

Jacob Wismer PTO
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2009

Welcome and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Introductions were done.

Approval of October Minutes: Melissa motioned to approved minutes with typos corrected with Geralyn seconded. Motioned voted on and passed.

President's Report: Robin highlighted the organizational chart of how events and teams are disbursed within the PTO. There are some areas that need to find a shadow or replacement. Robin will be working on recruiting. She will be highlighting Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator positions. She is also working on dividing the VC position into two areas.

We will be adding a "spotlighting" a position to the PTO newsletter. This will focus on one position that needs to be filled to help the community understand what it is.

Robin will be attending the staff meeting in January and sharing with them the new org chart and work with them to help fill positions. Melissa added that when the PTO is recruiting remember: No experience necessary, one year commitment, men and women.

Website update: A parent volunteer has stepped up to help write the content of our new website. We are looking for a parent to help design the website possibly using a new tool. This tool will help the PTO communicate with our parent community.

Principal's Report: Joan wanted to thank everyone for all the well wishes and the wonderful gift from the PTO. Many parents that have been through a similar situation have shared their thoughts with Joan to help her through this process. Rhett did a great job keeping things moving well. Joan plans on being here for the rest of the year and she should not need treatment anymore.

The student directory is now available and will be passed out to the students.

Swine flu: JW holding their own, not too many absences.

VP of Fundraising: A reminder that the Piccolo Mondo Jacob Wismer day is Tuesday, November 24th. T-shirt orders are going out. Jana is working with Godfather's and Juan Colorado's to have "JW night" at these restaurants.

- Innisbrook: Brenda reported that our sales are over! There were \$18858 in sales and JW received ½ this amount. Everything has been distributed. Orders can go in all year and JW will still receive 50%.

VP Community Events: Although Chris Bacon could not attend, Carnival was a great success. The prize redemption went well. Chris and her committee did a great job! The event made about 2800 this year. The event will need new chairs for next years. There was also discussion about making more games!

Arts Infusion Team: Melissa reported that the team met last month and talked about what it means to be an arts infused school. We talked about the history of the arts program and what things have changed. A survey will be made for the staff to help us identify what we need to continue our arts program and how we can support the staff with art. The team is also working on the artist and residence this year and choosing a community project. Details of placement and completing a capital improvement plan are in the works. A few suggestions for placement of the art piece are not able to be used due to the walls needing repairs.

Joan is working on an idea for the large checkered board area in the front of the school. She would like to use that space for photographs of kids doing art, music, etc... This would help send the message that we are an art infused school.

Volunteer coordinator: So far, JW volunteers have logged in 1948 hours. The book fair was successful. Thank you to Delaram for organizing the event. Winter parties are coming up and the money will be out the first week of December. The volunteer who is doing the laminating is coming in 2 times a week now. The nametag person is trained and ready to go.

Member at Large: Staff Appreciation did a lunch for teachers during conferences. November is very quiet. The week before winter break, there will be a "cookie buffet" for the staff.

LSC meeting: Joan reported that the LSC met on November 3rd. The signage for the field area needs to be ordered: no animals on the property; no tobacco or alcohol; no vehicles; may have to add skateboards (may be required); reserved for school during school hours; open dawn to dusk. There is still consideration to recommend a partnership with THPRD. The LSC is also looking at ideas like "Adopt a flower bed" (those in the front of the school) and these would be maintained by a group like boy scouts or girl scouts.

Site Council: Site council as always written the school improvement goals, however this year the district is writing the goals for all the schools. The first Site Council meeting will be in December. The team will response to intervention issues; the new proficiency model; Focus on ESL in the classroom. The Site Council will meet each trimester instead of each month.

Tobey question: Why do the community school events start at 4:00 as opposed to right after school? The last LSC decided to move the time so that kids are not lost (do I stay or go home) and they have a chance to have a snack. It was mainly for safety reasons.

Grade Level Reports:

Kindergarten: geometry; leaves; Thanksgiving program

1st: pilgrims; thanksgiving

2nd grade: What the matter? Solids liquids and gases

3rd: multiplications; (Yvette is 40 now which leaves Debbie Starr the only 3rd grade teacher in her 30's) mock rocks; Portland field trip

4th grade: On line games for the new Everyday math

5th grade: colonial fair; biography; rotate science; Fundraising concerns with biz town and the 5th grade send off

Library: author visit

Receipts due from teachers December 1st

Technology update from Joan: Joan reviewed the goals from last Spring that Rhett presented as well as went over the new proposal Rhett updated in October knowing that we had funds from the track fund available. It was determined that the PTO would help fund these goals.

The PTO wrote a check for Joan to order new computers while the district was ordering a large quantity. This allowed JW to receive a larger discount. \$16400 was given from the PTO with \$3000 added from the building fund. Joan was very please to say that Stage I of the technology plan was just about complete. All classrooms now have document cameras.

See attached form for disbursement of computers. They have been ordered and should arrive within 3 weeks.

New Business: Tobey, our treasurer, presented the new version of the budget. This should help better communicate what money is being spent and how much is left. There was a question about the clothes closet. A bill is not sent to us, we just send a check as a donation.

Tobey also presented a high tech barf bag. They may be easier that have them in the classroom. It was decided to leave them for the teachers to view and see if they like them.

A Proposal to cancel December meeting was presented. Jana made a motion and Wendy seconded the motion. The motion to cancel the December PTO meeting was voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned.