

# MINUTES

Willard PTO

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*Date | time* 11/2/2015 6:36 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Robertson

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## In Attendance

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Stacey DeNardo, Vickie Robertson, Jen DeGrandi, Joe Miller, Matt Correia, Natalie Hammond, Allie Dunn, Kristin Hemphill, Marie Geigle, Ruth Amaio, Melissa Urrunaga, Lucy Halkias, Min Fisher, Cyndi Goode, Stefanie Gagnon, Carrie Fowler, Nicole Pappa, Sherry Rice, Sara Braun

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## Approval of Minutes

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The minutes were reviewed from the October meeting and approved without changes.

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## New Business

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Treasure's Report: checking: \$13,965 savings: \$40,174

Staff Representatives: Second Grade – Ms. Dunn, Ms. Hemphill, Mrs. Geigle and Ms. Amaio shared information about the second grade field trips for this year and how they relate to the curriculum. Second grade teachers are very appreciative of the support they receive from the PTO that enables them to bring their classes on the trips with a minimal cost to parents.

Mrs. Vernon requested \$500 for Florance Griswold Program to return to Willard after April vacation for grades K through 5. The request was approved.

BrainPop will cost \$2,269 for entire school and possibly for students to use at home. January will be the budget vote to add whole school to the account.

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## Committee Updates

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Cub Scouts: Popcorn sales will be ending soon. Weeblos II will be camping overnight as a requirement for Court of Honor. Mission Space is on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Bottle and Can Drive will take place in the upper parking lot at Willard on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Pack 5 will be caroling at Margorie Moore on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Stop & Shop: 650 cards have been registered.

Price Chopper: 44 cards have been registered.

Box Tops: 9,900 Box Tops have been collected for a total of \$990. 712 Bonus tops were added for a grand total of \$1,061.20. December 18 is the next collection date.

Membership: 70 families plus 8 free memberships for a total of 78 families and 41 full time staff members and 2 part time staff members have joined the Willard PTO to date. \$1,510 has been collected to date including extra donations.

Fundraising: BOSCOV'S preview ticket sales totaled \$300.

Lyman Pies – 285 pies were sold for a profit of \$1,831.36. Pick up is on November 13<sup>th</sup>. No food will be going home with students.

Fall Fundraiser – Profit for Cristoline sales was \$4,455.17.

Read-a-Thon – Mrs. Little has requested to do the read-a-thon independently of the PTO this year. Her request was approved by administration. A question was asked about where the money would be going. The money will be used to support literacy at Willard School. The PTO will be exploring other fundraising opportunities so it can

continue to fund technology, subsidize field trips in order to continue to provide opportunities to students while keeping costs low for parents, school-wide enrichment programs, etc.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee – Class dues will be set and a letter will be sent home to parents as soon as the year end party details are finalized and approved. The party chairpersons are exploring options for the party including off-site locations.

Book Fair: Was moved to December to coincide with conferences. Set-up will take place on December 7. Sales will run December 8, 9, 10. December 11<sup>th</sup> will be catch-up and take down. Volunteers are needed for set-up, class sales and clean up. Information will be coming out next week.

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## Principal's Report

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Focus has been on goal setting meetings, goals for individual students. Representatives from Columbia University have been in classrooms working with students and teachers to support Readers' and Writers' Workshops. SBAC and CMT scores are in. System is waiting to do mass mailings so parents will be receiving scores shortly. Brian Bognigni will be presenting the new report cards after tonight's meeting. He is working with teachers and parents will receive a handbook explaining the new system.

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## Announcements

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November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bake Sale

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Lyman Pies & Cristoline pick up

November/December – Gift Card Sales

December 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair – December 9<sup>th</sup> Family Sales Night

December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Shop

January/February – Winter Carnival

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## Next Meeting

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January 4, 2016

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:36pm.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo