

West Woods Elementary

PTSA General Meeting

March 19, 2015

Call to Order: Kim Johnson President, called the general meeting of the West Woods Elementary PTSA to order at 6:34 pm. Mary Walker, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

Attendance:

13 PTSA members attended the meeting.

Principal's Report: Jason Smith

We will be starting interviewing for a variety of positions. A lot of the interviewing will be taking place the Monday after Spring Break.

Secretary's Report: Mary Walker

Jenn Berger moved to approve the February PTSA general meeting minutes and Haley Hovis seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

EduKits delivery will be discussed at the May PTSA General meeting. Kits will be on sale 5/1 – 5/22.

Treasurer's Report: Doug Hays

Doug presented the bank statements for February.

President's Report: Kim Johnson

The Read-a-Thon will be 4/10-4/22 and is called Pages with the Pack. The teachers are really excited about the opportunity to encourage reading.

We have one grant for new WWE News equipment totaling \$850. Mr. Stolte has requested a camera and cabling to replace equipment that is not functioning well. Kristin Pung moved and Stevie Peonio seconded the motion that we approve this grant for new equipment. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jake's Toy Box requested that we support them by selling Summer Bridge Books. Usually this is done as a fundraiser. However, we pass the savings off to the families rather than try to earn a profit. We are going to do all of the sales via the website.

The 2015-2016 Nominating Committee has been working hard to find volunteers for the next school year. Two thirds of the positions are filled.

Committee Reports

1st Vice President: Cary Stiever .

Penny Harvest went really well this year. There were twenty one students on the committee. They raised \$1600 this year. The proceeds will be split in half between an animal shelter and the animal sanctuary. The students are talking about doing an in service project at the Denver Rescue Mission as well. Parents would be responsible for transportation as the service project would not be a school sponsored activity.

The Day Without Hate Assembly will be on 4/24. Jason Smith will present checks to the two organizations benefitting from Penny Harvest at the assembly.

Speaktacular is underway. The Speaktacular presentation will be held on 4/9. Students can perform something they have written or present a speech written by someone else. Children have presented everything from the Gettysburg Address to short poems in the past. It is not an event that is well attended in recent years but as long as there is a chairperson for the event we would like to continue offering the opportunity to the students.

Dayna Morain presented the legislative report. Most of the recent legislation has died. A bill was introduced in the house to award bonuses for highly effective teachers. A bill regarding full day kindergarten is also waiting for a vote. Senate Bill 215 is focused on doing away with PARCC testing for all students other than high school. Governor Hickenlooper held a press conference this week about Senate Bill 215. There is a school board meeting this evening. The Jefferson Plan will be discussed at that meeting.

2nd Vice President – Jenn Berger

Muffins with Moms will be on 4/16 – 4/17. We will use an alphabetical two day approach to the event like we did for Donuts with Dad.

Staff Appreciation week will be 5/4 – 5/8. The committee is excited about the things they have planned for the week.

The Social Media Policy is posted on the PTSA website. Jenn Berger moved and Cary Steiver seconded the motion that we alter the Social Media Policy to allow photographs of staff members to appear on social media. It was decided the social media policy would otherwise stay in place until the new board is in place and can make an informed decision about how best to alter the policy to suit the WWE population.

3rd Vice President –Erin Wulfhorst

Box Tops and Soup Labels rounded up for the year. The Box Tops \$2259 raised and the Soup Labels raised 30,000 points.

Field Day Shirts went on sale as of today until 4/10. We agreed to keep the color the same for each grade so that the students get a different color each year.

There will be a Spirit Day at Buffalo Wild Wings on 4/20.

The Golf tournament will be held on 5/15. The planning is going well. The agreement has been signed with the golf club. There will be a taco bar this year rather than BBQ. Golfers do not need to be affiliated with the school at all in order to participate. We need more golfers to participate.

Carnival will be on 5/21. The hours are 4:00 to 7:00. Everything is on track for the event. The Sign Up Genius will be going out after Spring Break to get volunteers.

Open Floor

Kristin Pung asked about the possibility of pushing back The Run with the Wolves by one week in the fall. Labor Day is late again this year. If we stick with the date we have used in the past, it may coincide with the date for The Race for the Cure. Kim asked that Kristin decide on the date before the next board meeting so that we can take a vote of confidence at that meeting.

Dayna Morain made the suggestion that each classroom have a Pack Parent (or parents) for each classroom. The purpose of this role would be to have a person who would attend PTSA meetings from each classroom who could disseminate information to each classroom from the PTSA meetings. It was determined that this was an idea for the new board for the 2015-2016 school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next Executive Board Meeting – Monday 4/13 at 9:00 am; next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 4/16 at 6:30 pm.