

# Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

## April 28, 2017

### I. Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:35 am.

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

- A. The calendar is full with end of year busyness.
- B. Milestones Testing went well. The attendance level for testing was great and much improved. Thank you parents for making sure your students were present for testing.
- C. AP Course Testing for Math and Science is finished.
- D. The 6th Grade Awards Program date has been changed. This program will take place on Tuesday, May 16.
- E. Field trips have been going well. Team 6C is currently on High Theatre Field Trip. 8th Grade participated in the Little White House Field Trip 4/27.
- F. Thank You to the Hospitality Committee and Volunteers for a great BBQ Catered Staff Luncheon!
- G. We are excited to announce that we have hired new staff to fill some of the open spots from retiring teachers:
  - Mary Ann Lane will be teaching 6th Grade Language Arts. Mary Ann is a New Graduate Student. Mary Ann is from the county and graduated high school from McIntosh.
  - Kay Brumbelow will be teaching 8th Grade English. Kay comes to us from teaching at Griffin-Spalding County Schools.
  - Allison Ivy will be teaching 7th Grade Language Arts. Allison who is currently teaching at Crabapple Elementary is looking forward to moving into Middle School.
  - Elizabeth Hanes will be our new Band Teacher. Elizabeth is a New Graduate from LSU.
  - Jamie Carter will be our new Computer Teacher. Jamie will be coming to us from Sandy Creek High School.
- H. We are still looking to fill job positions for 1 SPED Teacher, 1 Collaborative Teacher, 2 Paraprofessionals and 1 ISS Teacher.
- I. We will not have any major school renovations this summer. The Media Center will be refurbished.
- J. The Track Team did very well. The Girls finished in 1st Place and the Boys took 2nd by just a ½ of point lower than the 1st place boys team.

### III. Minutes from March 10 meeting were approved- motion: Laura Ryckele, 2nd Tracey Milavec

### IV. Treasurer's Report by Mercy Forsyth:

- A. No big changes were made to the budget. The board received Fund Requests to pay for a few field trips for students who could not pay. The funds for these requests were paid out of our budgeted Scholarship Fund.
- B. The 8th Grade Dance paid for itself by the money collected from the students who purchased tickets to attend the dance.
- C. The PTO Dues and Fees for the 2017-18 school year was discussed. It was voted on to keep the fees the same as the 2016-17 school year. The fees collected will be \$45 per student and covers:
  - \$15 required Locker and Agenda Fees
  - \$30 PTO Dues
  - **PTO Dues and Fees for 2017-18 school year approved - motion: Tracey Milavec, 2nd Heidi Danis**

## V. Chair Reports:

- A. Cultural Arts: Report by Heidi Danis -
  - The last upcoming assembly is scheduled for:
    - 7th Grade - May 10, 2017 at 8:50 am - Manga African Dance, An African Ensemble.
    - Heidi will turn in the invoice for this assembly when she receives it through email.
- B. 8th Grade Dance: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Thank you to Caroline Schmitt and Sherry Farmer for putting together an awesome dance! The 8th grade children had a great time. They were happy and very cooperative. There are pictures on our facebook page of the dance.
- C. Yearbook Party: The Yearbook Party is scheduled for Monday, May 15 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the WMS cafeteria. Students in attendance will receive a slice of pizza, a drink, and a souvenir WMS pen for their \$5 entry fee. Donated Coke Product items and volunteers will be needed for this event. Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c45ada62ca6f85-yearbook> to sign-up.
- D. Parent Reps: Parent Reps from all three grade levels are currently collecting donations for end of year gifts for the teachers. In the past, parents have given donations to purchase group gift cards for the teachers on their student's team. A gold-colored form will be sent home with each child. Donations are due by Friday, May 19.
- E. 8th Grade Picnic: Report by Tracey Milavec - 8th Grade Picnic forms will be distributed to students this week (green paper). Please return the completed form with the \$15 cost of the event to your student's homeroom teacher or the front office by Monday, May 15. Grazing Here and Frigid Frog will be served at the picnic. Inflatable Jumpers will be provided by Jumping for Fun. Donated Coke Product items, desserts and volunteers will be needed for this event. Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084ea4a622a31-8thgrade1> to sign-up.
- F. Social Media: Please share our page with other WMS families. Anything you would like posted on Facebook, please send to Jenn Bibby at [jkbibby@yahoo.com](mailto:jkbibby@yahoo.com)
- G. Spirit Wear: Report by Renee Gable - We sold a lot of Spirit Wear on 5th Grade Parent Night. The board will be handing out t-shirts at the 5th Grade Field Trip on Friday, May 4. We are working on new designs for next year to sell at Meet The Teacher. Please contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear items still in stock at [jrclassic1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrclassic1@bellsouth.net)
- H. Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Julia and Julia again did an amazing job for the April Staff Luncheon! The Staff appreciated the Rib Shack Catered luncheon! The next staff event will be in May where TCBY will be serving frozen yogurt to the staff from their TCBY Truck. Thank you for all who provided recipes for the staff recipe book the committee is creating and presenting for a end of year gift. Books should be ready around May 15.
- I. Volunteer Coordinator: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Please report your plans for PTO involvement next year so we may recruit accordingly. Email [wmsptomail@gmail.com](mailto:wmsptomail@gmail.com) before May 11 or call either Mercy Forsyth or Kim Plowman to discuss open opportunities. Nominations have been made for next years PTO Board. A vote will take place on Friday, May 12 for the 2017-18 PTO Board:
  - President - Mercy Forsyth to fulfill her second year
  - Vice President - Kim Plowman was nominated
  - Treasurer - Position open with possible nominations
  - Secretary - Carrie Hayes was nominated

## VI. Open Discussion:

- A. Rising 6th Grade Students interested in being on the Morning Announcement Team for next year can receive more information from Dr. Warren or Mrs. Carter.
- B. Folders for the 5th Grade Field Trip are being assembled after this meeting.

## VII. Last PTO Meeting for the 2016-17 School Year - Friday, May 12 at 9:30 am

## VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am, motion: Tracey Milavec, 2nd Laura Ryckley