

WIHI PTO MEETING October 2014

10/6/14

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Media Center

Attendees: Susan Wichhart, Tami Schumacher, Kelley Bezrutch, Jamie Hartman, Natalia Knoblock, Marvin Gundy, William Garcia, Kim Vnuk-Kronick, Stacy Person, Vikki Kasperek, Meg Wallace, Joy Lange, Jay Stasser, Diana Gonzolez, Karen Morly, Barbara Aslen, Ayehn M. Taj, Sloan Talbot

Call to order-Kelley Bezrutch @ 7:03pm

Welcomes/ Introductions- Kelley Bezrutch

Motion to approve minutes, agenda and treasurer report from September meeting - approved

Principal update: Mrs. Nhu Do

Parent/Teacher Conferences

WIHI newsletter went out today. Conference dates are Wednesday, Oct 29 and Thursday, Oct 30th. The PTO will provide food for the teachers on each of the two conference days. The conferences will be a modified student lead format. At WIHI the Students are at the center of learning so students are invited to the conferences and will led them with teacher feedback. The week before conferences the students will be writing reflections in all classes, this will include reflections, strengths and weaknesses, also their goals. The sign up for each 5 min conference will be on sign up genius. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions of the teacher, Student will be reflecting on their learning. This is a way for the student to be a leader in their own learning. It is important for students to reflect on their learning, and learn reflection skills.

If a student is struggling in a class or there needs to be a longer discussion, parents can use the conference time to schedule an additional meeting with the teacher. Parents will get additional information via email to explain the new conference format. The teachers will be handling the 5 min time frame, if this doesn't happen, look for Ms. Do, Mr. Winn or Mrs. Garcia for assistance. WIHI conferences will be in the GYM, WIMA conferences in the cafeteria. There will be a drop in conference option the last 30 min at the end of the night.

Pick up and drop off in front of the building is much better than last year.

A big Thank you was expressed by Mrs. Do on behalf of the teachers for the new scientific scale which was bought by the PTO.

School Emergency Plan

Abiding to state requirement, 8 fire and 2 tornado drills must be performed during the school year, also there must be a review of the "Alice" protocol; Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate.

There are an abundance of options if there is a threat in or around the building. There have been 3 health emergencies and police have been on site within 3 min. The staff are trained, there are materials in the rooms, communication is very important. 3 fire drills have already been performed this year; they went well, very smoothly. The plan is to do fire drills at passing time or during lunch. Several faculty members carry Walkie Talkies, including Ms. Do and Mr. Winn. All teachers are connected via text if there is an intruder or emergency. In the morning after 8, Mr. Winn checks to make sure all doors are locked.

Old Business:

Treasurer's report-Tami Schmacher

WIHI has earned about \$ 1000 so far this year via EZ money

Biggest PTO expense to date is the new scientific scale.

The Courtyard expenses have been paid off.

PTO balance to date is \$1687.17.

PTO forms for dues were not sent out to the returning students. Planning needs to be done to developed to collect PTO donation/dues.

EZ Free Money Update-Kim Vnuk-Kronick

Scripts subscription is better, but there still are not as many families participating as PTO would like to see.

If anyone has a suggestion about how to recruit more families in Scrips, please let Kim know, she will go to people's home to help sign up if needed. Class Scrip participation graphs are being updated. Participants need to sign up for Presto Pay to reload their card. There has been feedback that some parents are confused about the scrip card and how they are paid. Again, please contact Kim with questions.

New Business:

Buy a Brick Campaign-Kelley Bezrutch

A Draft Brick order form was passed around. The bricks are a way to honor your student or staff, this is a WIHI PTO fundraiser and they will beautify the front of the building when they are placed at an area near the curb. There will be a location on the WIHI website to sign up to buy bricks.

Spirit wear

Diana Gonzalas is the new spirit wear coordinator. WIHI PTO is looking for a location in the school to store the items.

PSAT

Thank you for moving the PSAT test to Wednesday morning, Oct 15th. The PSAT is an important test for scholarship money, Individual Colleges and Universities use this score for scholarships. This score then gets transferred to small scholarship funds and then sent to students who are eligible.

School Events-StuGo Representative

StuGo take home money for the International Dinner was \$1300, 500 + people came to the event.

School dance is coming up; there is still a need for Parent chaperones to cover shifts from 6:30-8:30pm and 8:30-10:30pm.

Build-on fundraising goes on throughout the year. The Students are going to Malawi this year; the first fundraiser will be a pasta dinner in the WIHI cafeteria. There will be speakers who have gone on past trips. The Build-On Club is free; the trek needs to be paid for by students. A Portion of club money is raised to build a home or part of a home.

The new School Houses are made up of students from each WIHI and WIMA grade.

Passport is home room and consists of only WIHI students.

Spirit week: Mon- PJs, Tues –dress as twins with 2 items of clothing matching, Wed -Marvel comic character day, Thurs -career day, Fri-house spirit day.

School assembly on Friday- This to include flag tag teachers vs. Students. The point of the assembly is for teachers to be goofy in front of the students.

WIHI News

CAS/Enrichments/Communications-William Garcia

Enrichments- There are more enrichments than in the past and more to come out i.e. novel writing enrichment. Currently students are required to take 6 enrichments. Ms. Purcell is the new enrichment coordinator and will be helping students keep track of what they have and what enrichments are available.

CAS- Juniors had a meeting about CAS, what it is, what they need to do for Creativity, Action and Service. 150 total CAS hours are needed, 50 per C-A-S. Passport teachers are to monitor the CAS options. Students are to write reflections on their CAS activity. CAS can't start until first day of Jr year. Enrichments can be used for CAS in the junior year; also any REC and ED class can be used for CAS and enrichment.

Teacher Class deans were created for better communication with parents. Is that happening? Some Deans have been sending emails and info. Mr. Garcia will contact all 4 class deans to make sure grade class information is being relayed.

IB considers summer between junior and senior year is a working summer

Next PTO meeting-Monday November 10, 2014, 7-8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Wichhart