

White River School PTA Approved Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2016

***Welcome** (in attendance: Krystal Brown, Sara Washburn, Ann Cerasoli, Kim & Jeff Dumont, Leah Mosenthal, Sheila Powers, Anita Hamalainen, Karla Brothers; Cathy Lemire)

***Looked over and approved last month's meeting minutes**

***Updates given by Sheila Powers**-excellent parent conference attendance (93%); report cards to come out Dec 2nd. Mrs. Powers offered to do presentation of the state-wide assessment if desired. There is a published report with the statistical info used by the state and federal government; and also data from the local assessments. Favorable mention of the Coding Club which began this year, run by Jeff Dumont and one of his business colleagues; the kids are really enjoying it. Likely it will be offered again. Additionally, the Boys Athletic Training Club (BATS) was a very positive activity culminating in the CHaD Super Hero event with a considerable fundraising effort by the group for CHaD.

***Budget Review-by Karla Brothers:** Meadowfarms is expected to be around \$3900; we also got a check from the Amazon Smiles funds and a donation from a student's grandparents. Calendar Magnets and PTA's insurance were purchased. Discussion regarding the Amerigas/Young's Propane program "Community School Days" which is a national campaign where customer's receipts serve as a fund raising opportunity for schools.

***Craft Fair**

- Saturday, Dec 3rd 9am-2pm (coordinates with the Hockey program's Christmas tree fundraiser); snow date being Sunday, Dec. 4th.
- Vendor list is growing and more and more spots are being reserved! Tables may be shared if 2 groups desire or there is the option to set up outside. There will also be a raffle table.
- Krystal has received about 10 volunteer forms back from parents who have signed up to help, thank you!!
- Confirmed Santa will be there! Need to find a chair and make a backdrop for pictures.
- Have a WIFI password so vendors can use credit card readers. A list of furniture needs will be given to Mrs. Powers, and arrangements for Mr. Parsons to be there.
- HHS Girls Basketball cannot provide the food this year, they have a jamboree. Group discussed and opted against hot food/beverages being offered this year. There will be the PTA Bake Sale (which we need donated baked goods for) and maybe just bottled water.
- Need for advertising the event in and around the community.
- Organize a separate craft fair meeting; planned for Nov 21st ; location to be determined.

***Leaves of Thanks**

- Leaves paired with a note to be sent home next Monday, asking parents and/or students to write a word of thanks for any of the staff of WRS. Will also send out an email blast. Jeff Dumont and Kathy Lemire will make the rounds to the classes for inspiration.
- Return any time before Thanksgiving break so they can be displayed on the bulletin board in the main hall outside of the office.
- Need to take down and replace the background on the bulletin board. (Mrs. DeRosiers generally does this per Ms. Powers)

***Box Tops Challenge**

- October Box Tops challenge was a huge hit!! Collected an astonishing 2,290 Box Tops with earnings of \$229.00!!

- Congratulations Ms. Leamy's 3rd grade class who was declared the October winner with 319 Box Tops! They were rewarded with Popsicles!
- Box Tops Contest is still going on! Bring in your Box Tops to help your child's class be the next winner and receive a special treat!

***Family Game Night**

- Mark your calendars...1st WRS Family Game Night of the year is scheduled for Friday, November 18th!! Please note, this is NOT a drop off event! Also, no electronic/video/digital games.
- Mrs. Powers working on getting HHS or HMMS students to volunteer.
- Hartford Firefighters/Police/Emergency Responders will be joining in on the FUN!
- Bring your favorite game to be shared at family game night. Join your friends in this fun night! Bringing a snack to share is always great too! Folks are encouraged to bring re-fillable water bottles now that the drinking fountains have the bottle fill option.

***Thanksgiving Feast**

- Tuesday, November 22nd students will gather in the gym for a special Thanksgiving tradition at WRS! Mrs. Powers is looking for some volunteers to help with set up/clean up.
- Blood's is loaning the tables/chairs for the Feast, and also chairs for the Dec 8th Winter Concert.