

# OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES

## Whiteside PTC Meeting

October 21, 2024

6:05 pm: Meeting called to order by Sarah Odens

### In Attendance

**Board:** Sarah Odens-Pres., Jami Houston -VP, Kimberlee Hicks -Treas., Kristin Runyan -Sec.

**Admin/Faculty:** Kim Bossler, Monica Laurent, Cathy Lippert

**Parents:** Lynette Mack-Green, Whitney Taylor, Christine Michelle Endsley, Alike Taylor, Megan Trippi

**Zoom:** Allison Lohman

### Minutes

September 2024 minutes presented. Motion to approve Christine Mitchell-Endsley, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cathy Lippert

### Treasurer's Report

September 2024 presented. Format for the Report has changed. The idea is to group it based on type of event. It should show the expenses beginning July through end of September Month. Motion to approve the treasures' report by Jami Houston. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Lippert. Motion carries

### Administration Report

Superintendent Mark Heuring –

- Not in attendance and no report given.

Principal Monica Laurent, Middle School

- Character Coaches have been busy with different service projects. Preparing for red ribbon and
- Several students qualified for IMEA musical
- Art Club has been going strong and had a local artist/parent come speak to the students. Ms. McGehee is hosting an Art Club Study Hall after school
- Thank you to the PTC for supporting the color run. This year was better than last year. Better course and had a lot of families. There is still enough color to host another color run next year.
  - Mrs. Laurent likes to have at least one event every Friday due to the research that shows that bullying is less
- Thank you for the Donuts for Grownups. We love that the students are able to all have donuts

- even though their parents may not be able to attend.
- Our Math team competed this weekend. We had two students get honorable mentions from the 7th grade team. The students did really well.
- Garden Club will be cleaning up the garden soon
- Thank you for paying, in part, for the bus to send students to the Goosebumps play at Belleville East. Our students were so well behaved and we got many compliments. It was great to see our former student both in the cast and crew as well as the audience
- We celebrated Unity Day on the 16th and PTC supported it by funding cards with special notes for students.
- PTC funds also supported the 5th Grade good news party.

#### Assistant Principal Kim Bossler, Elementary School –

- Report Cards went home Friday, 10/18
- Parent/Teacher conferences Tuesday/Thursday and both early release days. An incorrect all call went out and will be corrected
- 3 B's Bash happened at the end of the quarter for 3rd and 4th grade students. The school percentage was 86% attendance at the good news party
- Lost and Found items are all out at the MPR in hopes that parents will find them at conferences. We love it when students have names on their items so we can get them to parents sooner
- Red Ribbon Week will start this Wednesday, 10/23 through 31st. Ending on 31st with a hat day raising funds for Hurricane Relief.
- Veterans Parade and Glee Club performance on November 8th
- PJ themed Skate night scheduled to raise funds for character ed. Nov. 13 5-7 at skate city

#### ES Teacher Liaison - None in Place.

#### MS Michelle Burton

- Pink Out Day - Wed. Oct. 23
- Red Ribbon Week
- Fall Fest is on the 30th

### **Old Business**

- ES Teacher Liaison Was discussed at the Elementary team meetings. Concerns that they have to attend every event. Still looking for someone to fill the role

### **Event Reports**

#### PAST EVENTS

- **Donuts for Grown Ups** -Slight amendment to open it up to not just kiddos with parents, but keeping it specific to the grade level that the day is celebrating. It went really well and we look forward to doing it next year again.

- **ES Family Campout** - First year with rain. One easy up was mangled due to the wind and will need to be replaced. Only a handful of families left during/after the rain. Registration was slow going, but we ended up having more families sign up than years previous.
- **ES Book Fair** - Over \$5700 in scholastic dollars. We ordered more than normal so that we had more selection for the Thursday/Friday library students. May fair is May 12-16th
  - Middle School is going to have a scholastic one in the spring as well. Dates TBD. PTC is hoping to assist Mrs. Conway
- **Spaghetti Dinner** - Overall we were within \$60 within the profit from last year. Just under 500 tickets sold. Mrs. Lindley's class won the soda party. We sent leftover soda to the MS and will be used for the conferences tomorrow.
- **Trunk or Treat** - Pictures looked good. No one there to report on it. Question about the restrooms being restricted to the MPR. Mrs. Bossler suggested that it was probably a safety thing, but if possible in future years, maybe we can have someone at the bottom to open up another restroom. It was discussed that some schools do hire off-duty police officers for after school events. We will also have to see what the future is as far as new build/construction. It was a packed event. Many trunks ran out of candy towards the end. Touch a truck in place of the pumpkin drop was well received.
- **Class Party Rewards** - Many of them have had pizza, popsicles, ice cream and more

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch** - PTC will provide lunch for MS and ES on Tuesday, October 22. We have Joe's Pizza and Pasta showing up at both schools. Many items have increased in cost \$5-15 per tray. We typically order 8 salads and 9 trays of food, however, Abby Thompson at Fairview Heights Joes is honoring the old price from last year. It will be ready for the teachers at 3pm. Joes is constantly adding onto fundraisers, so we appreciate all of their support.
- **MS Fall Fest** - Pretty much the same as last year. We sent out a Parent Volunteer Request to help with the food. Still working on a way to get pumpkins like last year. So far all students who wanted to attend have been taken off the waitlist.
- **Fall Parties (ES)**. Kimberlee is heading it up. Lacey did a great job keeping track of what activities she has done each year. Running into supply chain issues, but final craft items should be here Wednesday. Snacks should be getting figured out taking into consideration allergies. Megan wants to be more of a volunteer than chair. Kimberlee is looking for one or two more parents to help with the pre-party preparation.
- **Gingerbread Night**. Christine Endlsey, Amy Jung, and Nicole Sexton have volunteered to lead. Confirming with Mrs. Keys about Glee Club. Brief explanation of the event was given. We may need a backup Santa
- **Winter Class Parties in December** - Will start working on this already

#### New Business

- **Logo Update** -Motion to adopt the new logo by Jami Houston. 2nd by Megan Trippi. Motion Carried



- **Weekend Warrior Donation** - The need for Weekend Warrior Need is going up. The middle school currently has 18 unhoused students, which is the largest. Discussion about the history of how the Weekend Warriors became a group. At the beginning, they had a lot of funds coming in,

but now the amount of funds isn't currently meeting the amount of needs. A motion was made by Kristin Runyan to donate \$500 of the PTC funds to the Weekend Warrior Program. 2nd by Sarah Odens. Discussion after the motion. We did collect at Spaghetti Dinner. We discussed a variety of ways that Weekend Warrior can have different grants to have more consistent funds.

- **Move Spaghetti Dinner Middle School** - Concerns about the teacher chairs. Making sure that the kitchen would work. It would be a big tradition change. One solution could be to have a bigger time gap between the glee club and band. The construction should not affect anything. This is tabled until November.
- Chirstine Mitchelle Endsley Moved to Adjourn, 2nd Cathy Lippert. Motion carried.

## Next Meeting

November 18, 2024 | 6:00pm | MS Library and Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristin Runyan

Approved November 18, 2024