

WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2011

Call to order

6:30 PM by Amy Repati in Laura's absence

Attendance

See attached sign-in sheet

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 5, 2011 meeting were approved with no changes.

School Reports

Jefferson

Holiday party well attended, haunted hallway and vendor fair coming up

Wilson

Book fair/grandparents event went well and dinner with Santa is coming up

Mitchell

Not present

Central

Junior night/College presentations coming up

Wright

Spirit wear and holiday events coming up

Treasurer's Report (Brenda)

CiCi Fundraiser made \$298.29

See financial reports

Legislative Report (Cyndi Barbian)

PTA Takes Action flyer was distributed

Seems like parking on playgrounds is better at some locations

Legislative Report (Brian Vissers/Kurt Wachholz)

- (see Brians written report)
- SB95—WAWM already allows athletes to earn .5 credits in other subjects in lieu of phy ed., but will now be limiting only core classes (now, electives are allowed)

Superintendent's Report(Kurt Wachholz)

- Sam Castagna Scholarships
 - Each PTA unit donates each year
 - Over \$5000 in the fund
 - Annually, Top 10 students at both high schools eligible for \$500
 - In addition, one vocational scholarship rotates annually between Hale and Central
 - Kurt will find out if the vocational scholarship can be offered annually at both schools-scholarship language is typically hard to change.
- District Email
 - Has been out of commission
 - Being worked on, no ETA
- Building Parking lots

- Kurt emailed a maintenance update to all buildings
- Will be monitored by maintenance departments
- Kurt is working with police on solutions for some buildings
- Holiday Parade and events-December 3rd
 - Avenue Scroll
 - Tree lighting
 - Parade
- Thanksgiving week
 - SAFE camp offered through rec for elementary students
 - Field trip offered for intermediate students
- WKCE testing
 - Thank you to PTAs who helped with snacks at their schools
 - Some testing continues through November
- Star Power Theme
 - Some staff members were recognized for going above and beyond
 - Some students were recognized for going above and beyond

School Reports

Irving

Meet and Treat was successful, parent/child TaeKwonDo beginning soon

Mann

Not present

Hale

WKCE in progress, Rachel's Challenge follow-up is going well, Craft Fair coming up

Pershing

Fundraisers and dinner for teachers was successful, Secret Santa coming up

Lincoln

Walk-a-thon did not go well, looking at other options

Teacher Report (Dan Bearrs)

- The Play at Central will be "Once upon a Mattress"
- The new teacher eval process is both daunting and exciting—many changes
 - Iobservations-Ipads used to capture eval material
 - Rumors have been handled well
 - Communication has been good between administration and staff.

Principal Reports

Irving – Dan

- Snacks during testing are appreciated
- Meet and Treat-record attendance
- Positive Contacts are at 98%
- PBIS – building classroom community using TRIBES activities

Jefferson - Lynn

- Professional Development-good feedback
- Inquiry learning-child has ownership of learning
 - Partnerships with other students
- Interventions – "I Time"

- Intensity and enrichment
- Using MAPS scores and strands
- Makes every teacher a “special ed” teacher
- Observation both daunting and exciting

President’s Report(Amy in Laura’s absence)

- Leadership Training
 - Lots of good learning
 - Amy recommends each unit send members
 - Elearning tools on PTA website are good also
- Membership Chair for Council
 - This is now an open position
 - Main responsibility is seeking out Business Memberships

First VP’s Report (Gena)

- WI PTA – be sure to “like” on Facebook
 - Newsletter – The October issue of the Councilor is now online
 - Spirit Cup orders are due today
 - Christmas parade
 - Council has been invited to march
 - No interest from the group, we will not participate
- MOTION: to donate \$20.00 to the Parade to become a bronze ribbon sponsor, made by Dorthy Riley and 2nd by Christin Phillips, Motion Passed**

Schools

Walker

Pancake breakfast and movie was successful

West

Chili’s and Panda Express fundraisers were successful, Bazaar coming up

Madison

Not present

Franklin

Craft/Vendor show was successful, Fall Dance and Holiday Party coming up

Hoover

Harvest Dance was successful

Longfellow

Not present

Scholarship Committee Report (Gena)

See Website

Awards Committee Report (Heather)

Don’t wait—send in nominees and entries!

Reflections Committee Report

No Report

Entries Due on November 18th

SEPTA Report (Nicole Danek)

- 1st meeting had high attendance
- Great discussions
- Will be a separate PTA
 - Support Groups
 - Information sharing
 - Workshops (IEP...)
 - Orientation for teachers
 - Parent liaison at each school
- Next meeting 11/30
 - Bylaws
 - Donation requests
- www.WAWMSEPTA.org

MOTION: to reimburse \$15.96 to SEPTA for website, made by Gena Kraemer and 2nd by Heather Justhan, Motion Passed.

Attachments

Agenda
Sign-in sheet
Minutes, 10-5-11
Legislative Report 11-2-11
Founder's Day information for all PTAs
Financial Reports
Flyer-PTA takes action
Motion slip – Parade
Motion slip -SEPTA

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