

PTO meeting March 6th 2017

In attendance: Natalie Hammond, Matt Correia, Joe Miller, Jen Degrandi, Vickie Robertson, Katie Niemiec, Erin Kelly, Barbara Szparkovski, Sherry Rice, Stephanie Dimauro, Christine Vale Da Serra, Amy Dempsey, Stefanie Gagnon, Tara Lamoureux

Call to order: Vickie Robertson 6:34

Old Business: February minutes were reviewed. Believe kids is a new fundraising company this year. Dates corrected for 2/13-2/28

New Business:

Staff Representative 2nd Grade- Marie Geigle and Ruth Amaio were in attendance and thanked the PTO for their new rugs and also the support of their field trips. The second grade request is for new books for their libraries. They are at the J, K, L level. They are looking at different collections and series that Columbia recommends as well as the ones the kids enjoy. Katie Woo and Mr. Putter and Tabby were examples. The teachers are also looking for money for teachers pay teachers. Total request was \$250 per teacher, \$200 for their libraries and \$50 each for teachers pay teachers. The total request was for \$1000. The PTO also has scholastic dollars to use before the end of the month and Vickie suggested that we use some scholastic dollars to supplement their libraries as well.

Upbeat- Jack Rudy attended and thanked any parent who attended the adult training this year. Next year hopefully will be bigger. If any topics that you would like addressed then please let Jack know. March 18th there will be an upbeat pancake breakfast at the VFW 8-11am. Tickets will be at the main office or you can pay the day of. This is a big fundraiser for upbeat. May 25th is the upbeat picnic this year at the fairgrounds. At the next meeting Jack will have more information about summer camp.

Principal Update: Dr. Correia commented on the pasta supper and how great all the kids and parents who supported it. The raffle prizes were fantastic and a big thank you for all supported. It was also great to see the staff at the event.

To support the 100th day of school, the school held a food drive. Dr. Correia had a school goal of 400 items and over 1000 items were actually collected. The social services department was very grateful.

The PTO supported a graduating senior and Willard alumni to receive a Willard scholarship to continue her education after high school. Dr. Correia thanked the PTO
The education budget was presented to the town council and the town council asked Dr. Erwin to essentially cut it in half. Specifics will be forthcoming with the new budget. The next town meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday, March 28th at Berlin High School to discuss the budget for the next year.

At the next PTO meeting on April 3rd Asst. Superintendant Brian Benigni will be able to attend and answer any curriculum questions for grades K-5

Treasurer's report: Joe Miller presented the awesome treasurer report!!!!!!

Brain pop subscription will be renewed in April. The price was raised and will need to be rebudgeted. A motion was passed to raise the line item fund.

Staff appreciation week first week of May. Volunteers are needed to spear head the events. Erin Kelly will help with the week. Tara will help with staff appreciation as well. Bakers, and clean and set up help will be needed.

K orientation: April 5th at 5:45, K welcome night is May 9th from 4-7 and 11th 4-6:30. A sign up genius will go out for baking support for these events.

Vickie made a suggestion about a parent program about cyber bullying and other internet content that children are subjected to. We are hoping to have a district program in late April or May for parents to give information about the dangers of the internet.

Committee Updates:

Cub Scout updates: 3/18 is the blue and gold ceremony. The cub scouts will move forward to boy scouts. 3/25 is a bottle drive @ Willard 10-1.

Box Tops: Marie Geigle's room won the second collection of the year with 690 box tops. We should get over \$500 to the PTO for box tops. Next collection goes until 5/3.

5th grade committee and Pasta Supper: The kids were very helpful and respectful and it was a terrific evening. A great time was had by all. There were 2 prizes left unclaimed from pasta supper and one was donated to Upbeat for their picnic and the other one will be raffled off book fair evening.

Yearbook is ongoing and a reminder to send in baby pictures and upload pictures to the shared drives. Meeting soon to discuss end of year party onsite.

Book fair: next week, a sign up genius went out for volunteers. Evening hours on Thursday the 16th with conferences.

Spring fundraiser: Monday or Friday pick up before Easter. Collection has finished.

Bill's night: April 11th

Kiddie Carnival: April 28th has been approved for carnival. Volunteers will be needed for prize table and food tables, bounce houses. Games will be run by Upbeat. Giant pixie stick station will be an upcharge.

New Britain Bees: beginning of May for invite for the Bees. The date is June 9th and the 5th graders will be singing the national anthem.

Price Chopper and Stop and Shop- \$5829.62 ends 3/16 and check will come in July. Price Chopper 11797 points which ends 3/25 and then redemption period is in April. Post its, sharpies, expo markers or art supplies.

Spirit wear: Should be in any day.

Jen Degrandi will be sending out nomination forms for next year's officers. Please spread the word and encourage people to run.

Next PTO meeting April 3rd

Adjourned 7:50p