

# Whitewater Middle School PTO Meeting Minutes

## March 10, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order by Mercy Forsyth at 9:35 am.**
- II. Principal's Report by Connie Baldwin:**
- A. Track Club is in full swing.
  - B. The 8th Grade Students took the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) nationwide test on March 8.
  - C. March 30 is Parent Night for rising 5th grade students.
  - D. Several staff members are retiring: Mr. Milton, Mr. Burton, Mrs. Jeffcoat and Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Baldwin is currently looking to fill those teaching spots.
  - E. WMS will receive an additional academic teacher next year due to the numbers for 8th grade. Team 8C will have four teachers.
  - F. WMS will also receive 2 ½ SPED Collaborative Teachers next year.
  - G. All Fayette County middle schools will be at capacity next year, therefore the county will not allow student transfers or a lottery.
  - H. The first two Bradberry trees in front of the school have been removed. Other Bradberry trees might be removed in the future. Other schools are taking their trees out to clean up their campuses.
- III. Minutes from February 10 meeting were approved- motion: Valerie Akin, 2nd Jen Bibby**
- IV. Treasurer's Report by Carrie Hayes:**
- A. Due to no transactions on the account, Carrie Hayes did not have a report this month. Budget approved - motion: Jenn Bibby, 2nd Heidi Danis
- V. Chair Reports:**
- A. Cultural Arts: Report by Heidi Danis -
    - Two upcoming assemblies are scheduled for:
      - 6th Grade - March 28, 2017 at 8:50 am - "And Then They Came For Me", A Holocaust Play
      - 7th Grade - May 10, 2017 at 8:50 am - Manga African Dance, An African Ensemble
  - B. 8th Grade Dance: Report by Mercy Forsyth - The dance is scheduled for Friday, March 24. The theme will be "The World Awaits". All plans are going well for the 8th Grade Dance. Caroline Schmitt has posters and yard signs ready to display. Caroline will be sending out a sign-up for assistance needed in selling tickets and dance chaperones.
  - C. Front Office Volunteers: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Everything is going great. Tina Barrett would like to take a minute to thank each of the volunteers who have taken a spot. The office is very grateful for the help. It really helps the day go smoother.
  - D. Fundraising: Report by Mercy Forsyth - Submitted another request for Kroger Community Rewards.
  - E. Landscaping: Report by Carrie Hayes - The Student Council will be partnering with the PTO to plant flowers in front of the school. This will take place on Monday, March 20 from 3:15-4:30. Parent volunteers are welcome.
  - F. Parent Reps: There are still funds available for the reps to use for the end of year. 8th Grade picnic is scheduled for Friday, May 19. Grazing Here and Fridgid Frog will be served to the 8th Grade children at the picnic. Parents will be asked to donate drinks and desserts.
  - G. Social Media: Report by Jenn Bibby - 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)

- H. Spirit Wear: - Renee Gable has ordered Spirit Wear shirts to be handed out to the rising 2017-2018 6th Graders when they tour the school in May. The committee also created two new shirts to be sold at the 5th Grade Parent Night on March 20. Please contact Laura Ryckley if interested in purchasing spirit wear items still in stock at [jrclassic1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrclassic1@bellsouth.net)
- I. Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality: Report by Mercy Forsyth - All the luncheons thus far have been successful and very much appreciated. We have received thank you cards from teachers. There is no luncheon planned for March. The next luncheon will be in April. Julie will be sending out a volunteer sign-up for that catered luncheon. The committee is asking for recipes from the parents/guardians who have provided dishes for staff luncheons/breakfasts, etc. The recipes will be put into a book for an end of year gift to the staff. Please submit recipes to [wmsteacherappreciation@gmail.com](mailto:wmsteacherappreciation@gmail.com)

**VI. Open Discussion:**

- A. Sound System: Report by Mercy Forsyth - The new sound system is going to cost \$7,500. The original budget for the sound system was \$10,000. We are contracting Live Performance, Inc. Live Performance, Inc has installed sound systems for other schools in the district. This is a local company that will be available if any problems ever arise. The sound system is scheduled to be installed around March 30.
- B. Positions for next year: Please consider continuing in your current committees. Let Mercy know if you wish to change your area of focus, or if you are moving on to high school. We will make nominations for Executive Board Positions for the 2017-2018 year at our April meeting then vote in May.
- C. 5th Grade: - Student Field Trip to WMS - May 5 from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Folders and t-shirts for this field trip will need to be assembled and sorted after the April 14 meeting.

- VII. Next PTO Meetings - Friday, April 14 and Friday May 12 at 9:30 am**
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am, motion: Jenn Bibby, 2nd Valerie Akin**