

# JACOB WISMER PTO

Fostering School Spirit – Building a Strong Community

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

**Welcome and Introductions:** Robin started the meeting at 7:05. All were welcomed. Meetings are always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The board members are introduced.

Goals for this year include uniting our community, PTO Awareness and expanding PTO participation. The PTO will also be creating a stamp so you know where the PTO dollars are working. We need to working now on succession to replace those who are leaving at the end of the school year. We also need to revisit goals to make sure we are on track and evaluate those goals.

**Grade Level reports:** Colin Arnold reports: He is looking forward to a great year and working with the PTO. He and Debbie Starr will share the role of Staff rep to the PTO. They will bring information to the staff and well as from the staff. Debbie Starr is also looking forward to a great year. She and Colin will bring grade level reports to the PTO meeting to share. In addition, another staff member will be attending meeting so the staff will have a greater presence.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kathi reviewed the minutes. Jana motioned to approve the minutes. Rashmi seconded the motion. The motion was called to a vote and the motion passed.

## **Principal's report:**

Joan McFadden reported. Our enrollment is currently 708. Last year we had 825. Class sizes are great: 22-24 in primary grades - secondary classes are at 25-28.

We have lost one specialists, however, we will be combining Media and Technology. Teachers will be able to check out the technology lab for class work. We are also putting together a mini computer lab in the trailer.

There have been quite a few field developments. The sod was received at no cost to the school. The cost of cleaning the area was smaller than thought due to fewer rocks. There is an agreement being worked on between the LSC and THPRD. This agreement would allow THPRD to use the field and also help maintain it. At the moment we are asking people to stay off the field until the sod roots.

**Student Supervisors:** No report

**VP of Fundraising:** Jana had nothing to report outside of Innisbrook. Brenda reported that Innisbrook will kick off on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The display case will be up and ready. It will all be done on line.

**VP Community Events:** Brenda reported that Carnival is at the end of October. The committee is having their first meeting on September 23. Chris Bacon is still looking for help. Please contact Chris if you are interested.

**Art Infusion Committee:** Melissa Gilley reported on a new committee called the Art infused curriculum team. This team is responsible for coordinating the components of the art infused curriculum here at Jacob Wismer. Jacob Wismer is an arts infused curriculum. This includes art in the classroom, art literacy, our art teacher,

and artist in residence. This team will choose our artist in residence and also try to integrate multicultural art as well.

**Volunteer Coordinators:** Wendy and Rashmi reported. Classroom coordinators are still needed. There are 6 classrooms still without. They are Vuksich PM, Guilfoyle, Blachman, Starr, Bariao, and Leahy. If you are interested, please see Wendy or Rashmi. This will also come up at back to school night. All chair positions are filled except for Making Names Tag. Kara stepped up and volunteered. Volunteer Orientation next week in the Cafeteria

Volunteers should begin logging onto the computer to report hours. Please don't forget about matching hours.

**Member at Large:** Geralyn reported that the New Family Welcome seemed a success. Right now Staff Appreciation is working hard and there is a lot of work behind the scenes.

**Staff Appreciation:** Teresa and Sherrie reported that a lunch was done for staff before school started. Parents have helped donate salads and other items. In May a flyer will be sent home regarding staff appreciation week.

**Treasurer's report:** Tobey Nelson reported on the current budget. The numbers are lower this year due to the economy and also lower enrollment. Kathi motioned to approve the budget as presented. Wendy seconded. Motion was voted on and passed.

**Site Council/LSC** Joan reported on LSC. LSC needs three members that are voted on. No one stepped up in May to be placed on the ballot. Since then two parents have stepped up and will be approved by the school district. We need one more. The members if the LSC review building use and this year, which is very important, field use. Site council has not met yet.

**New business:** None

There was a question about technology and how it will work this year. Pat, Jane and Kathleen will team up to work on library skills and technology skills. Technology skills will be mainly research and typing. A parent will be creating a 5<sup>th</sup> grade technology class to help these children learn typing skills and the Microsoft Suite of Programs.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:04.