

Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2017

- I. **Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:34 am.**

- II. **Principal's Report by Mrs. Connie Baldwin:**
 - A. The NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) will administer testing nationwide to 8th Grade Students this year. WMS is preparing for our 8th grade students to be tested on March 8.
 - B. The 8th Grade Basketball Season has started.
 - C. There are a few teachers who will be retiring this spring. The Administration is looking into how many teachers are needed to replace the retirees.
 - D. Soon the county will be taking down the trees that are covering the sign in the front of the school. They may be cutting down a few more trees to clean the campus up. The county is doing this with other middle schools as well.
 - E. Four double wide trailers in the back of the school have been removed. There is no longer a need for the trailers. The grounds have been cleaned up where these trailers once stood. Classes can now utilize this outdoor space.

- III. **Minutes from October 14 meeting were approved- motion: Laura Huttenloch, 2nd Laura Ryckley**
 - A. A correction was made to the December 9 minutes. Heidi Danis (not Karen Brubaker) was present to report on Cultural Arts.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:**
 - A. An additional deposit was made from the Fall Dance. Because of the additional money this event is no longer over budget.
 - B. The Math Club has submitted a request asking for \$40 for a party. The Executive Board voted prior to this meeting to honor this request.

- V. **Chair Reports:**
 - A. Cultural Arts: Report by Heidi Danis - Excited for upcoming events. Still has not received the the payment contract for the African Dance.
 - B. 8th Grade Dance: Report by Mercy Forsyth - This dance date will be changed to March 3 or March 10. Caroline Schmitt and Sherry Farmer are organizing the dance. More details will be given to the 8th Grade Class at a later date.
 - C. Fundraising: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Kroger Community Rewards are still pending.
 - D. Landscaping: Report by Carrie Hayes - Carrie will meet with Mrs. Baldwin to discuss what the county is going to clean up on our campus. They are also going to discuss what trees will be removed from the campus.
 - E. Parent Reps: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Thank you to the Grade Level Reps for putting together all the teacher Christmas Gifts. Tracey Milavec will be organizing the 8th Grade Picnic that will be held on May 18.
 - F. Social Media: Please continue to send Jenn Bibby anything you would like posted on Facebook at jkbibby@yahoo.com
 - G. Spirit Wear: - Renee Gable and Laura Ryckley will be working on getting a list of remaining inventory. Please contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear items still in stock at jrclassic1@bellsouth.net
 - H. Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality: Report by Julia Taylor - The luncheon for January 31 is a "Souper Bowl" theme. A SignUp Genius will be going out for food and volunteers needed.

VI. Open Discussion:

- A. Sound System: Report by Mercy Forsyth - PTO is close to finalizing a contract for the new sound system in our gym. Bids have been received from Guitar Center, Sound Innovations and Mac AV. The Board would like to give the business to a local Fayette County Company. The cost of the new system will exceed what is budgeted from the 2016 and 2017 8th Grade Classes school gift. Therefore, the Board is looking into a two phase installment. The first phase would be the new sound system and the second phase will be the new speakers.
- B. 5th Grade: The dates for the 5th Grade Orientation and Field Trip day will be announced soon.

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

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am, motion: Laura Huttenloch, 2nd Laura Ryckley