

## January 9th 2017 PTO meeting minutes

In attendance: Katie Niemiec, Vickie Robertson, Stephanie Dimauro, Jen Degrandi, Sherry Rice, Joe Miller, Kristin Piraneo, Amy Fitzgerald, Erin Kelly, Jack Rudy

Welcome/ Call to Order 6:34 pm- Vickie Robertson

### Old Business

November Minutes: reviewed, no changes, corrections or additions noted

### New Business

**Staff Representative**-Reading specialist Kristin Piraneo. She explained that the reading specialist department will push in, or do small groups to support the literacy at Willard. Kristin explained who the 4 teachers are for the reading department. She was able to explain that the reading department is doing assessments and is doing some pilots with the Lexia reading program as enrichment and as an interventional program. Kristin asked on behalf of the reading department for books for the Rigby program. The books the reading program wants to purchase are kits for small group and high interest. The request covers grades 1 and 2. A motion was made and supported to purchase the requested materials.

**Amy Fitzgerald from the YMCA Berlin-New Britain- Meriden** discussed programming available to all residents and students. Before and after care in the elementary schools is going well. There are delayed opening and ½ day program options as well. There will be enrichment programs offered in the school, the first is starting tomorrow and it is intro to musical theater. There will be a STEM program offered @ Willard School in February. There are many programs and classes offered that are on the website and shared to the virtual backpack as well as their facebook page.

**Jack Rudy- Berlin Upbeat coordinator** has adult training leadership meetings scheduled. This year the session is February 3rd and 4th at the Sheraton in Rocky Hill. This year's presenters will be speaking on bullying and the heroid epidemic. For more information email [jrudy@berlinschools.org](mailto:jrudy@berlinschools.org). The link to the google form to register is embedded below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUTITsnDOo74so0mxtosk1FZykUH5ao4P7Kdl8N7gZ6FjBkA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

### Principal Update:

Dr Correia and Mrs. Hammond are at the BOE meeting giving Berlin Bravos and hearing the superintendent's budget proposal. Dr. Correia wrote an update that was presented. They thanked the PTO for the holiday shop, the band concert and the grade level purchases. Vickie Robertson read this update to the attendees.

Treasurer's report- Joe Miller

Joe presented the report for November and December. There was total income 22,715.02 and a total expense of 17,083.11 for the months.

Committee Updates:

**Cub Scouts:** Carrie Fowler, caroling for Seniors on 12/20, Scout night at Uconn was January 8th.. Wolfpack night is this Sunday and Pine Wood Derby is 2/11. Next pack meeting 1/30 @ Willard

**Box Tops-** Next collection ends February 3rd. Last collection brought in \$639.00.

**Holiday Shop-** Total net was over \$1500

**Book Fair-** Net profit was taken in books to send home with all the kids for summer reading

**Carnival vs. family fun night or both?** Need chairs for these events. Erin Kelly considering ideas. If anyone is interested in chairing please reach out to the PTO executive board or attend meetings.

Family fun night- ideas of bingo, movie night or magician were discussed

**Fundraising-**

Gift cards-profit of about \$270

Bee's game June 9th. 5th grade will sing and tickets will be \$5.

**Stop and Shop-**676 enrolled, over 2,000 this year. Price Chopper has over 60 enrolled. Final notice sent about signing up via email

**Spirit Wear-**End date for spirit wear will be January 20th

**Kidstuff Books-**Profit of \$1000

**5th Grade Committee:**

Pasta Supper- donations need to be in by the end of January. There will some really great raffles this year including Disney World tickets, Red Sox and Patriots signed memorabilia, dinner at Tuscany at Mohegan Sun, Simple Beautiful Skin Care is donating a facial, Golf round at Shuttle Meadow, CVS gift card.

**Upcoming Events:**

Pasta Supper- February 23rd

Bill's night-April 11th

Bee's game- June 9th

Next PTO Meeting February 7th 2017 @ 6:30

Meeting adjourned: 8:37