

WCE PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Sept 18, 2014

Attendance

Jen Blake, Jenny Okamoto, Jeevani Doddapaneni, Kate Lopez, Deb Kauffman, Ronise Abitante, Kay Janney, Patrice Dawson, Jen Backman, Kim Keleher, Amy Hoffman, Jenny Evans, Srivalli Majji, Amy Davis, Dayane Pereira, Sara Naderi, Kim Kenney, Christy Patel, Laura Roesner, Ashley Inman, Kursten Blanchard, Jinnifer Junj, Stephanie Blocksom, Nivya Johny, Corine Hollins, Julie Salzmann, Courtney Rudy, Reagan Williams, Jackie Barrett, Amber Obert, Jen Koone, Amanda Callahan, Cherie Castle, Lydia Keadle, JoAnne Feltman, Judy Stamper, Carolyn Scott, Sarah Cazares, Trisha Mulligan, Catherine Elder

Welcome & Attendance – Jenny opened with an introduction and everyone in the room introduced themselves & what grades their kids were in.

Approval of May Meeting minutes – approved by Jenny Okamoto, seconded by Angelia Thorpe.

Impromptu Message – Sara Naderi, a Mom who works in the health field, wanted to share information about the new respiratory virus that is hitting the schools hard. It cannot be killed w/hand sanitizer. Kiddos should be using soap and water. Improvements were made to the washrooms at the school to help with water pressure thanks in part to Sara.

Principal's report - Mrs. Elder spoke about the bus evacuation drill which was performed this morning. She also discussed the NWEA assessment that will be given next week. This will give teachers a “learning zone” for each of the kids. It is an adaptive/untimed test. It is given during specials and may be given up to three times during the year.

Treasurer's Report – We made a little over our fundraising goal this year. We extended the deadline by a week. The budget was handed out. If you have any questions please get in touch with Deb Kauffman or Jenny Okamoto. The request for cameras, memory cards, drives in the amount of \$2250 was brought to the group. It was approved by Kim Kenney and Corine Hollins.

President's Report –

We have added an extra author visit to our calendar and budget for the year. The camera request has been approved today. We still plan on spending money for audio upgrades to compliment what was purchased last year. There is a need for more lapel mics. We also plan on using money toward teacher grants.

- Committee Chair Positions – there are still vacancies with some carnival chairs and there is a need for a Spirit Wear chair.
- Community Rewards – a flyer was attached to a previous newsletter and was handed out today at the meeting.
- Hospitality Committee – the committee has been busy this week with Custodial & Maintenance Staff Appreciation bring in muffins, candy, and gift cards for Friday.
- Hamilton County Kids Coats – we will be collecting coats, mittens, hats from Oct 6-10th.
- Ghost & Goblins – Carmel Education Fund donation – we have won in the past 4 years, no pressure this year. But fun for the families and for a great cause.

Additional Business – Green Team – West Clay is starting up the Green Team initiative this year headed by Kate Lopez. A recycling program is going to start up following how College Wood has done it with Susan Ford leading. There is a CCS Green Team meeting Oct 6th @ 7pm at the CCS Admin Building. Still looking for representatives from Town Meadow, Creekside, and Smokey Row. There is a “Lend-a-Cup” program that they have where you can borrow up to 170 plastic cups for your activity and they will rewash them and reuse.

Upcoming Events/Meetings– the following was announced:

- 10:00 Room Parent Meeting today
- Walk/Bike to School Day Oct 8
- Donuts w/Dad October 15 & 16
- Next PTO Meeting November 20 (book fair week)
- Family Fun Night November 21

Meeting Adjourned– Meeting was called to a close at 9:35 and was followed by a very informative presentation about Nutrition by Lori Petrie, a registered dietician at St Vincent.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Blake