

MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 6/1/2015 6:40 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Robertson

In Attendance

Vickie Robertson, Maria Malone, Stacey DeNardo, Joe Miller, Matt Correia, Natalie Hammond, Carrie Fowler, Cynthia Herreh, Maura Sullivan, Wendy Gemmell, Melanie Lawson, Sarah Kania, Melissa Urrunaga, Jessica Colello, Amy Dempsey, Linda Tighe, Christine Valeda Serra, Jennifer DeGrandi, Stephanie Gagnon, Madison Marolda, Missy Ferland

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the May meeting and approved.

Old Business

Motion to accept by-laws was made by Jen DeGrandi and seconded by Matt Corriea. By-laws accepted.

New Business

Staff Representatives: Mrs. Gemmell shared that third graders are beginning recorders. Fifth grade is getting ready to sing at the Volunteer Breakfast and the Rock Cats game on Friday. The PTO donated donuts and juice for the chorus party.

Mrs. Lawsaon reported that third graders will be trying instruments on Monday and a Beginners Band Camp will be offered this summer. Also, the Manzi Band Camp for students in grades 5 through 8 will be held July 6 through 17th.

Mrs. Kania and Mrs. Sullivan thanked the PTO for sharing Scholastic Dollars with each teacher during the book fair. They presented documentation in regards to the importance of summer reading and the maintenance of reading skills over the summer and encourage parents to keep their students reading over the summer. The Peck Summer Reading Program will be on the website this summer, no paper. Mrs. Little and Mr. Clapp will be showing students how to access it. Students are encouraged to use Raz Kids over the summer to help maintain reading skills. Students have used this all year in school. They can access it over the summer by clicking on their current teacher. Finally, parents are encouraged to set up summer routines to keep their children reading over the summer.

Budget was approved unanimously.

Survey Monkey will be used for the Willard School Community to participate in a survey about the PTO.

Treasure's Report: checking: \$8,804 savings: \$40,165

Committee Updates

Cub Scouts: Great weekend at Sloper with boating, fishing, hiking, etc. Pack is recruiting for new scouts for September. The Crossover will be held next Saturday at Timberland Park. Last bottle drive will be held on Saturday. There will be one pack activity per month over the summer.

Stop & Shop: Check was received. Cyndi is looking into adding Price Chopper for next year.

Box Tops: Last check has been received, but still collecting. Last collection will be on June 5. Senior Center dropped off labels.

Board of Ed. Update: Final parts of budget are in the works. Cuts are coming from McGee and High School, retirements are not being replaced.

Gift Cards: \$23.85 was made from the last round of sales. A total of \$645.98 was made for the year.

Rock Cats: Game this Friday.

Spirit Wear: Over \$700 in sales. Orders should be in this week for game on Friday

5th Grade Committee: Year End Party scheduled for June 16th. A rain date of June 17th or having the party downstairs is being explored. Students will receive yearbooks on Monday, June 15th. A digital copy can be sent to email address upon request.

Principal's Report

Teachers want to make sure that there is coverage to relieve them at the end of shifts during the Rock Cats game on Friday. Ed from Stop & Shop Presented a check for over \$7,000 this week.

Mr. Clapp made a thank you video with the robots the PTO funded. The video will be put on the school website.

Mr. Correia thanked the PTO for all their support this year. He also thanked the fifth grade committee for their work this year and for the gifts donated by the 5th grade class to the school.

Final Willard Pride Assembly will be held on June 10th.

First grade is looking to change field trips to align with curriculum.

Nature's Classroom will not continue next year. The decision was made based on many factors including financial hardship for the school budget, teacher commitment, and the need to have uniformity among schools. The Board of Ed. will not approve parents to go. Other field trip opportunities are being explored and discussed among teachers and administrators including the Boston Science Center.

Announcements

June 2, 2015: Publishing/Art Show

June 5, 2015: Willard Night Rock Cats Game

June 10, 2015: Volunteer Breakfast

June 16, 2015: 5th Grade Year End Party

June 18, 2015: Last Day of School (half day)

Next Meeting

September 2015 (date to be determined)

Thank you to all the committee members and volunteers for your support throughout the school year!!

Have a Safe and Happy Summer

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo