

West Millbrook Middle School

PTA Meeting

Minutes from October 27, 2015

Present: Officers: M. Miller, M. Moody, H. Hodges, A. Lomax

Staff: Ms. Aman, Ms. Reese

Minutes: Prepared by Aimee Lomax

Opening: M. Miller opened the meeting beginning 7:03 PM

Total in Attendance: 10

Welcome: Michelle Miller, PTA

Principal's Update:

We are in the middle of spirit week and even the teachers have been involved. Our school has been recognized as a model school for PBIS. Ms. Shadley and Ms. Clark will go to Greensboro November 17th for a statewide awards assembly. There is a concern that needs to be shared-the attendance data for first quarter. In just the first quarter there have been 823 individual absences and 875 non-bus related tardies. We are required to maintain 95% attendance if we continue at this same rate we will be at 65%. The office is currently running reports and will be contacting the parents of any child with more than 5 absences.

Construction!! A project manager and an architect have been hired and the preliminary assessments began in July. This was originally thought to be a major remodel but will be a complete gut of the school, there is nothing to be salvaged. The building should take about 18 months, more information and a timeline will be given in December. Ms. Aman is asking parents to attend the envisioning meeting and speak up about the needs of the school- a new gym, auditorium, bigger classrooms with lots of light, one building, and the bus parking lot moved from the front of the school. Parent input is very important. The first meeting is looking at the bigger picture, smaller details will be worked on later in the process.

Secretary's Report: none

Approval of the minutes:

September 29, 2015 minutes-motion made by Holly Hodges and seconded by Michelle Miller

Treasurer Report: H. Hodges

Final fundraising amount was \$10,899.58 and our goal was \$18,000 so we will need to find more income otherwise we will have to look at expenses to cut. There were few expenses since last month including fall frenzy which is not a fundraiser but community building although Kona Ice did have back a percentage of sales from that night. Membership is at 183 including 50 teachers.

President's Report: none

We are still in need of a president.

Vice President's Report: M Miller (1) M Moody (2)

Miller-none

Moody-We will need volunteers for the artist in residence coming. The opportunity will first be offered to art parents then the signup genius link will be posted on the website for any parent to sign up. We celebrated custodian appreciation with Chik Fil A gift cards and candy.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair- C. Grantham Book fair was very successful, thank you to all the volunteers. Including online sales the total was \$7,593.00, well over last year. We made a profit of \$4,555 taken in Scholastic Dollars. The funds will be used not only for the library but Ms. Walters wants to share a portion with grade level language arts teachers. We also raised \$663.98 from All for books coin drive. The proceeds were used for kids who would not have been able to shop otherwise and also to purchase books from teachers' wish lists.

Fall Frenzy: It was very well attended. Faculty said it was the best ever. All positive feedback from kids too. Everyone liked having it down at the field. Any input for improvements for next year are welcome.

Passive Fundraising: Spirit night dates were discussed last month. There will be chik fil a nights November 9th, January 11th, and April 11th. February 22nd will be a spirit night at Milton's and March 16th at Chipotle. Chipotle will give us 50% of sales, no flyer is required and there is online ordering. Possibly adding another Chipotle date in December. There will also be another Jersey Mike's promotion. Box tops competition is just starting and will run through Battle of the Brooks. The winning grade's counselor will be dressing out.

Newsletter: The deadline for the next newsletter is tomorrow. Email any information to be included to Jeannie Hodges, her email is on the website.

Hospitality: The next hospitality event will be the pie buffet for the staff November 24th. A sign up genius will be coming out soon.

Academic Advocates: November 20th will be the first quarter A honor roll breakfast.

Teacher Reps: M. Reece A new state flag is being presented to the school tomorrow during 7th period. Ms. Cloak and the students on flag duty this year and last year will accept the flag from a state representative. WRAL and The News and Observer will be there.

Upcoming Events and Open Positions are noted on the agenda except for November 9th Chik Fil A spirit night. Also looking for help with March Madness, planning begins in January. Still in need of a Special Education Representative.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 pm