

# Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

## August 12, 2016

- I. Meeting was called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:30 am.
- II. Minutes from May 6 meeting were approved, mother: Karen Brubaker, 2nd Tracey Milavec
- III. Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:
  - A. A Budget Review for the 2016-2017 School Year was conducted by Carrie. The PTO Executive Board is still working on the final budget for this year and it will be voted on in the next PTO meeting scheduled for 9/23.
  - B. The PTO is getting three bids for a new sound system to be installed in the school gymnasium. This sound system will be a gift from the past 2016 8th Grade Class, this year's 2017 8th Grade class and PTO funds. The PTO has received a bid from Mac AV and Sound Innovations. If anyone has a contact or recommendation for an audio/visual company to get a third bid, please contact Mercy Forsyth.
- IV. Principal's Report by Mrs. Baldwin:
  - A. The beginning of the year has gone well for students and teachers. The school had projected 830 students this year. Our enrollment to date is 878 (285 6th graders, 273 7th graders, 320 8th graders). We have many new students this year. The teachers and staff have been busy helping the new students transition in. The classes are doing many team building activities.
  - B. Professional Development will take place next week. Parent will see more content of this development through school communication.
  - C. Open House is scheduled for 9/1 at 6:30 pm. Parents will all meet together in the cafeteria for a quick introduction. Then, parents are dismissed to go to the classrooms. There will be two sessions conducted in the classrooms for parents who have multiple children in the school. For those who have students at WHS, their open house is scheduled for 8/29.
  - D. Volleyball and Football have begun. The game schedules are posted on the school website calendar.
- V. Review of Open Positions by Mercy Forsyth:
  - A. Career Day/Guidance Liaison
    1. Jen Bibby Volunteered to Chair this position
  - B. Fall Dance & Yearbook Party
    1. Fall Dance to take place in September or October
    2. Yearbook Party to take place in May
  - C. Fundraising
    1. Someone to be in charge of overseeing monies available to schools from Publix, Kroger, Amazon Smiles, etc.
  - D. Landscaping Coordinator
    1. Perk up landscaping in the front of the school that the county does not take care of. Would like more landscaping with plants that do not die.
- VI. Chair Reports:
  - A. Cultural Arts - Karen Brubaker is looking for someone to shadow her to take over this position next year. Heidi Danis has volunteered.
  - B. Fall Dance & Yearbook Party dates are pending for Mrs. Baldwin's approval.

- C. 8th Grade Dance - will take place in February
  - D. Red Ribbon Week - will take place on October 24-28. More information regarding this week will be coming out soon.
  - E. Social Media Coordinator - Please send Jen Bibby any WMS information you would like posted on facebook. [jkbibby@yahoo.com](mailto:jkbibby@yahoo.com)
  - F. Spirit Wear - Renee Gable and Laura Ryckeley were happy to announce we had a great kick off at Meet The Teacher. Renee and Laura are working on filling orders taken at Meet The Teacher and ordering new designs. Spirit Wear will also be sold at Open House on 9/1. Spirit Wear is encouraged to be worn on athletic game days and every Friday throughout the school year.
  - G. Staff Gift Wrap - will take place on December 1 & 8. Be looking for more information on how you can contribute and volunteer for this event.
  - H. Staff Appreciation/Hospitality - Dates & Themes:
    - 1. -August 30 - Back-to-School Breakfast
    - 2. -September 27 - Mexican Fiesta
    - 3. -October 25 - Southern/Soul Food
    - 4. -November 11 (Friday) - Veterans Day Breakfast
    - 5. -January 31 - "Soup"er Bowl
    - 6. -February 28 - Taste of Italy
    - 7. -April 25 - Catered by Smokey Bones
    - 8. -May 23 - End of Year Treats
  - I. Veterans Day Program - will take place on November 11. This event is to honor WMS students whose parents and relatives are serving or have served in the military. More information regarding this event and donations needed will be sent out from Deborah Davis.
  - J. Volunteer Coordinator - Gold Volunteer Forms that were filled out at Meet The Teacher and during the school year are being organized for committee chairs. Committee Chairs will contact parents as needed for volunteers and items needed to contribution.
- VII. School Parking - When volunteering or spending more than 10 minutes in the school, please park in the main parking lot adjacent to the gym. Please leave the three visitor parking spots in the smaller parking lot open for visitors and people entering our school for a brief amount of time.
- VIII. Upcoming September Events:
  - A. 9/1 - Open House 6:30 pm
  - B. 9/20 - Picture Day
  - C. 9/23 - PTO Meeting 9:30 am (all meeting dates are posted on the WMS website under PTO <http://www.fcboe.org/Domain/31> )
- IX. Leftover Food Donations from events will stay at the school. If it is a significant amount, it will be given to a student in need at the counselor's discretion.
- X. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am, motion: Karen Brubaker, 2nd: Jen Bibby.