

# Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

## September 23, 2016

### I. Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:30 am.

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

- A. Thank you to the Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality Committee for the Staff Breakfast they provided in August. Also, thank you to the Landscaping Coordinator for installing the fencing around the plants in front of the school.
- B. The students recently participated in a PBIS-Positive Behavior Pep Rally. Dr. Susan Barrow is over this program for Fayette County Schools. The PBIS program that promotes Safety, Respect and Responsibility acknowledges and emphasizes students to do the right thing. The office administration is collecting Box Tops to receive funds for rewards for the PBIS Program.
- C. The school is working towards raising \$1,000 for Paraprofessional, Mr. Mitchell who is fighting a second battle with cancer. There are containers in the cafeteria and in the front office for donations.
  - 1. Karen Brubaker made a motion to have the PTO donate \$100 towards the fund for Mr. Mitchell; Tracy Milavec seconded the motion..
- D. Mrs. Grandea is taking over the Drama Club for our school. We are partnering with Alliance Theatre in Atlanta. More information coming soon.
- E. The Volleyball and Football Teams are wrapping up their season.
- F. Field Trips are planned for all three grades:
  - 1. 6th Grade - Wahsega Trip - 10/19-10/21
  - 2. 7th Grade - Driftwood Trip - 10/3-10/5
  - 3. 8th Grade - Savannah Trip - 10/27-10/28
- G. Mrs. Baldwin asked Dr. Warren, Media Specialist, to speak to us about the National Annual Banned Books Event. The children are hearing information regarding this event during the morning broadcasts.
  - 1. This weeklong event from September 25 to October 1 celebrates the freedom to read. For more information regarding this event go to the website of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Also on this website you can also view Banned Books from school libraries and explanations on why these books are banned.
  - 2. In our own media center students are allowed to check out any books on the shelf. If a student wishes to check out a book in the "mature" category, they are given a permission form to take home to have their parent/guardian sign.
  - 3. For questions regarding the Banned Books Week or anything pertaining to the Media Center, please contact:
    - a) Dr. Warren at [warren.becky@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:warren.becky@mail.fcboe.org)
    - b) Or Mrs. Baldwin at [baldwin.connie@mail.fcboe.org](mailto:baldwin.connie@mail.fcboe.org)
- H. We have a few changes to our office staff. Mrs. Deborah Davis has relocated. A new Paraprofessional will start on October 11.

### III. Minutes from August 12 meeting were approved- motion: Karen Brubaker, 2nd Tracey Milavec

### IV. Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:

- A. The PTO Executive Board has finalized the budget for this school year. The budget was simplified to make a bigger portion in the school needs line item. The Executive Board voted prior to this meeting to help pay a portion of the cost of field trips for students in sincere need.
- B. A question was brought up on what the PTO Funds provided last school year of 2015-2016. A list of this information can be found by going to the following link or under the school website PTO tab.

<http://www.fcboe.org/cms/lib010/GA01900971/Centricity/Domain/965/2015-2016%20PTO%20accomplishments.jpg>

- C. The PTO is still looking for more 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 submit a third proposal, please contact Mercy Forsyth at [wmsptomail@gmail.com](mailto:wmsptomail@gmail.com)
1. Laura Huttenlock made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Budget; Tracy Milavec seconded the motion.

## V. Chair Reports:

- A. Fundraising (Kroger, Publix, Amazon Smiles). Open position now filled by Ava VanHeyningen
- B. Cultural Arts Program report by Heidi Danis. Performances have been booked for each grade level:
1. 8th Grade - February 9, 2017 - "Raising a President", The Story of Rachel Clark/Jimmy Carter by Joanna Maddox
  2. 6th Grade - March 28, 2017 - "And Then They Came For Me", A Holocaust Play
  3. 7th Grade - May 10, 2017 - Manga African Dance, An African Ensemble
- C. Fall Dance coordinator filled by Caroline Schmitt. The dance will be November 3 from 3:15 until 5:00 pm
- D. Landscaping Coordinator - PTO is seeking a third company to submit a proposal for landscaping work to improve the front and parking areas of the school.
- E. Red Ribbon Week report by Courtney Salyer.
1. WMS will be participating in Red Ribbon Week October 24-28.
  2. The overall theme is **YOLO (You Only Live Once) BE DRUG FREE**. The daily themes are:
    - a) Monday - Wear RED to show you are ready to take a stand against drugs!
    - b) Tuesday - I am too BRIGHT for drugs! Wear neon colors.
    - c) Wednesday - TEAM up against drugs! Wear your favorite team jersey or t-shirt.
    - d) Thursday - It's CRAZY to do drugs! Wear a pair of crazy mismatched socks.
    - e) Friday - I'm a JEAN-IUS. I'm Drug FREE! Wear jeans and a Whitewater Shirt.
  3. On October 27 guest speaker Doug Reavis will conduct a Kindness Presentation on "Silent Strength"
  4. In February, Judge Jason Thompson and his wife, Lawyer Alisha Thompson will speak to the student body regarding substance abuse.
- F. Social Media Coordinator - Continue to send Jenn Bibby anything you would like posted on Facebook at [jkbibby@yahoo.com](mailto:jkbibby@yahoo.com)
- G. Spirit Wear - Contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear at [jrclassic1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrclassic1@bellsouth.net)
- H. Staff Gift Wrap - will take place on December 1 and 8.
- I. Staff Appreciation/Hospitality - Contact Julia Souder at [jsouder@worshipper.com](mailto:jsouder@worshipper.com) to receive communication for monthly staff appreciation needs. Our next staff appreciation event is Tuesday 10/25.

**VI. Next PTO Meeting Friday, October 14 at 9:30 am** (All meetings begin at 9:30 am. The remainder school year meeting dates are 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 5/12)

**VII. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am, motion: Tracy Milavec, 2nd: Karen Brubaker**