

WINNEBAGO PTO MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 1ST, 2014

Sherri Ginger, President Cari Gettle, Vice President Bonnie Bloomquist, Treasurer
Teacher Chairpersons, Kathi Engelkes and Pam Shaver Angela Schoeneweiss, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:03

Secretary's Report: November 2014 minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Alicia Glaser and seconded by Kathy Engelkes.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 1st, 2014, the cash balance is 43,404.95.

Principal's Reports: Mr. Mander- At-Risk Student Update: We will do our winter (midpoint) assessments using STAR Reading/Math in January 2015. We will also start ACCESS testing for students whose primary language is not English.

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parent-teacher conferences - november 5-6

Parent Teacher Conferences

We had 95% of all parents attend conference in November.

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 under the Simon Superhero bulletin board 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.

Elementary Students Attending District Sporting Events

Now that another sport season is underway, many of you will be attending games to show your support. While we hope you will attend the events to support our schools, it also is imperative that any student fifth grade and younger is accompanied by an adult.

It is necessary that students fifth grade and younger be supervised. If a student that is fifth grade or younger is at a game without adult supervision, they will be asked to call home and be picked up. All students attending athletic events at our high school or an away school must follow school rules at all times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this issue, it simply ensures the safety and protection of your child.

Music Notes

The Second Grade Music Program will be on Monday, December 8 at the Simon Gym.

- 6:00pm performance includes these classes: Mrs. Benning & Mrs. Bartscher
- 7:00pm performance includes this classes: Mrs. Waggoner, Mrs. Cowman, Mrs. Canales

Parents - please keep your child with you while waiting for the program to begin. Children will not be allowed to run about the gym or hallways prior to the program. Classes will be called forward after our Music teacher, Ms. Volkert gives the welcome at 6:00and 7:00pm.

Early Release Date

We are scheduled to have an early release date in the near future. The K-2 early release date are listed below and Simon school times for all early release dates are 8:05-12:40.

- **Friday, December 19**

Early Childhood Screening – January 16

Winnebago CUSD #323 will conduct the final preschool screening for the 2014-15 school year on Friday, January 16. These children may be eligible to attend the Winnebago School District Preschool for the 2014-15 school year. The preschool screening is to determine eligibility for our preschool program and for you to have a better understanding of your child's strengths and areas for improvement. We encourage everyone with preschool aged children (ages 3-5) to participate in screening regardless of your interest in the preschool program.

Screening appointments take approximately one hour. Children have to be 3 years old at the time of the screening on/or before January 16, 2014. The screenings will be held at Dorothy Simon Elementary 309 S. Benton St. Winnebago, IL 61088. Please call Simon Elementary at 815.335.2318 to make an appointment.

Mr. Monohan- **Hearing and Vision Screening**

Beth DeRango, one of our school nurses, has been conducting vision and hearing screenings over the past few weeks and will be in touch with parents if there are any concerns that need to be followed-up on.

Severson Dells Presentations

Great news! Every year, Severson Dells brings presentations to each grade level at McNair and these are funded by the PTO. This year, Severson Dells has received a grant that will cover the cost of these presentations, so there will be no charge to the PTO. We have scheduled the following programs at McNair:

Grade 3: Owl Moon, Friday, January 30

Grade 4: Life is a Competition: Adaptations to Win, Friday, January 16

Grade 5: Bats: Fly by Night, Friday, January 23

UPCOMING DATES

5th Grade Chorus Members will be singing the National Anthem at the Rockford Ice Hogs game on Saturday, December 5, at 7:05pm at the BMO Harris Bank Center. They are also collecting stuffed animals to donate to needy children as it is the Ice Hogs "Teddy Bear Night".

4th and 5th Grade Choral Concert, Monday, December 15, at 6:30pm in the WHS Cafetorium

Winter Holiday Classroom Parties, Thursday, December 18, 2:10pm

Early Dismissal for Winter Break, Friday, December 19, 1:00pm. School resumes on Monday, January 5.

DARE

Graduation was held on the evening of Monday, November 24 with Sean Considine, of the 2013 Baltimore Ravens Super Bowl Champions, as our guest speaker. Once again, thanks to the PTO and the Lions Club for providing the financial means to hold this program, as well as Sullivan's for the price cut in refreshments. Thanks, also, to Cari Gettle and Sherri Ginger and their daughters, for helping serve refreshments and clean-up after the ceremony.

STAR Enterprise

Mid-year universal screening of all students in Reading and Math will take place between January 7 and January 16. Teachers will then meet to review data and adjust instruction as needed.

Volunteer Thank You

The staff at Simon and McNair would like to thank our PTO volunteers (officers, chairs, and workers) with a "pizza buffet" meal from Anna's at the January PTO meeting on January 12. Please help get the word out to those not here this evening that have helped, are helping, or will be helping out on PTO committees during this school year. Please contact Mr. Mander or myself if you'll be able to attend the January 12 meeting so we can make sure we have plenty of food available. Again, this is our thank you for all you do to help our schools.

Monetary Requests: None at this time.

Fundraiser Reports: Market Day: Gail Starkey and Kristi Provi-Sold 514 pies. We did \$3,500 in profits. Also donated to the adopt the program.

Spirit Wear: Heather Rundall- Orders due back December 10th. We will do another order. First round profits \$5,600.00.

Committee Reports: Student Directories: Deanne Gustafson- still going on sale.

Children Bazaar: Inga Danko- Still in need of volunteers.

Coke Rewards: Alicia Glaser and Abbey Peterson- it's an ongoing process.

Family Fun Night: Alicia Glaser and Keri Hopkins- March 13th from 6-8 at Mc Nair. The DJ is \$395.00 for first hour, and he is donating his time for the 2nd hour.

YMCA: Abbey Peterson and Tracy Ricks- January 24th tentative date. Also, looking into a discount.

Old Business: Chair People needed:

PTO President (2year term)

PTO Vice-President (1 or 2 year term)

Basket Raffle Co-Chair

Box Tops- Co-Chair

Fall Fundraiser- Co-Chair

Thank You Note Artwork: Cari Gettle- voted on thank you cards.

New Business: Wizard's Fundraiser: Scott Burden- was not present for a follow up.

Spirit Wear Giveaway Drawing: Winners-Tracey Ricks and Kristi Provi for the parents and Pam Shaver and Kathy Engelkes for the teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss