

Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2016

I. Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:32 am.

II. Principal's Report by Mrs. Connie Baldwin:

- A. Volleyball and Football season have ended.
- B. Basketball season is beginning:
 - 1. Tryouts have taken place for 7th grade.
 - a) 7th Grade Basketball games are scheduled for November to December.
 - 2. 8th Grade Basketball tryouts will take place December 6 - 9.
 - a) 8th Grade Basketball games are scheduled for January and February.
 - 3. Game schedules for 7th and 8th grade can be found on the Whitewater Middle School website home page.
- C. Soon a presentation discussing test scores will be posted on the school website.
- D. Welcome to Becky Murphy who was recently hired for the Front Office Paraprofessional Position. Yvonne Walker has moved to the Student Information System Specialist Position.
- E. School Administrators took a Bus Driving Course so they can drive for athletic events. Mr. Patterson took this course for our school.

III. Minutes from September 23 meeting were approved- motion: Ava VanHeyningen, 2nd Jen Bibby

IV. Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:

- A. There has been very little activity on the budget this month.
- B. The Executive Board voted prior to this meeting to help pay a portion of the cost of a field trip for a student in sincere need.
- C. The activity on the budget was approved - motion: Jenn Bibby, 2nd Kedre Roca

V. Chair Reports:

- A. Career Day: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Preparation is going well
- B. Fall Dance: Report by Caroline Schmitt - The dance will be November 3 from 3:15 until 5:00 pm in the Cafeteria. The theme is Neon. Tickets will be sold for the dance in the amount of \$5 each. Included in the ticket price is admission to the dance, a slice of pizza and a soft drink. Caroline has booked a DJ and is overseeing all the decorating and details of this event. A sign-up will be sent out for volunteers and items needed.
- C. Fundraising: Report by Ava VanHeyningen - Ava is putting together fundraising information on how WMS families can support our PTO without spending extra money. Krogers will be added to this information as well.
- D. Landscaping: Report by Mercy Forsyth - The outside school grounds need to be cleaned up and dirt to fill in pond. Mrs. Baldwin has a contact for the PTO of who can provide the dirt needed.
- E. Parent Reps: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Grade Level Reps will be collecting donations from the students for teacher holiday gifts.
- F. Red Ribbon Week: Report by Mercy Forsyth -Red Ribbon Week October 24-28. Courtney Salyer is overseeing all the decorations and activities for this weeklong event. The theme will be YOLO (You Only Live Once) BE DRUG FREE. The daily theme schedule will be sent out through an email from Infinite Campus.
- G. Social Media: Report by Jen Bibby - Please like our Facebook page. Continue to send Jenn Bibby anything you would like posted on Facebook at jkbibby@yahoo.com

- H. Spirit Wear: - Report by Renee Gable - No more orders will be placed for this school year. Contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear items still in stock at jrclassic1@bellsouth.net
- I. Staff Gift Wrap: Report by Betty Jo Hall - will take place on December 1 and 8. A sign-up will be sent out to recruit gift wrap volunteers and items needed for this fun event.
- J. Staff Appreciation/Hospitality: Contact Julia Souder at jsouder@worshipper.com to receive communication for monthly staff appreciation needs. Our next staff appreciation event is Tuesday 10/25.
- K. Veterans Day: Friday, November 11. Breakfast will be served to the attending Veterans and the student(s) they are related to. The biggest need for this event is food donations. Last year we fed over 100 Veterans and students. The Veterans will be honored in an assembly. The guest speaker for our assembly this year is Ms. Rae Presley-King. Veteran sign-ups for this event will be done through WMS Social Studies Teachers.

VI. Next PTO Meeting Friday, December 9 at 9:30 am (All meetings begin at 9:30 am. The remainder school year meeting dates are 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12)

- A. **Note: There WILL NOT be a PTO Meeting on Friday, November 11. Instead, The PTO Executive Board is asking for volunteers to help at the Veterans Day Breakfast.**

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am, motion: Jenn Bibby, 2nd: Ava VanHeyningen