

Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2016

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

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

- A. Thank you to the volunteers for the staff gift wrapping.
- B. Welcome New Assistant Principal, Mr. Jason Barnes!
- C. Congratulations to Fayette County's Superintendent, Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., who was awarded Superintendent Of The Year for the State of Georgia.
- D. 7th Grade Basketball ended with a great season. 8th Grade Basketball Schedule will begin in January.
- E. The county is providing a free after school reading and math program. This program will provide one on one opportunities for students to receive assistance with reading and math.
- F. 8th Grade Exam schedules will be sent out again through Infinite Campus. No finals will be scheduled for literacy classes.
- G. Our school would like for students to be able to exempt finals for students who have a 95% and above in a class. Not all Fayette County Middle Schools are in favor of this privilege. The district will not approve of this program unless all schools in the county are in agreement. Our Community Advisor Committee will take this to the County Cabinet to ask them to reconsider the decision. Alternate suggestions were made to have a fun day in the gym to award those students who receive a 95% or above in classes.

III. Minutes from October 14 meeting were approved- motion: Tracey Milavec, 2nd Betty Joe Hall

- A. A correction was made to the October 14 minutes. Added in was "Cultural Arts reported that there was no additional changes from the September 23 meeting".

IV. Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:

- A. The Executive Board voted prior to this meeting to pay \$865 for scholarship needs.
- B. The PTO is donating candy canes for the Relay for Life "Candy Cane-A-Thon"
- C. The PTO is looking for a parent to audit the books each month after the PTO Meetings.

V. Chair Reports:

- A. Cultural Arts: Report by Karen Brubaker - The representative for the African Dance has been contacted again to request a contract to be paid.
- B. 8th Grade Dance: Report by Mercy Forsyth - This dance will be held on February 10. More details regarding this dance will be given to the 8th Grade Class at a later date..
- C. Landscaping: Report by Mercy Forsyth - A student at the high school has his own landscaping business. He hires other students. We are getting a bid from this student to clean up our campus. We are looking for two other bids for this project. In the spring we will possibly bring in an Eagle Scout to do some relandscaping for our campus..
- D. Parent Reps: Report by Tracey Milavec - Grade Level Reps are collecting donations from the students for teacher holiday gifts. The 8th Grade Teachers have asked for candy canes for the students. Tracey will purchase the candy canes for the teachers. Tracey is waiting on setting a date for the 8th Grade Picnic at the end of the school year. She is waiting to hear when the high school will have their annual Senior Drum Out.

- E. Social Media: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Jenn is doing a great job! We are reaching over 100 and growing on Facebook. Continue to send Jenn Bibby anything you would like posted on Facebook at jkibibby@yahoo.com
- F. Spirit Wear: - Report by Renee Gable - The PTO just purchased 300 t-shirts from the high school for \$500.00 (less then \$2 per shirt). The PTO or P.E. Department will sell these shirts next year at open house. Contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear items still in stock at jrclassic1@bellsouth.net
- G. Staff Gift Wrap: Report by Betty Jo Hall - has again been a big success! The Committee extended staff gift wrapping one more day to insure all the gifts brought would be wrapped.
- H. Volunteer Coordinator: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Front Office Volunteer Position is not open for a sign-up. Volunteers are solicited by invitation. Volunteers who accept the invitation to volunteer for this position then go through a tryout process.

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

VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am, motion: Tracey Milavec