

WAWM PTA Council Meeting Minutes September 7, 2011

Call to order

6:39 PM by Laura Weaver

Attendance

See attached sign-in sheet

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 1, 2011 meeting were approved.

Report from Brian Visser

- Legislative Update (see attached update)
- AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Every school must be at 100%
- Since there is no legislative chair, Laura will continue to send/share updates as she gets them.

Motion

(see attached motion slip)

Motion made by Gena Kraemer and seconded by Amy Repati

Motion to keep all cellphones off during meetings and \$5.00 charge per violation was adopted.

Treasurer's Report

- Brenda was unable to be present, so Laura presented the report. (see attached report)
- Laura reviewed the proposed budget and with minor changes, the budget was approved.

Motion

(See attached motion slip)\

Motion to approve budget with changes

Motion made by Cyndi Barbian and seconded by Amy Repati

With changes indicated, motion was approved.

Superintendent's Report

- Thanks to all PTAs for helping with preparation for start of school at all buildings.
- Administrative training has been completed and was successful.
 - New teachers must attend a 1 week unpaid training session per condition of hire
 - All teachers must attend a 1 week training
 - Theme was "there is no magic wand...we must do more than wish"
- The district made AYP
- 5 schools are named 2011-2012 Wisconsin Promise schools
 - Longfellow, Jefferson, Lincoln, Mann, Wilson
 - This adds up to a total of 29 awards in 6 years
- Blue Ribbon School
 - Wilson and Walker have been awarded this National honor
- During the 3rd week of September, the state will certify enrollment numbers
 - WAWM has seen an increase in numbers 4 years in a row
 - Up to 568 4K students in 2011 (up from 538 in 2010)
- SAGE program will continue at all WAWM Schools despite loss of 9.5 million dollars of state aide.
 - Class size is 18 to 1 for K4-3rd grade

- Thank you to Council for providing breakfast for the principals during their in-service
- Education Foundation (see handouts)
 - Fundraising for special projects and field trips
 - Raised \$3500 at back to school raffle
 - Also visit the tailgate tent at the Hale/Central Football game on 9/23/2011 (see attached flyer)
 - The foundation is now listed as a United Way charity
- This will be a big year for legislation-watch for updates

Principal Report

Joe Hill from Mitchell

- Membership is being ramped up and is growing well
- Focus on males
 - Open gym/movie Fridays have had over 100 kids attend, 10 dads volunteer to run the event and “Men of Mitchell” shirts are a big hit!
- Tracking of volunteer hours reveals over 3000 hours so far
- Use of email and online calendar proving to be successful (kiosks set up in school for parent use)
- Boxtops have allowed purchase of technical equipment

Mary Gottinger from Wilson

- Many new teachers is leading to an exciting year
- Parents have been involved—seeing increases in membership and volunteering
- Communication is a focus—also setting up kiosks/laptops for parents to use
- Sign up sheets for volunteers available at back-to school events
- Offering Professional Development for Parents
 - 1st class will be on the new report card system for elementary students
- Garden project
 - Working with the WAWM Community Garden Committee
- Thanks to a grant from the state worth \$325,000, staff will be offered many development opportunities

School Reports

Canceled for tonight’s meeting due to time constraints

Bylaws

Survive Alive

- Survive Alive was created by the WAWM Council, this was only the 2nd such program in the country
- Currently, Survive Alive does not look to the PTA for input and the Council is not running the program
- The schools bring their own volunteers
- The Survive Alive board meets 2-5 times per year
- Per bylaws, PTA is required to send 3 members to the Survive Alive board
- PTA has started other programs that were turned over once initial start-up was successful.

After the above discussion, a motion was brought forward.

Motion

(see attached motion slip)

Motion to make Survive Alive an entity separate from PTA Council

Motion made by Amy Repati and seconded by Gena Kraemer

Motion was approved

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(see attached motion slip)

Motion to change bylaws due to above changes

Motion made by bylaw committee and no second necessary

Motion was approved

Motion

(see attached motion slip)

Motion that donations be encouraged from WAWM schools

Motion made by Gena Kraemer and seconded by Nicole Danek

Motion was approved

Teacher Report

- Dan Bearrs
 - Teachers are being held accountable for making a certain number of home contacts-this will make email and electronic communication much more acceptable by parents because of efficiency
 - Teachers are not focused on salary and benefits, but on a great year
 - Being a non-contract employee is new for most staff members

President's Report

- Laura shared information on a fundraiser in conjunction with CiCi's pizza (see flyer)
- Laura is starting a SEPTA (special education PTA) committee
 - Chair and members are needed
- Fundamentals of PTA
 - Good reminders (see handout)
- Membership
 - Push for community members
 - We have 3 so far, goal is 10
 - Remember: membership chair at each school must send \$5.25 for each member to state

1st VP Report

- Amy shared information on Leadership training coming up on Friday
 - Invite anyone from your school—members and staff

2nd VP Report

- Gena shared that the newsletter has gone out
- Directory-if any changes are needed, get the information to Gena
- More to come regarding Carnival

Reflections

Anne Gosetti is chairing the committee, nothing at this time to report

Scholarship

Nothing at this time to report

Awards

- Heather Justham is chairing the committee
- Meeting was held last month
- 5/18 has been scheduled as the banquet date
 - Same location
 - Same price

Membership

- Jane Edgar is chairing the committee
 - Raffles work!
 - Free food works!

Motion

(see attached motion slip)

Sunshine – Motion to make a \$25.00 donation in memorium of Dick Hladilek

Motion made by Cyndi Barbian and seconded by Jane Edgar

Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned

8:30 PM by Laura Weaver

Next Meeting

October 5, 2011

Attachments

Agenda

Approved minutes from 6/1/11 meeting

Sign in sheet

Legislative Update

Motion Slip (cell phones)

Treasurer report

Proposed budget

Motion slip (budget)

Education Foundation brochure

Education Foundation flyer

Motion slip (Survive Alive)

Motion slip (bylaws)

Motion slip (donation)

CiCi's pizza fundraiser flyer

Fundamentals of PTA handout

Motion slip (donation)

Submitted by

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