

The meeting took place in the WRMS library.

I. The meeting was called to order by Co-President, Karen Hafling at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: Karen Martindell, Tammy Miller, Anette Wiles (faculty), Jeff Pierce (faculty), Jerry Meier (Principal), Judy Feist, Janessa McKinley, JoAnn Turner, Karen Hafling, Jana Davis, Dori Murphy,

II. August Minutes were read and Jana Davis made a motion to approve the minutes with JoAnn Turner seconding the motion. With a vote the minutes were approved as read.

III. The updated By-laws were presented by Co-President, Karen Hafling, October 1998 the last by-laws were updated. The proposed changes were passed around at the meeting. If anyone sees anything that needs to be changed please contact Karen Hafling, Mr. Meier e-mailed copies of the by-laws to teacher Representatives for PTO.

IV. Vice President Report given by Vice President, Jana Davis.

1. Mr. Stanley request for two microscope mobile units. These are storage carts for the microscopes used by 7th and 8th grade science classes this year at WRMS. With research done online by the Executive Board, another brand of carts was found for a better cost. The savings came to \$436. Instead of \$1967.00 the proposed amount spent for microscope carts will be \$1531.68. The microscopes were acquired through the Adoptive Curriculum and book series. K-12 textbook Rental fund paid for microscopes for WRMS. The microscope carts will ship in seven days after we order them. Shelving for \$420 for science books was also mentioned for WRMS.

Joann Turner moves to purchase 2 microscope carts and Karen Martindell 2nd the vote. It passed.  
7th grade teachers bulletin board reading incentives important dates etc used for \$193 2nd request  
3rd request digital camera for photos of team course, ponds, environmental lab, and various reward activities. This would increase communication from home and school. Community days would also use the camera. It would cost \$150 for the camera and we would house it in library if PTO buys it. Christi Evans from the Odyssey team requested the camera. This will be a 3rd camera. Two are in library now one also in Mr. Meier's office. Mr. Meier uses the one in the office for newspaper and media and it's a \$1000 camera. He is reluctant to give out to other people. Tammy Miller moves a motion to get bulletin board and Janessa McKinley 2nds. It passes. Janessa McKinley moves motions to get Odyssey team the digital camera and JoAnn Turner 2nd It passes.

V. Principals report by Mr. Meier. Fall sports start with concert series. The cafeteria will be moving at end of October. The remodeling painting and lighting are coming together. The music dept. is adding another band room and orchestra and choir are getting their own rooms. Langsford Flooring came in to look at maple gym floor. It had damage from rain. 20% of the gym floor needs to be taken out. On May 4th the gym will be evacuated. Track is over on May 10th. They will take the floor back to bare wood. January 1st new band room and gifted room will be moved into new room WRMS November dance will be in new cafeteria. A before school store will be open before school Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will offer cheap paper and pencils and other misc items. Mrs. Wilcox and Mrs. Wiens will be at the store.

VI. Committee reports

1. Treasurer Report by Janessa McKinley. Balance is \$45,630.46 on Aug 27, 2009 and End Bal Sept 16 \$39,183.30

JoAnn Turner moves to accept Karen Martindell 2nd Treasurers report accepted is accepted to put in minutes. A full report was handed out.

2. Teacher appreciation- no report

3. Hospitality report - Stuco dances Nov 13, 2009 and Friday March 5th in cafeteria. Janessa McKinley read a note from Tina Gannaway.

Janessa McKinley will e-mail the merchandising report and hospitality report to me.

4. 7th grade vol coordinators- no one present

Laura Royer e-mailed the Voyager team report to me

And was not able to be at the meeting.

Wendy Surface e-mailed the Comet team report to me and was not able to be at the meeting.

No team reports given by Eclipse or All Stars.

5. 8th grade vol coordinators-

Karen Martindell read Wave team report

Judy Fiest read Champions team report

Karen Martindell read Odyssey team report

Dori Murphy read News team report

VII. Old business- none

VIII New business

Teacher requests already discussed and passed.

Next meeting Oct 15, 2009 in WRMS library

Dates to remember Sept 23rd Early release. October 15th end of first grading period.

Mr. Pierce suggested making a list for teachers in EO of what kids doing buyout and what kids get candy. Jerry Buren takes 8th grade and Mr. Meier takes 7th grade kids who don't pay.

Encourage kids to wash their hands and stay home if sick. One staff member had H1N1 and several kids have had flu starting after 2nd day school. 24-48 hours after have flu can come back to school if fever free and not vomiting. Humana will pay for flu shots if you go to Doctor. Bruce Peterson is in charge of flu shots at WRMS school and will be talking about this with Mr. Meier soon.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by,  
Tammy Miller, WRMS PTO Secretary

Team reports listed below and merchandising report

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Comets Team report

The Comet team hosted 7th Grade Parent Night with a panel of former Comet parents in September. While a small number was in attendance, our former parents offered useful perspectives for our current parents. The Comet team will sell t-shirts towards the end of September. Students will have the opportunity to tie-dye their own t-shirts during school!

The Comet team will also host Tina Boles of the Boys and Girls Club next Monday. Tina will educate the students on internet security including: cyberbullying, facebook, myspace, bebo, and useful tips on how to prevent others from obtaining their personal information. Tina will be presenting to each of our Reading Plus classes on the 24th!

