wiles, Jerry Meier, Dori Murphy, Lisa Loewen, Jana Davis, Connor Dougan, Laura Royer, Karen Martindell

1. Meeting started at 7:05 pm

2. Representative from Stuco was present: Conner Dougan

Spirit week coming up

December contest EO pizza party

Stuco Dance is over: over 300 7<sup>th</sup> graders were in the new space for dance.

3. Vice-Presidents Report

One teacher request for 15 Remedial Reading books. \$119.25 The program is called Read 180.

Direct Instruction is given by Kerry Johnson for kids below grade level

Request was passed unanimously by those present at meeting.

Stuco Superbowl party and dance coming up. 7<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer coordinators need a committee to help chaperone and decorate. The dance is Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Jana Davis and Lisa Loewen will co-chair dance. Dance 3-5pm for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 7-9pm for 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The committee will be meeting 1<sup>st</sup> of February. 8<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers/ parents to help with 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

EO kids can help and stay after school Thursday night and Friday till 2pm or so for dance set up and decorating.

4. Principal's Report

Next week Governor announces budget cuts. Next week till June 30<sup>th</sup> 750,000 in cuts. Talk of another \$160 per kid cut in budget. (300,000) in district. Dr. Dietrich meeting know next week. 1.1 million already cut out of budget. 20,000 cut from altheletics this year. Public Forum December 7<sup>th</sup> 501 public schools already closed two schools this summer. Holton 6 days school cut in service days custodial staff sec not paid for htose D duct day work 1 day no pay. 437 buses expensive if get cuts back to 2002-03 fund level after cuts lawsuit 5 year to go through won't affect St KS. Mr. Meier on Legislative Committee been to 1 meeting this year. Furlow day doesn't work since don't get paid. One of 1<sup>st</sup> times State Chamber of Commerce and KS Assoc of school boards USA has come together to figure out what can we do to help state.

Public Schools in Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> semester looking at dropping busing. Dr. Deitrich on State wide sommittee Mr. Meier on Legislative Committee of school administrators. He is the middle school representative. KNI want to close

Public last 10 years schools have taken a hit closed state hospital. Public schools have become community service. Mr. Meier encourages all to go to meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> to know budget cuts. Construction on time. Main office on target to finish in Jan 2010 sometime.

W Rural has contingency funds. Mr. Meier said we will make it through this year, but its next year that scares him. Teacher cuts will happen next year.

5. Minutes were accepted as written by Jana Davis motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Loewen min approved.

#### 6. Committee Reports

A. Treasurer's Report. Janessa McKinley passed out the report. Candy Sale money is trickling in.

##### B. Merchandising Committee

A check for principals fund was entered

Money for challenge course and dinner for teachers and prizes fundraiser.

A parent with a child in our district asked why the balance of the WRMS PTO funds is not on website and Mr. Meier was consulted to answer this question. The website is not password protected he said.

No discussion. All in agreement we should accept treasurer's report. JoAnn Turner motioned and it was seconded and passed.

##### C. Teacher Appreciation Report

No report. Thank-you cards and teachers dinner. Staff had Quodoba catered to school.

##### D. Hospitality

Tina Gannaway

Sent e-mail

300 cookies for dance with extras sent to teachers lounge.

Extra bags to teachers from dance. Will use for AR reading treats.

Fundraising

Have 8 more kids candy money to collect.

Mr. Meier is still working on the kids bringing it to him.

2 pizza parties 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

##### E. Merchandising report

Mary Franzen and Lori Proops resigned. They did not feel appreciated. Jana Davis and Lisa Loewen will take over their positions.

Hoodies, keychains cinch bags and wrist bands leftover to sell. E-mail from Spark one of programs leftover merch on website They will try to set up tables to sell remaining merchandise at sports events. Wrestling and girls basketball. Can also use cinch bags as give aways have already paid for them. Winter party use them as prizes. JoAnn Turner said we broke even on merchandise and can wait till next year to sell. Jana and Lisa want to try to sell it.

##### F. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volunteer Coordinators

Not present

Comet team report read and Voyager report read All-Stars report read

##### G. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Voluntrer Coordinators

8<sup>th</sup> grade reports read for all teams

#### 7. OLD Business

By-laws

Karen Hafling and JoAnn Turner passed around the updated by-laws and asked that each person look at their descriptions of jobs and if they like it leave it as is or if want more description add to it.

By-Laws passed as updated.

It was discussed that budget is made in Spring for following year and voted on in March-April. Need to let board know if need more money PTO. Dori Murphy mentioned that

she needed a downpayment to reserve a space for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion dance/party. The tickets will take care of the payment later so it was discussed to sell tickets and ask for donations next year. In past there were problems with the rug at Prince of Peace damage in past 4-5 years ago and \$900 to fix not in budget at PTO. We need money for teacher requests for teams. JoAnn Turner said can't budget money but can ask board for it and may be able to help.

Janessa McKinley voted accept by-laws as written and 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

Karen Hafling said we have "Best Principal in KS" and she brought cupcakes to celebrate. Mr. Meier is middle school principal of the year in KS.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. MEIER!!!!!!

Next Meeting Thursday, January 21, 2010 WRMS Library at 7:00 pm.

The District PTO and Patron Meeting will be rescheduled from December 8, 2009 meeting at WRMS cafeteria 7pm will be rescheduled in January on the affects of budget cuts to our district and schools for all parents and patrons.

MEETING date and time TBA.

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Tammy Miller