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Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:35AM.**
- II. Principal's Report by Mrs. Connie Baldwin:**
- A. PBIS Update
 - 1. The PBIS store is set to open to students on 10/25/2017 in the concession stand.
 - 2. The store will be open in the morning before students are dismissed to homeroom and at lunch time.
 - 3. Mrs. Baldwin is looking for volunteers to run the store, especially during lunch. Please email if you are interested in wmsptomail@gmail.com volunteering.
 - 4. Mrs. Baldwin is still accepting donations of any new or gently used items for the store.
 - 5. Spiritwear items were donated by the WMS PTO and school supplies were donated by Walmart.
 - B. WMS Athletics
 - 1. Both Football and Volleyball seasons have wrapped up.
 - 2. Mr. Patterson provided the following dates for Basketball tryouts:
 - a) 7th Grade Girls & Boys – October 23rd
 - b) 8th Grade Girls & Boys – December 4th
 - C. Upcoming WMS Field Trips
 - 1. 7th Grade Driftwood Field Trip – October 16th – 18th
 - 2. 6th Grade Wahsega Field Trip – November 1st – 3rd
 - D. The 2nd wave of Interactive panel installation has begun and all academic teachers should have them by the beginning of November.
 - E. The two new scoreboards have been installed in the gym.
- III. ESPLOST III Presentation by Ms. Diane Basham, FCBOE Vice Chair, District 2 Representative**
- A. Ms. Basham presented information for the ESPLOST Renewal Referendum which will appear on the November 7, 2017 ballot. Tax
 - B. She stressed that this is NOT a new sales tax. This ESPLOST will extend the current 1% sales tax for education for another 5 years.
 - C. The presentation and additional information can be found on the Fayette County website www.fcboe.org
- IV. Minutes from the September 8, 2017 meeting were approved- motion: Heidi Danis, 2nd Lori Good**
- V. Treasurer's Report by Audra Anderson:**
- A. We are still receiving PTO Donations & Locker and Agenda Fees. The total YTD PTO donations is \$15,650.00
 - B. We have received one bid for the new electronic sign and are awaiting 2 additional bids.
 - 1. The sign we are hoping to purchase will be 2' larger than the new sign at Sara Harp Minter.
- VI. Chair Reports:**
- A. Cultural Arts – Heidi Danis, Chair:
 - 1. Working with G.E.T. (Georgia Educational Theater) to find a new program for the 6th grade.
 - 2. The 8th grade program has been scheduled for February 8th
 - B. Fall Dance & Yearbook Party – Jessica Hood, Chair: Report by Mercy Forsyth & Audra Anderson
 - 1. The date for the dance is October 26th from 3:15 - 5:00. Tickets are \$5 and include entrance to the dance, a slice of pizza, and a beverage.
 - 2. The theme is “Dancing Through the Decades”
 - 3. Tickets will be sold during lunch the week of the dance.
 - 4. We are asking for parent donations of canned Coke products and Dasani water for the dance
 - 5. Look for the volunteer SignUp Genius. We will need volunteers for both ticket sales during lunch as well as chaperones for the dance.
 - C. 8th Grade Dance & 8th Grade Picnic, Carrie Hayes, Chair:
 - 1. The 8th Grade Dance has been scheduled for January 26, 2018 6:30 – 8:30
 - D. Fundraising – OPEN CHAIR POSITION: ; Report by Mercy Forsyth
 - 1. There are several free ways to support the WMS PTO which include: Publix, Amazon Smiles, & Kroger Community Rewards. It was stated that Publix allows you to scan more than one card at checkout so you can support more than one organization at checkout.
 - E. Hospitality, Julia Souder & Julia Taylor, Co-Chairs: Report by Mercy Forsyth
 - 1. The next Staff Appreciation lunch will be October 26th and the theme is Southern/Soul Food. Be on the lookout for a “Sign-Up Genius” for food donations and help with set up/clean up and servers.
 - F. Marquee – Michelle Walker, Chair: Nothing to report.
 - G. Office Volunteer Coordinator, Tina Barrett - Chair: Report by Mercy Forsyth
 - 1. There is an open position available every other Wednesday from 11:30 – 3:00. If you are interested please send a message to wmsptomail@gmail.com
 - H. Parent Reps, 6th Grade - Lori Good, 7th Grade - Julie Harp, 8th Grade - Laura Ryckley: Nothing to report.

- I. Red Ribbon Week, Courtney Slayer – Chair: Report by Mercy Forsyth
 - 1. The original chair is no longer able to help with the event. Carrie Hayes agreed to take over the chair position.
 - 2. The 2017 Red Ribbon Week is October 23 - 31.
- J. Social Media/Photographer, Sarah Salter - Chair:
 - 1. Any announcements you would like to be posted to our Facebook page should be emailed to Sarah – sarah_csalter@hotmail.com
 - 2. Our Facebook page is @PTOWMS.
- K. Spirit Wear, Carrie Hayes – Chair:
 - 1. Due to the date change of Curriculum Night we were able to sell our new spirit wear.
 - 2. Spirit wear is now available on our Facebook page @PTOWMS
- L. Staff Appreciation, Kim Plowman - Chair:
 - 1. Hospitality & Staff Appreciation will coordinate TCBY for the teachers during Staff Appreciation Week in the Spring.
- M. Staff Gift Wrap Event, Betty Jo Hall – Chair:
 - 1. Staff Gift Wrap has been scheduled for:
November 29th from 8:00AM - ?
December 8th immediately following the PTO meeting to ?
 - 2. Donations of bows, ribbon, tissues paper, and boxes would be greatly appreciated!
- N. Veteran’s Day Program, Rhonda Mangin - Chair: Report by Mercy Forsyth
 - 1. A Veteran’s Day Breakfast for all Veterans and their students will be held in the Media Center November 10th at 8:00AM Please watch for “Sign-Up Genius” for food donations as well as volunteers to help serve.
- O. Volunteer Coordinator, Zinnia Adkins – Chair: Nothing to report.

VII. Announcements

- A. The November meeting has been canceled to allow for all hands on deck for the Veteran’s Day Breakfast & Program. Please plan to volunteer or donate if you can!
- B. Parking: Please remember when you come to the school to volunteer or will be here more than just a few minutes, we should park in the staff lot and keep the very few visitor spaces open for others.
- C. We post on our Facebook page frequently. If you are a Facebook user, please follow us @PTOWMS.

VIII. Next PTO Meeting - Friday, December 8th at 9:30am

IX. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am, motion: Katina Watkins, 2nd Lori Good