# West Millbrook Middle School

PTA Meeting

Minutes from January 27,2015

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

 Staff: Ms. Aman, Ms. Reece , Megan Kerns, Beverly Keane

Minutes Prepared by: Holly Hodges

Opening: M. Miller opened the meeting beginning 7:06p.m.

Welcome: Michelle Miller, PTA President

**Principal’s Update**:

Ms. Aman opened the meeting talking about it being benchmark week. There is only a certain window by the county when testing can happen. This week was also the Talent Show. It was awesome. We have many talented students at our school it was an amazing performance and very enjoyable for everyone in attendance. The same night as the talent show was also the Cheerleader competition. Our cheerleaders won 2nd place – they did a great job and we are very proud of them.

Report Cards went home with students today.

For 8th Grade parents – Ms. Stallings got a letter around the holidays that states that Retiree’s are unable to work more than 70% otherwise they will lose their retiree benefits. No one knew this, Ms. Stallings never would have put us in this position. They have hired Julie Kozie to teach the Science portion of the class and Ms. Stallings will keep the Math portions. Send an e-mail to the staff if you have any questions about these staffing changes.

For 6th Grade parents – Mrs. Jett will not be returning this year. They are looking for someone to fill the position.

Registration for 2015-2016 year starts mid-February and students will start making course selection.

We have 2 big events coming up:

* Cultural Arts event on the 12th. These are coordinated through the PTA and every child will benefit from these events. The Beast is the performance. Great reviews, so the children should enjoy it.
* Career Day – this is a long standing tradition at this school. This is scheduled for Feb. 13th.
	+ Career day will have the children traveling through different parts of the building to experience all the different activities. It is also an early release day, so if you are checking out your child early , be sure to allow extra time since all the children are in different places, it is hard to track students down.

There was a parent question about Theatre/Acting Classes being offered in the future. They have offered it in the past, but there was not enough interest for it to make a class. For a class to be offered they have to have two things: (1) have to have student interest (2) have a licensed teacher to teach the class.

**Approval of the minutes** (November 18, 2014):

 Motion made by Amy Wilson and seconded by Megan Keene

**Treasurer** **Report**: A. Lomax

There have not been much activity over the last month. The jump in the passive fundraising is because we sold out all the PDQ cards. We do have a teacher deadline of 2/27 for spending curriculum assistance money. Scholastics, Quail Ridge invoice us directly so if anyone doesn’t want to spend out of pocket money. For team money there is no deadline because will use for the end of the year. $600 per grade, $300 per team. The audit has not yet been completed because they had to cancel due to weather, but should be completed in the next couple of weeks.

**President’s report**: M. Miller

No president’s report.

**Vice Presidents’ report**: M. Moody

Update on the Field Trip grant. The 8th grade did receive the grant money. The county was only able to give out $3500 and there was $9000 requested. This can be used for in-school as well as out-of-school field trips. If they offer it next year, we can look into it again. There is so much free money out there, it just has to be found. They will talk to Dawn Clark about helping to find grant opportunities to apply for.

**Secretary’s report**: none

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Advocates – report made by M. Miller – The “A” honor roll event is scheduled for 2/6/2015, the sign up has gone out.

Character Ed: Carla/Joy co-chairs (Carla reported):

The program was huge hit with the kids – they had such a great time. The event was held on 11/27 and there were only 2 that were unable to make it. They made posters in the cafeteria. All grade levels worked together.

 Passive Fundraising – A. Wilson

We have several Spirit Nights scheduled. PDQ – 2/25, Milton’s 3/9, Chick-fil-A 4/8 (the one on Falls of the Neuse – thinking about the cow being in carpool that afternoon), Chipotle 5/6

The Spirit Night information and dates will be in the Newsletter and then we will promote each one individually since some have to have flyers and some don’t.

Hospitality – report by M. Miller

They stuff bags of candy for the teachers for Valentine’s Day. All candy donations need to be delivered to the office no later than 2/10.

March Madness: E-mail to the staff has gone out, there are some changes to this event from prior years. It is scheduled for 2/27 – it is a Friday, but it will be right after school 4-6 pm. The game will be shortened. There is one big game Staff vs. Students. Free throw, raffles, concessions. Everyone will need a ticket to get in (except staff and their families). The ticket will include pizza, drink, cookie and raffle ticket. Can purchase additional raffle tickets. Tickets will go on sale the week before the event and a permission form will be needed.

Newsletter – J. Hodges report made by M. Miller

Deadline is 2/2/2015

Publicity – the Remind account is set up and being used in addition to Facebook, e-mail and grade team mail distributions. Add the Remind to the website.

Box Tops – report by M. Miller

The promotion for the month of January is that they students bring their Box tops to lunch and their donation gets them in the drawing. There is one person drawn from each grade level.

February’s promotion is a grade level homeroom competition. There will be a pizza party for the homeroom with the highest amount.

BAC Report – Nicole Trueheart (report given by Michelle Miller)

Discussed the school report cards coming out. Each school will get one letter.Dr. Merrill had a press conference the day before the scores are released. Look at the score, but also look at everything. Just like with your children, you don’t let one grade define them. 80% Prof./20% growth. Our growth was through the roof.

Building and Grounds – report by M. Miller

In the Nov. meeting, Millie talked about a tear out day sometime in February. We will keep everyone posted on a date.

Teacher Representatives

6th grade field trip is coming up. There is a parent chaperone meeting next week. This is last payment week. There is 80% participation, so there is push to get those last payments in.

The Math Department needs new calculators. $67 each on Amazon. They are going to check on some extras that were in a closet.

Other Business –

Michelle reminded everyone that 2/25 is Bus Appreciation Day. It is only a recognition day vs. a whole week.

“Wake up and Read” book drive is coming and we will collecting books to share. We have needs within our own school and would love some of the donations to benefit our own students. There is a green bucket in the office that families can donate to. We still need picture books as well.

We will update the budget on the PTA Website and make sure it is updated.

**Closing**: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.