

Winnebago PTO Meeting Minutes –October 11, 2016

Lindsay Ludwig - Co-President, Jamie Dimke – Co-President, Treasurer – Nichole Whitehead,
Secretary – Michelle Dykstra, Teacher Chairperson – Rhonda Waggoner

Meeting Called to order at: 6:02

Secretary's report: September minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Frank Mander and seconded by Traci Ricks

Treasurer's report: As of Oct. 11, the cash balance is \$57,351.02

Principal's Reports:

Mr. Mander-

Targeted Intervention

We will be starting targeted intervention services for students the week of October 10 in the areas of Reading and Math.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We held parent-teacher conferences October 5-6. We had 97% of parents attending a Conference.

School Improvement Day – October 5 & 7

Teachers and administration worked on creating assessments and aligning 1st trimester objectives. Teachers worked in grade level teams to design assessments that were aligned to our new proficiency scale. Most of the curriculum related discussion focused on Eureka Math alignment and English Language Arts program of Foundations. Special education teachers attended training from the district's lawyer regarding IEP development.

Early Childhood Screening – November 2

We held one fall preschool screening on Wednesday, October 5 with five appointments.

We will hold another screening on November 2. Screening appointments will be from 8:00am-11:30am.

Health Related News

Starting October 17, if a child has not completed their required health exam and immunization record, they will be withheld from attending until this is completed. This applies to students who started on the first day of school.

Erin's Law

In January 2013, Former Governor Pat Quinn signed into law a new mandate that child sex - abuse education be taught in Illinois schools. With the assistance of The Carrie Lynn Center for Children and district social workers, students as young as preschoolers will receive age - appropriate sex abuse education. This will include both classroom and grade - level presentations. These presentations will occur in late winter/early spring 2017.

Field Trips

Kindergarten will have field trips upcoming to Severson Dells on October 25-26

Life Safety Visit – October 26

We will have our annual life safety visit on Wednesday, October 26 by the Regional office. I will be checking classrooms this week to prepare for visit.

Mr. Monohan-

Student of the Week

Our first Student of the Week announcement took place on Friday, September 30. Be sure to check out the bulletin board near the front entrance.

Spelling Bee

We are officially registered for this year's regional spelling bee. Once again, thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the yearly registration fee so we can proudly send a fifth grade student to the regional bee held in March.

Fire Prevention Week

McNair held our second fire drill of the year on Wednesday, October 5, with the Winn-Bur-Sew fire department in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. They shared some helpful evacuation tips with us as a building and a team of firefighters visited each classroom for about 15 minutes. They even joined students for lunch and recess that day, which was enjoyed by the students and appreciated by staff.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thanks to everyone who attended parent teacher conferences last week and to all the parents who donated food and treats for staff. Everything was delicious and much appreciated.

Picture Retake Day

McNair's Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26.

McNair End of the Year Awards

As mentioned at last month's PTO meeting, McNair and the middle school were in the process of beginning discussions regarding making some changes to our end of the year awards ceremonies. Fourth and fifth grade students, as well as middle school students, will be recognized with quarterly honor roll and high honor roll recognition. In addition, fifth graders who are eligible for the Presidential Academic Awards will still be recognized at the end of the year. Since third graders are adjusting to letter grades for the first time, there will be no honor roll recognition for them, but various recognitions will take place at the classroom level throughout the year. This information will be also be shared with all parents in the

November and January monthly newsletters.

DARE

DARE lessons will begin in late February, with graduation already set for Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30pm in the WHS Cafetorium. Officer Tim McGinniss will serve as our DARE instructor once again.

News from the Nurse

Nurse Stephanie will once again be discussing health and safety tips with students during their library time once a month with her McNair Students Feel Good program.

Nurse Beth will begin Vision and Hearing Screening in the coming weeks, as well. Parents will be notified if there is a concern regarding your child's vision or hearing.

News from the Music Department

Fifth graders have now either joined band or chorus, with the first choral concert to take place in December and the first band concert to take place in February.

Ms. Volkert will host her first McNair Music Movie Night this Thursday, October 13, from 6-7pm in the music room for 4th and 5th grade students. They will be watching, "Beethoven Lives Upstairs".

Targeted Intervention Update

Initial STAR Reading and Math test results are being shared with parents this month during conferences and/or with report cards. Mrs. Reesor, our interventionist, and her staff are working with students needing Tier 2 and 3 interventions and monitoring their progress. Meetings with teachers will be held in early November to discuss results and whether any intervention or instructional changes need to be made.

Monetary Requests:

None at this time

Fundraiser Reports:

Box Tops: Due at the end of the month

Spirit Wear due Oct. 14th / Delivered Oct 31st

Fall Fundraiser: Oct 26th 1:00 Delivery / 3-6pm pick up. Dec. 16th assembly, pig race for 50% or greater participation

Pies: Due Oct 14th / Delivered week before Thanksgiving, date TBD

Committee Reports:

Yearbooks are for sale online

Old Business:

Children's bazaar: December 3rd 8am-12

Several Committee chair positions remain open. See Inga Danko if you are interested in helping or for more information.

New Business:

School directory digital options:

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- Dropbox \$8.25/month
 - Zip file – Free
 - Mediafire Link-no password
 - Make them available upon request
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New ideas or suggestions

Bago for the Future: Vote Nov 8th

Roller skating: Feb 25th 4:30-6:30

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:51

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dykstra