On October 9th, the Comet team will hear David Crook speak about bullying and ways to prevent bullying in our school. It is a fantastic presentation on how one person can make a difference in a school! I think that is it for now. Let me know if you need any other information. Thanks for all you do!

Jolie Darby

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News Team

It has been a busy month so far, and it is going by quickly. The kids have been studying stars, the constitution, writing essays about themselves, making a personal book about themselves, friends and family and working hard on math. We have ordered our team shirts and are gearing up to go out on the T.E.A.M. course next week. The kids have also been busy trying to sell us candy so I believe the candy sales must be going well. Thanks for all of you and your help in allowing us to do great projects with your kids.

Kathy

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Odyssey Team

First of all, thank you SO MUCH for the yummy treats provided by PTO at the beginning of the school year! What a welcoming surprise! It was very much appreciated. As we enter the 5th week of school (wow!) all classes are in full swing reviewing concepts & learning new ones. Students have had the opportunities to make Polygoop in Science, read various stories in Language Arts, set goals in SFA, play Desk Olympics in preparation for History Alive! activities, and students made graphical displays based on personal statistics in Math. All SFA classes will be heading to the TEAM course later this week and Science classes will re-visit the pond later this month. The first week of school, students had the opportunity to meet together as an entire team for "Popscicles on the Patio" which took place during EO. All students continue to earn Odyssey Bucks for various rewards which include a Silent Auction at the end of the semester, "free" EO times that allow students to "buy" their way into a game room, iPod room, or movie room...students are quite motivated to earn these bucks :) As we look ahead, we are already preparing for our Annual Community Days event which takes place the week of Thanksgiving. Businesses and area organizations are being contacted in hopes they'll allow our students to volunteer this year. Besides all of that, we're encouraging candy bar sales, keeping students positive, and enjoying the year! Thanks for all you do :)

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Wave Team

Team t-shirt and hoodies have been ordered. The team had their first homework incentive last week for students with all of their homework and assessments completed. Students will be going to the Challenge Course this Friday for team building activities. Students will also take part in other team building activities throughout the day including Leap Frog Pads and Tinker Toy activities. Next week in Language Arts, students will be taking the Early Warning 1 Reading Assessment. History classes are working on the Constitution and Bill of Rights Unit. Students are currently working on the Constitution Math Project. Thank you to the PTO for the great welcome-back-to-school snacks a couple weeks ago. We always appreciate that the PTO provides funds for our EOs and teams. It allows us to provide incentives and opportunities we would not have otherwise.

Thank you,  
The Wave Team

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Voyager Team

Candy sales are going good. We are encouraging them daily in our classes and E.O. to sell and turn in money. We appreciate the PTO doing the sale. The year is going great and we've had a super start.

Dan

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Champions Team

First and foremost the Champions team would like to thank the PTO for the delicious treats for our welcome back and our E.O. funds. I know the treats helped a few of us make it through those first couple of weeks which seemed to wear us all down. The Champions are back in the groove and working hard toward completing projects and learning the eighth grade curriculum. To stress the importance of filling out planners we will be reviewing student planners this Wednesday Sept. 16th. Students who have theirs completed will be able to go outside and enjoy the weather and socialize during the last part of E.O. Those students who don't will be able to join the others after they have completed their planner. Upcoming events for the Champion team, we are going to the Challenge course on either Sept. 24th or 25th, pending weather. We have also decided to try a parent night this year. We are going to invite parents and their children to join us and have some activities to participate, either with each other or against. This is tentatively scheduled for October 29th, Thursday evening.

Brandon Dial

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All Stars Team Report

The first of the year has gone on fabulously. The students are settled in and locker problems are a thing of the past! Many of our students are really excited about the candy sale, and I know that help all of us greatly. The following are the coming and goings of our classes at this time.

Science- They have started their unit on the scientific method and process. As well, they have been enjoying doing some lab work.

Math- They are finishing up their first units in bits and pieces/variables and patterns with a tests this week. They are just beginning work in the "big" green math book. They will also be starting a long term project while working with percents.

S.S.- Geography is being wrapped up and the students are beginning a study of the American Revolution.

LA- Students are nearly finished with their 6 trait writing unit and will begin studying literary elements through a study of science fiction. Reading - Our time in the lab working on Type to Learn is nearly over and we will be wrapping up our study skills unit soon. Next, the student will begin a study of text features. It is hard to believe that the first quarter is nearly half over. It has been a great year thus far and we hope it will continue to be.

Kathy Speagle

Merchandising Report

We have sold approximately \$5770. I have submitted bills of \$5353, so I show a balance to the good of around \$417--however, we haven't been billed by Spark of the Game for the Open House merchandise ordered, so our balance will be lowered when that bill comes in. Spark of the Game has delivered almost all of the merchandise ordered, except for the dazzle shirts, which they are working on. We have no more T-shirts. We had a few XL's and 2X's left, which we gave to Mr. Meier to deliver to the custodians, etc., for a thank you for all of the work they do for PTO. We have lots of hoodies left and we may sell them at some football games, but we will definitely sell them at Parent-Teachers conferences in October.

--Mary Franzen, 9/16/09