

Winnebago PTO February Meeting Minutes

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 6:04

Secretary's Report: January 2015 minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Frank Mander and seconded by Tracy Ricks.

Treasurer's Report: As of February 9, 2015, the cash balance is 39,932.76.

Principal's Report: Mr. Mander - At-Risk Student Update: On January 29, we held half day grade level data meetings to review the Winter STAR testing and target areas of strength for students and plans to address areas that need improvement in Literacy and Math. Mrs. Katie Dombeck, who has been our social worker for the past 8 years, took another position in the Rockford School District. Mrs. Laura Zaremski will be taking her place for the remainder of the year

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parent-teacher conferences - november 5-6

February Calendar

For February being a short month, there is a lot going on at Simon Elementary. With Valentine's Day, STEM night, Mini Cheer, Severson Dells Assemblies, and Parent-Teacher Conferences it is a busy month!

Severson Dells Assemblies

2nd Grade - February 5 (Bats)

1st Grade - February 12 (Owls)

Kindergarten - February 24 (Salamanders)

EC/PreK - February 26 (Unhuggables)

Mini-Cheer Camp

February 9-11; Performance on Friday, February 13

Valentine Parties – February 13

PM Session of Early Childhood/PreK – Grade 2

2:00pm

AM Session of Early Childhood/PreK 10:00

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Night

Monday, February 16 5:30-7:00pm

Preplanning for the 2015-16 School Year

We will soon begin the process of pre-planning for the 2015-16 school year. I will be meeting with each grade level (Early Childhood/PreK –Grade 2) K-2nd grade to plan areas for curriculum improvements and alignment, student assessments, grade level testing (STAR and Reading Levels), and planning class lists for next year's classes.

Kindergarten Enrollment

2015-16 kindergarten enrollment started on February 2. Parents can call Simon Elementary and provide their child's information or complete an online pre-enrollment form. We have 7 students pre-enrolled and 17 more counting children who are currently within our early childhood/PreK program who will be in our kindergarten class next year.

2015-16 Preschool Screenings

Winnebago CUSD #323 will conduct preschool screenings for the 2015-16 school year on Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12. These children may be eligible to attend the Winnebago School District Preschool for the 2015-16 school year. Children have to be 3 years

old at the time of the screening on either March 11 or March 12. We do hold another screening in July for 2015-16 school year.

3rd Annual STEM Night – We will have our 3rd annual Simon STEM night on Monday, February 16. This is led by one of our teachers, Mrs. Waggoner who assisted in organizing and facilitating the planning. We have Winnovation working with the kids with small level robots and simple electrically circuits. We have 11 staff members volunteer their time and expertise for this night.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, February 26 4:00-7:30pm

Teachers will contact parents that they would like to have conferences with regarding your child's academic performance and/or behavior.

The Green Lantern is Coming to the Cafeteria!

We will begin implementing Simon Super Hero expectations in the Cafeteria on Monday, February 9. We have a video to show student how to model the expectations in the cafeteria.

Each class will have a set of 3 cups at the end of their table - green, yellow and red.

- Students are not to touch the cups, only the adults in the cafeteria.
- Everyone begins on green and moves to yellow or red if they are too noisy or not following the rules.
- They can move back and forth between cups throughout lunch time.
- If they get to red, they have to be silent.
- If they end on green and line up nicely, they earn a sticker for their chart.
- 10 stickers earns them 10 extra minutes of Recess

Mr. Monohan- Third quarter midterm ended Friday, February 6, and midterm reports will be sent home on Friday, February 13.

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 27, due to fall/winter parent teacher conferences taking place on days of student attendance.

Carrie Lynn Center in Rockford will be visiting 4th graders on Tuesday, February 10, to share age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention as part of the state mandated Erin's Law.

Classroom Valentine Parties will be held on Friday, February 13, beginning at 2:10pm.

3rd Grade Choral Concert will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30pm in the Winnebago High School Cafetorium.

5th Grade Band Concert will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 6:30pm, in the Winnebago High School Cafetorium.

5th grade Spelling Bee will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 2:10pm. Representatives from each classroom

will be chosen to participate in this event through individual classroom spelling bees. The winner of the grade level competition will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on Wednesday, March 25, at 6pm, at Harlem High School.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 26, from 4-7:30pm. Due to the limited time frame, teachers will be contacting parents if a conference is needed. In addition, if parents feel a conference is needed, they may contact the teacher.

Kids Club 2015-2016 Registration Night will be Thursday, March 12 from 4pm-5:30pm at the Simon cafeteria. Those who register that afternoon will receive \$10 off their registration fee.

5 Essentials Survey Window has opened. Educators and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey: Organizing Schools for Improvement. This survey was designed to provide a detailed portrait of the inner workings of a school from an organizational perspective.

This unique opportunity will allow teachers and parents in grades K-12 and students in grades 6-12 to provide feedback on the critical elements of school effectiveness. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois School Board of Education. The 2014-2015 Illinois 5Essentials survey window is January 12 – March 13. We encourage parents to complete the parent survey at <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois-pilot/>.

3rd- 5th graders will begin roller skating in PE classes on Monday, March 2 and skate through Friday, March 13.

3rd-5th graders will begin taking the PARCC test (formerly known as the ISAT tests) on Monday, March 2. Because this testing is computer-based and every class will be taking a Reading and a Math test, testing will take place every day and extend beyond Spring Break. More information will be sent to parents when the date gets closer.

STAR Enterprise/Title One Support

Teaching teams and I met two weeks ago with our STAR Testing support person to review January testing data and review September to January growth. In addition, teachers have identified skill areas that will be targeted between now and May and are adjusting instruction to meet these targets.

Monetary Requests: None at this time.

Fundraiser Reports: Kristi Provi and Gail Starkey- Pie orders are due February 23rd and will be delivered March 4th.

Box Tops: Ginnie Cunningham- Need to send a note out to collect them.

Gold Canyon Candles: Angie Bucey and Michelle Cunningham- Fundraiser went out to McNair and going out to Simon.

Committee Reports: YMCA Night: Abbey Peterson and Tracy Ricks- A great turnout. Thank you for coming out.

Family fun Night: Sherri Ginger- It is set for March 13th from 6-8.

Basket Raffle: Cari Gettle- Going to get license.

Yearbook: Jamie Dimke and Abigail Gleason- Have received some pictures. In need of some volunteers. Flyer went out to order yearbook. Yearbook will be submitted on March 28th.

Old Business: Wish List: Gail Starkey and Tracey Ricks- Still taking Wish List items.

PTO President (2 year term) Please consider helping

PTO Vice President (1 year term)

Basket Raffle Co-Chair

Box Tops Co-Chair

Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair

Teacher Co-Chair

Thank You Notes: Cari Gettle- Thank you notes are printed.

New Business and Ideas: Market Day Fall Fundraiser Presentation

PTO registration packet needs some revision.

Carrie Lynn Center presentation at next PTO meeting on what they discuss to the students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13.

Respectfully, submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss