

Wilson PTO Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2010

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Julie Wojcik at 9:09 am.

Present:

Julie Wojcik	Laura Leszczynski
Joey Sulsberger	Lyn McCarthy
Kathy LaBelle	Christa Middleton
Lynn Grosso	Traci Cain
Kelly Aceto	Susan Malmquist
Dawn Liker	Kari Altman
Kim Bucholtz	Susan Kowaleski

Introductions

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Grosso distributed copies of Classroom Enrichment Detail 2010-2011 YTD report.

Approval of October 2010 meeting minutes

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Liker reports current teacher/student happenings.

Mrs. Beck – Kindergarteners make Thanksgiving placemats with 5th grade buddies. The kids are learning about thankfulness. The children will begin bringing home readers.

Guidance – Mrs. Leder-Shein thanks PPI reps (Kathy LaBelle and Sandy Kameran), Traci Cain, and PTO for help in making Red Ribbon Week successful.

Library – Mrs. Treptow thanks the PTO for donating books from the Scholastic Book Fair.

Orchestra & Band – Combined concert October 26th.

Grades 3 & 5 – WKCE testing taking place during the month of November.

3rd grade – Veteran's Day program November 9th.

5th grade – Field trips to Riveredge (to study microworlds), and the Milwaukee Public Museum (to study Native Americans).

All – Report cards sent home on Friday the 12th. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents at the end of the month to share successes and make plans for the rest of the year.

All grades – Teachers thanks students and their families for fulfilling classroom wish lists during the Scholastic Book Fair.

Student Council News – Elections were held. Jackson Katz and Rebekah Styles are co-presidents, Dan Cullen is vice president, Brady Bartz is treasurer and Hannah Malicky is secretary. This month, they are going to the classrooms and asking the student body what they would like to do with the money collected from Freeze Pop Friday: 1. More recess equipment 2. Indoor recess materials. 3. Paw Prints prizes. The executive board will be deciding the community service projects for the year. Spirit Days are every Tuesday. November 30th is Comfy Clothes Day. For one dollar, you can wear comfy clothes. This is a fundraiser for the Wilson Legacy Scholarship.

MTEF: Susan Malmquist reviews the MTEF display board recapping the 2009/2010 school year. Last year was a record fundraising year for MTEF. The foundation granted over \$288,000 to our schools.

In March, the Excellence in Teaching nomination process will begin. There will be three individuals receiving this award. Each recipient will receive \$1,000. Please look for this opportunity to acknowledge those who excel, in March.

Susan reviewed the five MTEF fundraising events: Annual Campaign, Tartan Ball (1/29), Raffle (April), Run/Walk (May), Wine & Cheese Tasting (Summer).

Susan described the decision making process for distributing MTEF grants.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Sulsberger acknowledged recent, great performances; Orchestra/Band Concert, 3rd grade Veterans Day Program.

American Education Week - American Education Week begins November 14th. The theme is "Why We Love Our School". Children are asked to complete a take-home activity describing what he or she loves about Wilson. Thank you notes for various individuals in our school district written by K-2nd grade students. Classroom door decorating contest for 3rd-5th grade students. Open House for the Community held on Thursday, November 18th from 10:00 – 11:30.

School Board Meeting - District School Board meeting will be held November 15th at 7:00pm. The board will be voting on the proposed 4K program at the December 20th meeting.

Outstanding Educators - On November 18th, M-T School District will be celebrating outstanding educators. Our staff will enjoy a breakfast celebration, and in the evening our outstanding educators will be recognized at a school district dinner.

Congratulations to:

- Karen Kunschke – awarded 2010 MTSD Outstanding Educator
- Cindy Breuer – 20 years of service
- Jenny Kim – 20 years of service
- Ellen Mandelman – 20 years of service
- Barb Perlson – 15 years of service

PBIS - PBIS has been successful. Last year at this time there were 21 behavior incidents addressed by Mrs. Sulsberger. This year there have been 13 behavior incidents addressed. Most of these incidents occurred on the buses.

The bus company presented bus safety to Wilson students. This presentation occurred in each individual classroom, and then each classroom of children proceeded outside to a school bus for additional instruction.

Students are now working as a classroom to earn Paw Prints. When a classroom receives 200 Paw Prints, the classroom is recognized and votes for a prize.

Presidents Report:

Thank You

Julie Wojcik thanks committee chairs:

- May Hsu – Family Ice Skate Day
- Susan Kowaleski – Book Fair
- Julie Atinsky – Book Fair
- Barb Oates – Bagels for Breakfast
- Tracey Lilly – playground painting done on November 6th
- Shannon Stoker – School Directory
- Laura Leszczynski – business section of the School Directory

Committee reports

- Family Ice Skate Day had a good turnout.
- Book Fair was successful. Over \$13,000 in sales, with PTO taking 60% of that in scholastic dollars. These scholastic dollars can then be used to purchase books or other items out of the scholastic catalog.
- Bagels for Breakfast raised \$457, due to Barb Oates' commitment to receiving donated items.
- Fall Fundraiser was successful: Alterra, \$1,051 profit. Washingtons for Wilson, \$2,742 profit. Chip Shoppe, \$9,784.20 profit. Total estimated profit: \$13,577.20 (vs. \$13,200, budget goal).
- American Education Week begins November 14th. Planned events will be posted in the Thursday folder.
- Food for Teachers will take place during conferences. Room parents will orchestrate donations.

- PPI Breakfast will take place Friday, March 4th. 4th Grade Fun Night will be Saturday, February 5th. 5th Grade Fun Night will be Friday, May 6th.
- Milwaukee Bucks Family Night needs a chair.
- Fun Fair has a number of chair positions open.

Thanks to all of those who have volunteered their time.

School Budget Conversation

Ideas for public awareness were discussed.

New business:

5th grade movie night will be Friday, June 3rd

A snow fence is being installed on the NE side of the playground to help keep balls from rolling onto the road.

Kari Altman discussed Box Tops. Families can shop at eBoxTops, btfe.com/marketplace, to earn eBoxTops for Wilson.

Adjournment: Julie Wojcik adjourned the meeting at 10:41am.

Evening Meeting

The evening PTO meeting was a repeat of the morning meeting, with additional discussion of the proposed 4K program.