

Winnebago PTO Meeting Minutes –January 10, 2017

Lindsay Ludwig - Co-President, Jamie Dimke – Co-President, Treasurer – Nichole Whitehead,

Secretary – Michelle Dykstra, Teacher Chairperson – Rhonda Waggoner

Meeting Called to order at:

Secretary's report: November minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Frank Mander and seconded by Jacqui McWilliams.

December minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jessica Barr and seconded by Rhonda Waggoner.

Treasurer's report: As of Jan 10, 2017, the cash balance is \$39,394.60

Principal's Reports:

Mr. Mander-

At-Risk Student Update: Starting in December, we will be starting Tier II behavior interventions for students identified with 3 or more referrals from the previous month. Miss Spickler will be providing the intervention for these students.

These students will receive targeted behavior interventions that will focus on behaviors that were documented from the previous month. Miss Spickler and I sent home a parent letter to notify parents that their child will be receiving TIER II intervention.

At the end of 4 weeks, a progress update will be sent home to parents and Miss Spickler and I will review the next month's SWIS data for continuing with students, adding students, or dropping students

Lost and Found: Please put names on all coats, sweaters, hats, boots, etc., so items found can be quickly and easily returned to their owners. Students who find lost articles are asked to bring them to the lost and found areas at Simon. Students who have lost articles may check the lost and found on the lower level bulletin board next to nurse's office before and after school, or at other times with teacher permission. Any articles not claimed at the end of the school year will be given to a charitable organization.

Preschool Screening – Winter 2017: Winnebago CUSD #323 will conduct preschool screenings for the 2016-17 school year on Wednesday, February 1. These children may be eligible to attend the Winnebago School District Preschool for the 2016-17 school year. 2017-2018 preschool screenings will be held on March 1-2, 2017

Parent Drop Off in the Morning - Car Riders

Parents please keep to these 3 items for your child's safety while dropping off in the morning.

1. Keep a single line of traffic when dropping your child off in the morning.

2. Have your child exit the car on the passenger side of the vehicle.
3. If you need to assist your child to exit out of the vehicle, please park and walk your child up to the building entrance.

We want to maintain a safe environment in the morning.

REMINDER: School starts at 8:05, the west door locks. If you're running late from 8:05 on, please come to the office and sign your child in. Thank you.

A Note From the Nurse

Recommendations to Parents Regarding Your Ill Child:

Children should stay home if any of the following are present:

- Fever of 100 degrees
- Upset stomach
- Skin rashes or sores, any lesion on the skin that is draining
- Excessive coughing
- Sore throat
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Flushed face
- Contagious illness, such as strep throat or chicken pox

****Please keep your child home for 24 hours after symptoms (including fever) are gone. If your child's temperature can be kept under 100 degrees only by giving him/her acetaminophen or ibuprofen, your child should stay at home.** Please report all communicable diseases to the school nurse or the school office. These include: strep throat, chicken pox, scarlet fever, pink eye, mononucleosis, fifth disease, mumps, measles, head lice, etc.

Erin's Law Presentations – Spring 2017

In January 2013, Former Governor Pat Quinn signed into law a new mandate that child sex - abuse education be taught in Illinois schools. We are in the process of working out training with our district social workers to lead this. Parents will be informed regarding this presentation prior to the actual discussion with students.

Kids Club Information

If you need a 2016 Childcare Tax form from Kids Club, please contact Erin Freeman through email, freemane@winnebagoschools.org, phone, 815-335-2318, or sign-up for the information at Kids Club sign-out. Forms will be available by January 31, 2017.

Toys and Electronics at School

With children receiving many new toys and gifts over the holiday season, it is important to keep toys and electronics at home. If children are bringing items for show-n-tell or for special activities that classroom teachers have planned, the items should be kept in book bags or sacks until it is time to show them or use them in class. Items brought which are considered inappropriate ones for showing at school, or which are used in inappropriate ways, or which cause disruption in the classroom, on the bus, or on the playground will be confiscated by the

teacher or principal and will be returned only to parents who come to the office to reclaim them. In some cases, the child will be required to call his/her parents to let them know that the item was taken away or disciplinary actions will be taken.

2017-2018 Countdown to Kindergarten

Will you have a child that turns five years old on or before September 1, 2017? If the answer is yes, then they will be able to attend kindergarten starting next school year. Kindergarten Pre-enrollment can be done online starting Wednesday, February 1.

Mr. Monohan-

Upcoming Dates and Information

- The iBelong program has started at McNair and will run Tuesdays and Thursdays through early March. This program focuses on the fact that all people with disabilities are no different than anyone else.
- The second quarter grading period will end on Friday, January 13, and report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 20.
- There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 16, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
- There will be early dismissal on Wednesday, February 1, for a School Improvement afternoon.
- Thursday, February 9, 5th grade Band Concert, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium
- Monday, February 13, 3rd grade Choral Concert, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium

Our PBIS committee still has some calendars left that we've been selling to raise funds for our PBIS program. The calendars are \$12.00 and each month highlights a classroom. If interested, please stop in the McNair Office.

Targeted Intervention Update

All students took the STAR Reading and Math tests before winter break. Mrs. Reesor, interventionist, and myself will be meeting with classroom teachers in the next couple of weeks to review results and determine future interventions and frequencies for students needing additional support.

Extreme Team Performance

A huge thank you to the PTO and our fundraising representative, Connie Doty, for bringing the Extreme Team to McNair on Friday, December 16. Students and staff alike have raved about the assembly and Miss Miller, our PE teacher, has put together a short video that she'd like to share now for those who weren't able to see the assembly at Simon or McNair. She'll also explain some of the changes taking place with Simon and McNair Field Days beginning this year.

Monetary Request:

Miss Miller asked for PTO's assistance in funding the Field Day taking place in May at McNair including both McNair and Simon students (with the exception of 5th grade as they will be on a field trip that day). Details and amount requested to follow. The PTO expressed our support in helping fund the event.

There was also a request for \$1/student for 3rd-5th grades for skating.

Fundraiser Reports:

The chocolate fundraiser will be Jan 30th-Feb 17th.

Committee Reports:

YMCA night will be Jan 22nd, flyer will be going home this week.

There will be no Family Fun Night as no one has volunteered for the open chair position.

Skate Night will be held on Feb 25th 4:30-6:30. Cost will be \$3.50/skater with PTO earning \$.25/skater, going up to \$.50/skater with 80+skaters!

Old Business:

Open committee chair positions remain for: Yearbook Co-chair, Fall Fundraiser Co-chair Art Show Chair and Co-chair with Angela Schoeneweiss willing to help

New Business:

We are considering an amendment to the PTO bylaws concerning reimbursement of purchases as follows:

Items being purchased for a PTO event must be approved prior to purchase. Once approved, the buyer must provide a copy of the receipt in order to receive reimbursement. Checks cannot be made out for reimbursement prior to receiving a formal receipt. The PTO Treasurer is unable to distribute blank checks or allow use of the PTO debit card for purchases.

The amendment committee will be meeting at 5:30 before the PTO meeting on Feb 14th.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dykstra
