MINUTES

Willard PTO

Date | time 11/3/2014 6:34 PM| Meeting called to order by Vickie Robertson

# In Attendance

Stacey DeNardo, Deb DeVivo, Jackie Dunn, Robin Evans, Missy Ferland, Min Fisher, Joe Forsyth, Cindy Goode, Heather Hummel, Maria Malone, Nicole Pappa, Rachel Rice, Vickie Robertson, Stephanie Gagnon, Jaymee Miller, Jess Brown, Melissa Urrunaga, Lucy Halkias, Floriana Uliasz

# Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the October meeting and approved.

# Old Business

Robin Evans and Lucy Halkias reported on Detective Bartolomeo’s internet and phone safety parental discussion went well at McGee PTO meeting. The presentation was highly recommended. He is scheduled to present after the December 1st meeting at 7:30pm.

Motion to vote on the budget change was made and seconded. The changes to the budget were passed.

# New Business

Treasure’s Report - $8,764.71 for deposit, $18,096.25 in checking, $38,876.24 in savings and $4,793.43 expenses, $56,972.49 total.

Jaymee Miller – Berlin Needs – Approximately 250 -285 families are receiving services through the town and will be receiving holiday food baskets for the holidays. Elementary schools are participating in a food drive. Stuffing mixes, baking mixes, cranberries, etc. are needed. A Christmas Gift Card Tree/Giving Tree is being explored for donations for older children - middle school/teenagers.

# Committee Updates

Membership - To date, a total of $2,138.00 has been collected. 44 staff and 117 families have become PTO members.

Reminder- Committee members need to be paid PTO members. Please be sure you pay your dues.

Cub Scouts – At the Pack October Halloween party donations for the Berlin Food Pantry were collected. There will be a Weeblos Campout on November 7th. A Pow Wow for leaders will be on November 8th. Mission Space will take place on November 15th.

Box Tops – A total of $684.30 was collected for September and October. There will be an email blast to announce the winner and details for the next collection. Special thanks to the Senior Center for donating almost $100 worth of boxtops and hundreds of Tyson labels. Campbell’s labels will be totaled and mailed by November 17th Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. to collect boxtops too.

Board of Ed. Update – 5th graders from Griswold presented at the last meeting. The high school project continues and is on track to be completed by 2016. Candidates on the election ballot will be elected since no one is running against them. Agenda and minutes of each meeting are on the Berlin Schools Webpage. The new website won 1st place for communication from the CT Association of Boards of Education.

Fundraising Update – The money machine will be at the school on Wednesday for students who sold 25 or more items. Principal for the day will take place on November 12th. Mixed Bags sale continues for on-line sales. A total

of $441.90 was earned from Target last year. Stay and Play was dropped. The Rockcats game will be on June 5th with 5th grade singing and concession stand.

Stop & Shop – The out-of-state number collection contest was successful.

Book Fair – Total sales $6, 981.96. All profits were taken in Scholastic dollars to support classroom libraries. A chairperson for the Book Fair is needed for spring.

5th Grade Committee – T-shirts are almost done. Yearbook committee is close to making a selection on companies. The Pasta Supper will be held on Thursday, March 26th at Berlin High School.

Trunk or Treat – Over 120 children participated despite the rain. 22 trunks were entered. Upbeat and Cub Scouts helped out with the event. Feedback was very positive.

Gift Cards –This will continue for the holidays since holiday time has been successful in the past. This is a great opportunity to do your holiday shopping and support the PTO. If you purchase Barnes & Noble and TGI Friday’s it will help twice when you shop and dine during the 5th Grade fundraising events.

# Principal’s Report

Administrators and staff have participated in professional development activities to support instructional programs and new curriculum. Students have attended various field trip activities approved to support curricular topics and enhance the overall learning experience.

Kyle Pinto and Matthew Fiske were recognized as Willard School’s Berlin Bravos.

Administration and staff would like to thank all Book Fair volunteers.

Thank you to Vickie Robertson and Maria Malone for recommending and arranging Dance China to come to Willard. Students in grades K – 5 enjoyed and benefitted from the culturally diverse performance that shared a perspective of lifestyle and differences.

# Announcements

4th Grade Election Day Bake Sale – The sale will take place on Tuesday, November 4th. 47 4th grade families have signed up to participate. The sale will be staffed until 6pm.

5th Grade Nature’s Classroom Fundraisers. There will be 4 nights to dine at TGI Friday’s on the Berlin Turnpike in Newington. 20% of sales will go to Willard School for the 5th Grade Trip to Nature’s Classroom. Nights to dine are Wednesday, November 12, 19 and 26 and Wednesday, December 3rd.

There will also be a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble on November 29th where a percentage of sales will be donated to the 5th grade class trip as well. Cheesecakes from Cheesecake Factory can be purchased for $40 to support the class trip.

# Next Meeting

Monday, December 1st at 6:30 in the Library Classroom. Detective Bartolomeo will begin his presentation at 7:30.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo