

PTO Executive Board Minutes from 11/3/14

Jenny Boyle

- Halloween parties went smoothly, good communication between room parents and teachers
- Some field trips will come out of the science budget next year with the rewriting of the curriculum (all expenses, buses & costs for trip will be paid for out of this budget). Teachers are creating "core experiences" so every child has a chance to have these experiences. Each grade level writing their own curriculum.
- Teachers were emailed the Best Fund vs WGSD Foundation description and guidelines. Handout of the guidelines was available at the meeting.
- Question raised about sending report cards home to parents before conferences so they have a chance to review them and ask questions at the meeting. There were concerns about parents not receiving in backpack mail and teachers not having a copy of the report card at school. Idea was presented to send them home on the Monday before conferences in an envelope for the parents to sign and return along with a phone blast alerting parents the cards are in backpacks. Nancy to discuss with teachers for other pros/cons but overall it was thought that the teachers wouldn't have an issue with them going home early.

Nancy Zitzmann

- Next year there will be no school the Friday before Halloween, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Friday before Spring break, or the Monday after spring break. We will discuss the Bristol Calendar at the December meeting. Possibly moving Fall Festival to September and Math & Science Fun night to October.
- Police are doing a good job patrolling the playground. Colder weather also helping keep kids away.
- Everything has been submitted to the insurance for playground repair. Total estimated cost for items needing repair is \$3,000.00. Deductible is \$1000.00
- There was an article in the Post Dispatch about Chesterfield Council seeking a grant to place rubberized playground tiles on all of their parks. Others are looking to replace mulch at high costs.
- The Department of Natural Resources Grant for 2015 for replacing the mulch on the rest of the playground is currently out to applicants. If approved for the grant, we would have a year to make the improvements (May 2015-May 2016). Estimated cost to replace the rest of the mulch with the rubberized mat is \$54,577. The grant would be for \$20,000 leaving PTO to pay \$34,577. There is a possibility that the district would help with some of the cost but the amount they would give isn't known. PTO board voted to postpone grant writing for at least one year to try to build cash to finance the playground. It was decided that when the \$20,000 is received from the current grant, we would put that in reserve toward the resurfacing of the playground and reevaluate the budget at the end of the year to see if we can add to this in smaller amounts to build up the reserve over time.
- The district is on increased alert for the Michael Brown verdict to be delivered. Emergency plans are in place which could possibly call for an early dismissal or day off of school after the verdict is given.

- Jody Forsee will continue to do the Friday feature which is now called the Bulldog Bulletin. It will no longer be sent on Fridays but on Wednesdays when the school mail is all sent home.
- Our tax exempt number was received for the current school year.
- Reminder not to park in business lot behind the Block/jewelry store. Owners were upset when they were blocked in.
- Ellen to get donuts for Buddy Honor Roll awards Friday. Event will be in cafeteria. PTO meeting will be run between grades getting awards.
- Nancy went and saw the screen at Hudson. It is a pull down screen that was very nice and purchased from TLC. Cost \$800. District installed screen for Hudson. Board voted to approve screen purchase for Bristol gym.
- Signage is being made for the playground. Will say No trespassing, playground for ages 5-12, and closes at dusk. No cameras will be purchased, estimated cost \$50,000.
- Kevin working on details for grant for shade covering of the playground. He is trying to get an estimate for what total cost will be.
- The school supply list is underway for next year. Hoping to get 50% involvement of all enrolled students to get a \$500 bonus from School Tool Box.
- There are three kindergarten students with severe peanut allergies. Nancy discussed the need for a very large amount of wipes for kids to wipe hands/faces when they come to school and after lunch. Anyone in the school who eats peanuts for lunch must wipe their hands and mouth. More wipes will be put on school supply list for next year.
- Anne Link (librarian) requested \$500 for renewal of teachingbooks.net, a BEST fund that was granted to her last year. The license for the current version expires on 12/12/14. The renewal was approved by the board.

Jenn Brenner

- Staff appreciation committee planning dinner for staff for conferences on Tuesday, November 11th. Jenn will check in to see if they need anything.
- Trivia night theme is "Fun and games." Game shows, board games, playground games are several ideas for costumes. Tables for the event will be for 8 people. Cindy Oleshak is looking into the possibility of getting beer donated so beer can be included in ticket price. Ticket prices will be \$30 per person this year. Set up of event will be on the day of the event, February 28th. We will not be able to get in the night before to set up. Brochure and website coming soon.
- Book fair is underway. Kristen Arrendale and Betsy Schwager in charge this year. A new co-chair will be needed next year for Kristen.

Sarah Calame

Spirit wear is coming together. Will be able to order it all online. Janet Bonham to put link on website for online ordering. Shirts for sizing and forms will also be available at conferences.

Kelly Ensor & Kevin Mitchell

- Nancy Zitzmann and several teachers gave the Bristol school Report at the 10/13 BOE meeting.
- 8 National Merit Scholars from the high school were recognized at the BOE meeting.

- John Simpson and the Collaborative Committee gave a report on the concept of innovation schools for all schools.
- The 6-8 Dream Team submitted their final report on creating a 6-8 center at Hixon.
- Kindergarten tuition will be \$2000.00 for the 2015-2016 year. There is a possibility that this could be less depend on where the budget ends up next year. Out of district tuition was set a \$12,566.
- The Ivory Crockett run was a huge success. There were 425 runners.
- The fall appeal for donation to the WGSD Foundation was sent out by mail to all previous donors.
- January 25th will be a Night of Jazz at the Pagent which will be a fundraiser for the foundation. The High School Jazz band and the Ralph Butler band will play.

Sherri Fowler

- We have approximately \$28,000 in our account. Still awaiting \$20,000 grant check.

Wendy Zerega

Fall festival raised just shy of \$4,000.00 The cost for Camp Wyman is \$185 per child. There are 106 5th graders we are currently raising money for. Each child will get \$38 towards their camp money from fall festival. We need to find one or more 4th grade parents to be in charge of Fall Festival for the 2015-2016 year. An email will be sent to current 4th grade parents looking for volunteers. 5th graders will also be selling pies and gift cards for the holidays to fund raise for camp.