

Willett PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Joe Dinunzio, President, called the Executive Board Meeting of the Willett PTYA to order at 7pm in the Willett teacher's lounge.

Attendance: Have quorum.

Principal's report- Heidi Perry

- Fliers will not be going home in back packs everything students and parents need can be found on the school's website; there will be a rolling cart for hard copies
- Student ambassadors for new students grade 1-6 have begun; they will meet once a week. This is a new program started for this school year
- 6th grade students will begin to train 5th grade students in January or February
- Staff has begun reading *The Growth Mindset* by Carol Dweck
- Caaspp scores are out for 3rd-6th grade; this includes EL arts and math; Willett did very well compared with other schools in the district
- Willett staff to begin looking at specific students

President's Report-Joe Dinunzio

- Joe passed around a thank you note from the staff, for the PTA luncheon given by the PTA
- Paper Parade was "good chaos"
- We have 4 PTA events planned this year with 50 PTA volunteers
- Eager to have broad participation
- "Welcome" all who are willing to help
- Taking risks with four new events
- "Movie Night" brought the community together, congratulations to Tracy Dunne and the team – amazing job!

Vice President's Report Christina Yeung

- Direct donation brought \$28,000
- \$3400 was through online sales
- Direction Donation will close at the end of the month
- Tax receipts will be mailed in October
- Last year Direct Donations brought in +/- \$29,000 at this point in the year

Treasurer's Report Tracy Dunne

- Refer to report
- Family movie night sold more than 100 tickets which will yield more than \$1000
- Concessions sold \$900 to break even on event
- \$1400 in sponsorships
- Motion to approve treasure's report
- Beth McMullen 1st the motion
- Katie Schnieder 2nd the motion
- Motion carried

Hootenanny Update- Jennifer Kryski & Natalia Baltazar

- Received 10-12 volunteers from NDE to help the night of the auction
- Need 10-12 volunteers to help at the NDE auction on October 24th
- Need more auction items to ask Chris Fluetch for a 49er football
- 112 tickets sold so far to total \$3,605
- Committee pleased with sales thus far
- PTA Board / Directors gift: Football "tailgate" themed basket, looking for donations

Website & Communications –Heema Govindjee-Merchant

- Using Facebook 200 families "like" the page
- Lisa Navarro and Heema are working on the website
- Beth McMullen working on Beehively
- Goal to work on website for the entire year to keep families updated on events i.e. Book fair
- Welcome page
- Community care page
- Teacher home pages
- Thanking sponsors through the website

Jenny Canfield-Room Parent Coordinator

- 13 room parents have been established
- Jenny has planned in person meetings with the room parents both on and off campus
- Jenny to host three welcome sessions for new families
- Guest speakers include Amber Welsh to speak about Active4Me
- Hope to roll in new families with Friday morning coffee with Heidi Perry
- Jenny is working on staff listings and family listings
- Still looking for room parents for 7 classrooms
- A number of PTA members volunteered to fill vacancies

2015-2016 Operating Budget- Official Vote

- Overall similar revenue, but from more sources: reduced revenue from auction, but increased from new activities
- Goal to not fund any staff positions, moving toward that this year with fewer than previous years
- Significantly more spent on community activities to support more connection across the community – teachers, parents, and students
- Question was raised about family movie night – actuals versus budget
- Beth McMullen move to approve budget
- Jenny Canfield to second
- Budget has passed

Crystal Waters Active 4 Me

- Contest to be held in October
- Scanned in 222 people 209 were students
- NDE had 173 people scanned in 172 were students
- Need to update school population
- Parents can sign up
- Heidi Perry wants details of contest to be sure to talk it up
- Student population does include carpoolers, park and ride
- Patwin is going to enter contest
- October 1-31st “eliminating carbon”
- Bike rodeo to be held on October 14th to include helmet checks, bike checks, bike safety

Nathan from Apex

- Apex has a 2 week program to teach leadership, to be kind, attitude check,
- Apex holds a “fun run”

Joe Dinunzio –Executive President

- Class wish lists have been funded
- Covered by last years’ auction
- \$6000 left in fund
- \$8500 raised in general fund
- Question raised about last year’s fund an item-grade level or teacher specific?
- Question raised about \$1000 going to one teacher?
- Joe to follow up
- Question about surplus in the budget
- Navi Bains asked about funding items through the Dream List
- PTA to think about things we need as a PTA

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Jennifer Kryski, Secretary _____