

## **WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011**

### **Call to order**

6:30 PM by Laura Weaver

### **Attendance**

See attached sign-in sheet

### **Spirit Cups**

- Each school is asked to set up a sale
- 1 school will be donating their proceeds to the WAWM PTA Council Scholarship Fund
- Profits are \$6.50 per cup--\$6.00 from the company and \$.50 from NFL
- Order sheets will be collected by Laura at the next meeting
- Money can be turned in at delivery-date to be determined

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of September 7, 2011 meeting were approved with no changes.

### **School Reports**

#### **Jefferson**

No report

#### **Longfellow**

No report

#### **Lincoln**

Held a walk-a-thon and a dance

#### **Hale**

No report

#### **Hoover**

The Hoover Hustle was once again very successful—watch for an upcoming notice for a special meeting during which board members from Hoover will share the secrets of this event!

### **Superintendent's Report**

Homecoming events at both high schools are held during the next two weeks:

Central has exciting activities all week ending on Friday with Spirit Day and a tailgate/football game.

Hale has special activities all week ending with a parade and football game next Friday.

WKCE testing will be held during the month of October

Thank you to any PTAs who are involved in snack programs during testing

The district has met standards for 3 consecutive years

New curriculum for after school programs

Teachers are volunteering at each school

Changes in graduation requirements

- Student must graduate by the 4<sup>th</sup> June after beginning High School or they are statistically considered a drop out by DPI standards (part of no child left behind)
- This does NOT change the fact that students are allowed to finish coursework and receive a true diploma up to age 21
- This also does NOT change the credit recovery programs that have been available to keep students at appropriate credit levels each year
- This could change funding to each high school as graduation rates drop from 98% to 80% using the new statistical criteria

Several Schools have been awarded grants

Horace Mann

10 teachers awarded \$100 each from Wal-mart

Mitchell

\$1000 grant awarded for Compass Learning

Wilson

\$1700 awarded to 1 teacher from Home Depot

Meet-and-Treat

1-3pm on October 30<sup>th</sup>

Recreation Department

Annual Fall celebration at Greenfield Park on October 29<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with CAAD

SAFE

Lights on annual party October 20<sup>th</sup>

Parenting for success programs

At each elementary school

Information distributed by flyer

Rachel's Challenge

Thank you to PTAs at Hale, Wright and West Milwaukee for supporting this program

Community Coalition

ATODA meetings to help parents learn to keep students sober

Students receive a discount on homecoming tickets if they attend with parents

New Ranking system

Value-added model

WAWM District joins other districts in SE Wisconsin is using this model

We rank #1 in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade math and we rank in the top 4 for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading using the model

### **Legislative Report**

Cyndi Barbian will chair the Council Legislative Committee

Each school should have a legislative chair to be in good standing

Meetings will be scheduled

Cyndi's first order of business will be driving on playgrounds

Some related discussion included the fact that the playgrounds are public property and school/SAFE officials are not able to keep the public off the playgrounds during or after school.

Also see the attached Legislative report

### **School reports**

#### **Franklin**

Held a back to school picnic. Upcoming events include a fall dance and Craft Fair. Fundraising was successful.

#### **Madison**

No report

#### **Central**

Please visit Chili's restaurant to support the WAC PTA, flyer shared.

#### **Walker**

Summer scholar program, Halloween party, Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser

#### **West Milwaukee**

Rachel's challenge—some disappointment was shared with the quality of the program for the cost, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended.

## **Teacher's Report**

No report

## **Principal's Reports**

### **Leslie Connors, Franklin**

- PBIS continues to be successful
- Franklin is considered to be an exemplary user of PBIS
- 95% of kids stayed on white or green for 2 consecutive weeks
- Lunch and recess changes are positive-intramural opportunities include Kick ball and football. Club opportunities include chess, music, art
- The back-to-school picnic served 150 people
- A grant was awarded for the moving and munching program-\$500
- \$546 was earned from the Target red card program
- Math and Reading after school programs are successful
- Families are feeling increased teacher presence and communication

### **Ali Hatab, Hoover**

- Back-to-school picnic was successful
- The Hoover Hustle earned \$15,000
- Teachers are stepping up to volunteer for after school programs and are more visible
- Before school activities provided by the gym teacher are a big hit
- Teachers are making GOOD phone calls, makes it easier to make the "bad" phone calls
- Next Generation Learning has been successful

## **President's Report**

Please provide Laura with your meeting dates—she may show up at your meeting by request or un-announced.

Survive Alive reminder

Each school must submit donation per policy to be eligible for awards

Scholarship reminder

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Laura will be out of town often during the next 2 months, give her time to respond to emails and phone calls. Also use Gena, Amy, Brenda and Deb as resources if Laura is unavailable.

SEPTA

- Nicole Danek from Franklin will chair the committee
- Meeting to be held in Room 710 on 10/26 at 6:30
- A notice will go to each family who has a child with an IEP
- During meeting, goals and agenda will be developed

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report**

- PTA Council training was successful
- Several unit leaders, teachers attended

## **2nd Vice-President's Report**

- The newsletter has gone out, any clerical corrections will only be made to the on-line version
  - Correction to phone number for Amy Repati 379-1563
- The website has been updated
- The directory was share with all present in paper form and will be on the website, clerical corrections will only be made to the on-line version
- Feedback on Council training is very positive
- Gena will add unit activities/advertisements to the Council website if sent to her

## **School Reports**

### **Pershing**

No report

### **Mann**

Fundraising was successful, planning a dance, they have a complete board

### **Wright**

- Positive comments about Rachel's Challenge, felt it was worth the cost—may reach even 1 kid, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended. The principal was very involved and did discussions in the classrooms.
- Spirit Cups—will be doing cash/carry and will donate proceeds to scholarship

### **Irving**

Fundraising completed, Halloween event coming up (Trick-or-treat and comedy show)

### **Mitchell**

No report

### **Wilson**

Growing Green Bulbs sale went well, planning a grandparents breakfast

## **Scholarship Committee Report**

Amy Repati will join the committee, representing the Pershing area

## **Awards/Banquet Committee**

- Shining Strings will provide entertainment
- Awards packets are on-line only

## **Reflections Committee**

No report

## **Carnival Committee**

- Date has changed to February 12<sup>th</sup>
- The committee will plan a meeting
- Raffle tickets will be available next month
  - Each school to sell 50 and return the unsold tickets

## **Peggy Miller's Report**

- Survive Alive celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will hold an open house from 1-4 on Saturday this week.
- Sisterhood Event to promote self-esteem in girls event—flyer shared

**Attachments**

Agenda

Sign-in sheet

Flyers on Brax Spirit Cups

Treasurer's Report

Legislative Report

Flyer-Fundraiser for Central

Flyer – Parent Forum

Postcard – Survive Alive event

Flyer – Sisterhood Event

Flyer – Reminders for donations

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