

West Millbrook Middle School

PTA Meeting

Minutes from September 29, 2015

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

Staff: Ms. Aman

Minutes: Prepared by Aimee Lomax

Opening: M. Miller opened the meeting beginning 7:00 PM

Total in Attendance: 22

Welcome: Michelle Miller, PTA

Michelle thanks everyone for coming, turning it over to Ms. Aman to discuss the events of the day

Principal's Update:

Ms. Aman began with an update on bomb threat that happened today. At 12:30 a child notified Mr. Daniels of an upsetting note written in the bathroom. Within 10 minutes police were here. Because of the weather the normal plan of extending a fire alarm had to be changed. After police dogs checked the gym and cafeteria all the students were moved in to these areas. Dogs then checked the entire campus, followed by a thorough hand check by the police bomb squad. Both staff and students did a great job of immediately following directions and remaining calm. It was determined to be a hoax by the police. There will be a investigation with prosecution by the police and a long term suspension from school.

Questions from parents-What is the primary communication from school during these events? The first responsibility is the safety of the students. There will not be communication from Ms. Aman directly until the situation is under control. She does stay in contact with the Wake County Communication Department who starts with twitter, then puts information on main wake county website, then eventually to the school website. The media is also given information to make sure what is heard is accurate. Ms Aman did send a phone message after the incident was under control. Ms. Aman also thanked the PTA remind for sending out information to parents.

Ms. Aman wanted to give everyone a huge thank you, the staff and even some former students celebrated Ms. Aman's nomination as a Principal of the Year finalist. Regardless of the outcome she was a winner.

Secretary's Report: none

Approval of the minutes:

August 25, 2015 minutes-motion made by Christine Grantham and seconded by Veronica Jackson

May 29, 2015 minutes-motion made by JoAnn Cabaniss and seconded by Jodi Bulmer

Treasurer Report: H. Hodges

Our fall fundraiser raised approximately \$10,000 in income. Not many expenses this month, paid insurance.

Questions-Will there be a follow up with parents to give tally and offer another opportunity to donate? Yes, waiting for after book fair and fall frenzy. How does the PTA manage corporate matches? It was mentioned in the fundraiser info but there is not someone to head up corporate donations. The PTA will possibly send out a donation reminder and corporate match at the end of the calendar year.

President's Report: none

We are still in need of a president.

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

Miller-thank you for all participation in the fundraiser, we appreciate the support.

Moody-the grant from United Artists approved and the cultural arts assemblies are being scheduled. This Friday is custodian appreciation day.

Committee Reports:

Book Fair- C. Grantham Book Fair begins on Monday and continues through the week and will be open the night of Fall Frenzy. There is also the option to shop online through October 13th. The fair will be delivered to the school Thursday and set up is Friday. There is a sign-up genius for volunteers. Currently running an All for Books coin drive which raises money to provide books to kids who could not afford them. The students get to vote with their coins for their favorite North Carolina University-NC State, Carolina, Duke. There are teacher sponsors for each team and the losing teachers have to wear the winning school's colors. The goal is \$400, \$98 was already raised today. There will be a teacher preview Friday after school. To entice teachers several gift cards have been donated and will be raffled off.

District 3 Board Advisory Council-A. Rogers The meeting September 9th mainly covered the reassignment plan. The second draft will be available online October 6th.

Fall Frenzy: B. Black Fall Frenzy will be held October 9th 6 to 8pm and is on track. There will be Food trucks, face painting by the Beta Club, a teacher pie auction, scavenger hunt, dangling donuts, salsa tasting, and new spirit wear designs will be available. There is a sign-up genius for donations of candy and drinks, and volunteers to run booths.

Passive Fundraising: B. Shanahan During carpool passed out the information for VIC card linking. The first spirit night will be November 9th from 5-8 at the Chik Fil A on Falls of Neuse. We will have 2 more,

as Chik Fil A requires 3 a year, probably in January and April. Looking at February 22nd or 29th for a spirit night at Milton's and possibly scheduling one at Chipotle.

Membership: Ann Rogers reported there are 163 members including 39 faculty. This is not including a few more forms that were just received.

Newsletter: The first newsletter will go out at the end of this week. There will be newsletters sent October, November, December, February, and April.

Hospitality: The next hospitality event will be the pie buffet for the staff in November. Cookies and Conversation, the 6th grade open house, will be October 15th. Help would be very welcome!

Spirit Wear: V. Jackson There will be several new options for sale the night of Fall Frenzy and she is looking for help selling that night. There will also be a staff order placed soon.

Teacher Reps: none

Character Education: C. Popson The committee is looking for someone to "shadow" this year to take over next year since both currently in the position are 8th grade parents and won't be here.

Advocacy: J. Bulmer She is looking for help on the committee. There is good information found on twitter if you follow pulicschoolsfirstNC. Working on reviving "wear red on Wednesdays" to show support for schools.

Upcoming Events and Open Positions are noted on the agenda. October 16th is the truck fair for 6th graders. October 23rd is picture retake. State fair is coming up, there is a link on the PTA website that can be used to purchase tickets. The tickets are discounted and some of the sale price will come back to the school.

Meeting is adjourned at 7:58 pm