

# MINUTES

Willard PTO

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*Date | time* 10/5/2015 6:34 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Vickie Robertson

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## In Attendance

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Stacey DeNardo, Vickie Robertson, Joe Miller, Matt Correia, Natalie Hammond, Melissa Urrunaga, Lucy Halkias, Min Fisher, Cyndi Goode, Stefanie Gagnon, Amy Dempsey, Carrie Fowler, Nicole Pappa, Sherry Rice

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## Approval of Minutes

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The minutes were reviewed from the September meeting and approved.

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## New Business

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Treasure's Report: checking: \$10,997 savings: \$40,172

Staff Representatives: First Grade – Ms. Flom and Mrs. Guidone shared how they use BrainPop Jr. in their classrooms. It's a great way to jump start a lesson and to recap lessons. It includes interactive and loveable characters, covers a lot of the curriculum. They requested 2 subscriptions to share at \$160 each for a total of \$320. Motion was passed.

A question was posed to the principal in regards to the new library volunteer policy that no longer allows parents to volunteer during their child's scheduled library class.

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## Committee Updates

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Cub Scouts: Scouts are off to a busy and fun start. Berlin Fair booth went well. Upcoming events include Columbus Day hike at Gillette Castle State Park, Family camp out October 16-18, Scout Night at Marvel October 23, Haunted Woods October 24 and ongoing popcorn sales.

Stop & Shop: Started with 588 numbers and are up to 604. Eblast and paper went home today with contest details. Volunteers will be collecting numbers outside of the store on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 2.

Price Chopper: 44 cards have been signed up so far. 6,000 bonus points have been sent in for.

Box Tops: Sherry Rice took over for Cindy about a week ago. The prize structure is undecided. Other collections, like Capri Sun, muffin pouches, etc. are being looked into.

Membership: 66 families plus 8 free memberships for a total of 74 families and 39 full time staff members and 2 part time staff members have joined the Willard PTO to date. \$1,304 has been collected to date including extra donations.

Alternative to Fundraising: Has brought in \$1,903.

Trunk or Treat: Car registrations were sent home. Tickets will be \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Volunteers are trying to secure a food truck for the event. The event will include games, police, parade, etc. A flyer will be sent home with student this week.

Fundraising: BOSCOV'S did well still waiting from Boscov's for the final amount raised.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was 2 weeks ago and went well, good turn-out. List of members was given to Jen. In regards to the new food law, Tim said most things can work. 95% of what is going on now is ok in school under the new law. Yearbook committee is getting started with its first meeting next week. Binders and flash drives will be passed on to committees. T-shirts are underway. Students will have them in time to wear to the Sturbridge Village field trip.

Pasta Supper: The committee is working on putting a binder together and setting a date for the dinner.

Book Fair: Moved to December to be with conference. It will be held in the Library Classroom.

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## Principal's Report

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Mr. Corrreia and Mrs. Hammond have been around the school and everything is off to a good start. Everyone is doing a great job. Fifth Grade Committee is doing a great job. Thank you. Minutes from their meeting were received.

Brian Benigni will be at the November 2 PTO meeting from 7:30 to 8:30 to go over new report cards. A notice will be sent home to parents about the meeting. A new handbook will go along with the report cards. The new report cards will give a more accurate account of student performance.

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## Announcements

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September 1<sup>st</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup> Boscov's Ticket Sales

October 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Lyman Pies

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Boscov's Preview Event 10am to 9pm

October 8<sup>th</sup> – McGee Presentation – Ryan's Story 7pm to 8:30pm (about bullying, father of Ryan is speaking)

October 17<sup>th</sup> Truck or Treat 4:30pm to 6pm, set up 3:30pm

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

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## Next Meeting

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November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:35pm.

Respectfully,

Stacey DeNardo