

PTO BOARD MEETING
WRMS LIBRARY
Thursday October 15, 2009

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President, JoAnn Turner.
- II. Those in Attendance: Karen Hafling, JoAnn Turner, Janessa McKinley, Tina Gannaway, Cheryl Hishmeh, Shelly Callison, Wendy Surface, Jerry Meier, Kathy Tryon, Amanda Provorse, Karen Martindell, Judy Feist, Dori Murphy, and Colleen Dodge.
- III. Minutes approved.
- IV. Vice President's both out - no report
- V. Principal report: Lots of ill students (type A flu), affects them all differently. Students are NOT to come back to school until no fever or medication for 24 hours.
- VI. Auburn Washburn Foundation: "Prize Patrol" \$8,000 to 9,000 worth of grants to Middle School team-podcasts, Language Arts teachers. \$2,300- grass opening, Wave team to plant landscaping turn it into academic projects.
- VII. Writing Contest, Harris Berdick, pictures 6-trait writing essays, reward activities
- VIII. (SPED) Vopat- therapy chair (\$790)
- IX. SFA-Elmo machines (2)
- X. (SPED) Wagner-C.O.F., greeting card producing company
- XI. Last Tuesday, Aubry Williams, Sophomore at WRHS, died of a brain tumor. Dan Brooks, Luke Weins, and Jerry Meier, went to visit.
- XII. Custodian, Richard Flippin's wife died Saturday.
- XIII. Mr. Meier said he considered PTO his Site Council. He asked our opinion about what kind of uniform the girls volleyball team should have. JoAnn Turner pointed out that a uniform should not go against the schools dress code that he enforces.
- XIV. Construction update given by Principal, Jerry Meier.
- XV. Treasurer-Janessa McKinley, mostly candy money is in . Motion by Dodge. Treasurer Report passed.
- XVI. Teacher Appreciation: not here, but working on dinner.
- XVII. Tina Gannaway- next Tuesday 8th grade EXPLORE test. Circle of Friends distributed them November 13th, 2009 dance.
- XVIII. Fundraising: over \$34,000/ cleared \$16,000. Ran out of chocolate Wed., week before additional \$484 BONUS. Cameron sold 26 ½ cases, sold them at Wal-Mart. (That amounted to 1,300 candy bars). Cheryl Hishmeh requested the PTO Board for money for pizza and supplies that are not a line item in the budget. It was voted and approved.
- XIX. 7th Grade Volunteers- Melissa not here
- XX. 8th Grade Volunteers-
- XXI. 7th Grade Reps- Comet team report
- XXII. 8th Grade Reps- Dori Murphy, News Report and Odyssey report, Judy Feist Wave Team Report and Champions Team Report
- XXIII. Old Business: Revised By-Laws presented last month. 8th Grade Party is technically not the responsibility of PTO, the actual H.S. promotion ceremony is, but not the after party. Build a committee of 8th grade parents. Reps find liasons for PTO, take that out of the By-laws. OR should we have a whole different position for it? This year Dori and Karen are in charge, and they were aware of that. Need to make a by-law change and a budget change.
- XXIV. New Business- none
- XXV. Dates : Stuco Dance November 13, 2009 3 and 7pm. 7th grade at 3pm and 8th grade at 7pm.
- XXVI. Meeting Adjourned by President.
- XXVII. Minutes respectfully taken by Amanda Provorse in Secretary, Tammy Millers absense. Minutes respectfully transcribed by Tammy Miller.

The WAVE Team has been busy finishing up the 1st Quarter. The WAVE team is exited that we have received an Auburn-Washburn Foundation grant for almost \$2,500 to landscape the outside area in the back of the school. Step One will be to have our students work as teams to create a plan and design for the landscaping! We hope to implement this part in November. This will be an ongoing team activity throughout the year and finish up in May. The team will finish up the 1st Quarter with a reward party on Thursday called a "Sand Dollar Party" for those students who have earned sand dollars for planner checks, DEAR day reading, and brining forms back to school with parent signatures. The team is also gearing up for Conferences next week. We already are booked solid both evenings. We have 88 conferences scheduled for the two day period and are still adding more.

In Math classes students are learning analysis data by looking at our Early Warning scores and determining strengths and weaknesses. There is a lot of focus on linear relationship in class and how to display the information in tables, graphs and equations. U.S. History classes are currently finishing up the "Constitution" unit by grading notebooks and watching the classic history movie "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." Next week students will start the "Westward Expansion" unit. In Language Arts, on Monday students began working on a short story assignment that is also a school-wide writing contest. The stories will be based on a picture from a book called The Mysteries of Harris Burdick. Students will use the caption on the picture that they choose as the first line of their story. They will be telling the story that goes with the picture. Each team has 3-4 pictures for students to choose from and a winner and runner up will be chosen for each picture. All winners will receive a copy of a book that will include all of the winning stories. This will really give the students a chance to be creative! In Science, the students are developing and conducting their own experiments that will provide data to prove which type of ice is the best for cooling drinks. In SFA this week, students have been working on a Bully Poster contest. Winners will be announced next week. Students have been working in Unit 2 on Self-Confidence and will be finishing that unit this week. Next week students will be involved with different activities for Red Ribbon Week. Keep your eye open for the large Red Bow that the 8th grade students will create.

Thanks for all your support of our classrooms!

The Wave Team - Jeff Pierce, Deneen Schoenfeldt, Betsy Wiens, Mark Robinett, Shari Lewis, and Marlene McDaneil

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CHAMPIONS Team

We have concluded our Challenge course activities this fall and everything went great. Groups were able to complete multiple challenges while working together and devising a plan to reach their goal. We have our October Sky Lunch and Movie this Thursday the 14th, to end the 1st Quarter. Our team has received great support from parents providing food, treats, and time to help make the lunch successful. The Champions have also scheduled a Family Night on Thursday, October 29th, in the WRMS gym. Currently we have over 60 total students and Family members participating that evening. We are also looking forward to the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences and discussing more personally the success of our students and areas where there needs to be improvement. The Champion team thanks the PTO for our EO funds, they will be put to good use for our students. We also appreciate the upcoming dietary support that is provided for teachers and students during PT conferences and the Explore test. Champions Team, Brandon Dial, 8th Grade Math & Language Arts

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VOYAGER team

Baby update: Mrs. Dowell had a son, Evan Dowell, in September Mr. Wiens had a daughter two weeks ago, Lilly Aubry Mrs. Stones is due in 2 months Mr. Tubbs and Mr. Brooks have nothing to report in this area. Voyager team participated in an anti-bullying workshop presented by Mr. David Crook; very powerful and personal. we will have our next positive reward party on Oct. 30, called 'trick or read.'

A former WRMS and Voyager student, Aubry Williams, passed away on Oct. 6. after a 3 year struggle with a brain tumor. Her funeral was Monday, Oct. 12. Aubry has a twin brother, Michael and an older sister, Mary Williams.

Voyager students did very well selling candy for the fund raiser. We want to thank the PTO for the money deposited into team and EO accounts. We have a lot of ideas for that money to be used for kids this year.

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ODYSSEY team

We're currently in full preparation for Parent/Teacher conferences. Our team organizes STUDENT led conferences, so the kids have been preparing their script, collecting work samples, and reflecting on their first quarter as 8th graders. We've had a great response from our parents and plan to see the majority of the Odyssey team over the two conference days. We're also organizing a team activity to follow the ACT Explore tests on October 20. We're hoping to have students view the movie "Remember the Titans" and then complete a compare/contrast writing assignment for SFA and Language Arts classes. On October 30 we're planning a full team day - we have arranged to take students to the TEAM course, we plan to have them participate in Logic Puzzles, and then they can complete the day by "buying" (with Odyssey bucks) their way into a movie, or they can go to a study hall/reading room. We're

also preparing for an EO vs. EO reading competition which will begin the first day of Quarter 2. We hope this will be great encouragement for students to read a bit more on their own! Plans for our annual Community Days continue to roll - we continue to contact businesses in hopes we can place our students at an organization to volunteer their services. Finally, Susan Hess is helping us organize our "Who's on Task?" luncheon for any student who has handed in ALL work in ALL 5 Odyssey classes the entire quarter. Currently we're planning to reward approximately 25 students!!! We're so proud of them! Thanks ahead of time for providing us with a warm meal Wednesday night at conferences! Thanks, too, for providing snacks for our students during the ACT Explore tests - that's a long morning and a snack is ALWAYS welcomed by the 8th graders! We appreciate all you do!!

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COMET team

The Comet team will facilitate a Science Fiction/Fantasy Team Day on Thursday, Oct. 15. Students will build rockets in small groups and launch the rockets outside. Students will also explore myths and truths in The Bermuda Triangle, UFOs, Poltergeists, and other components of Science Fiction. The Comet team will raffle off various items with Comet Coupons before we start a new quarter with new Comet Coupons! Comet team t-shirts should arrive any day with tie dyeing in the near future for the students. It is always fun to see how the students individualize their shirts! Comet students finished making powerpoints highlighting lessons learned at WRMS to share with their parents at conferences next week. I think that is it! Thanks for all you do! Jolie Darby

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ECLIPSE team

We teachers are busily planning for parent/teacher conferences. The kids are getting close to the end of their first quarter in the middle school. We are trying to get them organized and all of their work turned in. Our next blackout party will be a very fun and silly game of spoons. Also, there was a bullying speaker on Friday, October 6.

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NEWS team

We are finishing up the end of the nine weeks and can't believe how quickly it has come. We have been getting ready for our student led conferences and we are sure that the parents are going to be impressed with their kids. We are also going to hold a drawing for the kids who have tardy passes left at the end of this nine weeks. We will be giving the ACT Explore tests to the 8th graders next Tuesday and then have a team afternoon planned for the kids.

Again, thanks for all you do to help us both monetarily and with your time. Kathy for the News team

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The Teacher Appreciation committee is busy preparing for our first dinner for the teachers and staff. We will be feeding them on Wednesday evening before they begin their conferences. Qdoba will be catering this dinner. I have heard from a few teachers that they are very excited to have something different and in my opinion very good!! We will provide drinks and dessert as well. Susan Hess Laurie Moore Amy Cronister

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