MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 3/5/2018 6:36 PM| Meeting called to order by Katie Niemiec

# In Attendance

Katie Niemiec, Stacey DeNardo, Joe Miller, Barabara Szparkowski, Sherry Rice, Melissa Urrunaga, Amy Dempsey, Stefanie Gagnon, Charai Bellini, Jessica Colello, Wioletta White, Mike Kulak, Kristen Pesavento, George Mastrogiannis, Nicole King, Matt Correia, Meg Sirois, Jen DeGrandi, Sue Burghoff, Megan Beardsworth

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the Januaray meeting and approved without changes along with February minutes.

# Old Business

Curtains were discussed with Doug Solek and Wendy Gemmel. The curtains have been sent out to quote. Quotes should be here in about a week. Two vendors have come out.

By Laws Review Committee consists of Susan Burghoff, Erin Kelly, Stacey DeNardo, Katie Niemiec, Joe Miller, Barbara Szparkowski, Jayme Miller. The first meeting will be held directly after the April PTO meeting for anyone who is interested. An additional meeting will be held after spring break.

# New Business

Nominations for next year’s PTO will go out in April. Please consider chairing a committee or becoming an officer.

Staff Representative, Mrs. Cugno could not attend this month.

Treasure’s Report: checking: $11,189 savings: $37,130

5th Grade Representatives – Mr. Kulak and Ms. Pesavento requested money for a field trip to Mystic Seaport. Parents have put out a lot of money already this year and looking at an additional $22.50 per student. The PTO approved money for the trip. Parents will be asked to pay $12.00 per student and the PTO will contribute the difference. They also thanked the PTO for conference night food.

3rd Grade Representatives – Ms. King and Mr. Mastrogrannis requested money to purchase books to enhance book club reading units and research units. Sports books are lacking as well. Looking to purchase books suggested by Columbia to accompany the Columbia Units. Also requesting $25 gift cards to Teachers Paying Teachers to enhance units. $996.32 was approved to purchase books and gift cards.

Conferences – Katie will order Kensigton Market sandwiches again. Stacey DeNardo will enlist bakers to provide desserts and will make a salad to keep cost down.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser – Sherry Rice will run the fundraiser. Thank you Sherry! It will run until March 16th. Delivery will be in April.

# Committee Updates

Box Tops: Brenda Wall – Miss Dunn’s class won the second collection. Third collection is ongoing.

Wolf Pack Night: Katie Niemiec is coordinating. March 16, 2018. 135 tickets have been sold for a profit of $655. Fifth grade will be singing on the ice.

Vendor Fair: Stefanie Gagnon, Katie Niemiec and Carrie Nelson are coordinating. The fair will be held on March 24th from 9:00 to 2:00. Looking for more parent help. A sign-up genius was eblasted. Looking for pizza donations, popcorn and baked items. Let one of the coordinators know if you would like to help out. 37 vendors at $30 each plus a raffle item have been secured.

Spirit Wear: Sherry Rice is coordinating. All items have been delivered. Another sale will be held in the spring. Sherry has a couple of items available to purchase. Sale ran very smoothly, vendor looks good.

Book Fair: Erin Kelly is coordinating. The fair will run from March 19th through March 23rd. Flyers have been sent home. A Sign-up Genius for parent volunteers has also been sent out. Teachers have signed up their classes to attend.

Stop & Shop/ Price Chopper: Cyndi Goode – The accrual period ends March 15th. This year’s program is currently at $4,736.88. Art supplies including markers, water colors, brushes and glue sticks, have been ordered with Price Chopper points.

5th Grade: Melissa Urrunaga and Brenda Wall are coordinating. Pasta Supper was held on February 28th. It was a fun and busy night. The dinner was well attended. Great job done by Jessica Colello and committee members. Fifth grade dues have been set at $45.

# Principal’s Report

Dr. Corriea reported that the Pasta Supper was great. He thanked everyone for all of their hard work and Jessica Colello for organizing it. The board has adopted the budget from the superintendent. It is possible that the Board of Finance will ask for more cuts. There will be three third grade classes next year with approximately 25 students per class. First and second grade will be staying at three sections with approximately 22 students per class. It’s been a tricky budget year. Teachers will be doing recess duty next year. There will also be other staff cuts. Jane Ponkos, a Special Education Teacher at Willard for approximately 25 years was named 2018/2019 Teacher of the Year. All schools will be getting front vestibules over the summer. The new sign in procedure will begin tomorrow. All visitors will need to leave their license in the office when they sign in.

Mrs. Little is requesting the PTO to support end of the year 5th grade dedication books for exiting fifth grade families and books for summer reading. PTO has sent home books for summer reading in the past. Scholastic dollars have also been used for summer reading books. Approximately $1,500 for books dedicated to exiting families is being requested by Mrs. Little. Summer reading and money for exiting books was table for next month’s meeting, with the request that Mrs. Little attend the meeting talk to the PTO regarding her request.

Brain Pop is expiring in April. Teachers would like to renew. All grades use it and benefit from it. Renewal was approved.

Mrs. Sirois reported that Dance China will be coming this week. Thank you to the PTO for funding this multicultural performance for students. SBA testing will begin on April 24th and continue through May 18th for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Tests will be spread out with breaks in between. Classroom schedules will be going out to families. Grade 5 will be taking the Next Generation Standard Pilot as science standards change.

# Announcements

April 3rd – Bill’s Night

March 7th, 21st, 22nd, 28th – Early Release Days

March 19th to March 23rd – Book Fair (Evening Hours on March 22nd with Gift Card Basket Raffle)

March 24th – Craft/Vendor Fair

Next Meeting: April 2, 2018 @ 6:30

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo