

## Winnebago PTO Minutes, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
- ❖ Secretary's Report: March 2015 minutes were reviewed. One change made: Basket Raffle date changed from May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Tracy Ricks and seconded by Kristy Provi.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 report reviewed. Cash balance is 43,550.46.

Principal's Report – Mr. Mander: At-Risk Student Update: We currently have 5 possible retentions (6 kindergarten) for this school year. Our student at-risk team and classroom teachers have met with parents to discuss student progress. By the end of April, we will plan a recommendation for retention for children, if warranted.

We will do our final STAR Reading and Math assessments at the end of April/beginning of May. This will assist with planning class lists and interventions for students for the following school year.

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### 2015-2016 Kindergarten Registration

As of Monday, April 13, we have a total of 60 students pre-enrolled including children from our pre-k and early childhood programs. This is 20 students less than last year at this time. This might be another low number of students in a class. We probably will be looking at 75 student in kindergarten by the end of July 2015.

### 2015-2016 Preschool Screening

Screening information from March 2015

#### **March 12-13, 2015**

Total Students Screened	22
Qualify	6
Pass	13
Rescreen	3

### **Totals for 2014-15 School Year**

Total Students Screened	60
Qualify	17
Pass	35
Rescreen	7
Add Testing	12

We will be informing parents of the screening results by mid-April. Another screening for the 2015-16 school year will be in July.

### **2015-16 Grade Level Planning (K-2)**

Many questions come from parents regarding their child's classroom placement. We (building principals) *will not* take parental requests for your child's teacher for next year nor can we honor requests to make sure certain students are not placed in the same classroom with your child. These requests will only be taken as "parental advisement" by the teacher and principal and will not be guaranteed.

Class lists will be posted on Friday, August 21 at each elementary school.

### **ILLINOIS PARENTS WEBSITE**

The Illinois Parents website at <http://illinoisparents.crc.uiuc.edu/index.html> highlights educational resources, local programs, organizations, and events that provide parenting information and services for Illinois families. Service organizations and libraries can be searched by county. The IEL staff are available to answer your questions about service organizations and other resources for parents through their website at <https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/5688052> or toll-free number at (877) 275-3227.

### **Simon Awards Day/Kindergarten Recognition**

Simon Elementary will be holding its annual Awards Day on Thursday, May 28. Grades 1-2 participate at our awards assembly in the Simon cafeteria. Awards presentations are approx 45 minutes.

Schedule for awards distribution:

8:30-9:15      1st grade

9:15-10:00    2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Kindergarten recognition ceremony at Simon Elementary will be also on May 29 starting at approx 1:30 in the Simon Gym.

## Dorothy Simon Elementary

**April  
2015**

The last school day for PREK/EC students will be May 29. The last day for all other students will be June 1 until 12:40, lunch will be served this day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Good Friday - no school	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 No School - Easter Holiday	7 Simon Picture Day	8 AR Prize Day  Market Day and PTO	9	10	11
12	13 PREK/EC Field Trip - Severson Dells	14 K Screening	15 K Screening  2 <sup>nd</sup> grade living history	16	17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Midterms Sent Home	18
19	20	21	22 AR Prize Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### Upcoming May Events

MAY	
Date	Event
May 1	2015-16 Registration Sent Home
May 4 - 8	Cinco de Mayo Presentation (Library)
May 8	LAST DAY to check out library Books
May 7	PTO Basket Raffle / District ART Show @ WHS
May 11 - 15	Winnebago Library Visit: Summer Reading Program
May 14	Mrs. Unger Field Trip - Dairy Farm (PM Only)
May 15	PreK/EC Parent Play Day

May 15	ALL library books need to be returned
May 18	PreK/EC/K Field Day
May 18	Library Closed for Inventory
May 19	2015-16 School Kitz Pickup 3-6pm in Gym
May 20	Simon Field Day Gr. 1-2
May 20	Last AR Prize Day
May 20	Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
May 26	2nd Grade Field Trip - Brookfield Zoo
May 27	K Field Trip - Madison Zoo
May 28	Awards Day - Simon
May 28	Last Day for Breakfast/Milk Break
May 29	Last Day of PreK/EC Student Attendance - regular times
May 29	Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony 1:30 in Gym



Principal's Report – Mr. Monahan: Spring Pictures were held on Thursday, April 9. A very special thanks to Alicia Glaser and Christa Balnius for helping out that morning. Things went very smoothly and we even finished up early.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders finished taking the PARCC Performance Based tests on April 1. The PARCC End of the Year assessments will begin in mid-May. Students will once again take reading and math tests online.

Fourth quarter midterm ends Friday, April 17, and due to our extensive testing schedule, midterm reports will only be sent home with students who are struggling in academics and/or behavior on Friday, April 24.

What's Poppin' at McNair Family Night is scheduled for this Thursday, April 16, from 6-8pm. From 6-7pm, there will be activities specifically for students including story time, art activities, music activities, Legos, and board games, as well as activities for parents including school safety, common core, Internet Safety, Title One/RtI, PBIS, Reading Success Tips, and How to help your child study. From 7-8pm, there will be family activities available such as read AR books and take tests, common core make and take items, a multicultural activity, book bingo and Winnovation. In addition, we'll have popcorn snacks, a buy one, get one free book fair, a family photo booth, and Minute to Win It activities.

I will be visiting classrooms during the week of April 27 to read the story, "I'm Not Scared..I'm Prepared". This book addresses the concepts taught by ALICE in terms of what elementary students can do if they ever encounter a "dangerous someone". ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate.

Kids Club 2015-2016 Registration Night will be Thursday, May 14 from 4pm-5:30pm at the Simon cafeteria. Those who register that afternoon will receive \$10 off their registration fee.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day is scheduled for Friday, May 22 (Parent help is needed. Please contact the school office)

Second graders will be visiting McNair on Wednesday, May 27. Each class will get to visit a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, have a quick tour of the building and play a short game in the gym.

Fifth grade band students will be playing a concert for 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday, May 28, beginning at 2:15pm in the HS Cafetorium.

Fifth graders will be visiting the middle school on Friday, May 29.

### **Field Trips**

Grade 3 Field Trip to see Disney's Monkey Kingdom film will be on Friday, April 17

Grade 4 Field Trips to Freeport YMCA are scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 (Babbitt), Thursday, May 14 (Dilbeck), Tuesday, May 19 (Shaver), Thursday, May 21 (Rapp)

Grade 5 Field Trip to Wild West Town will be on Friday, May 22

### **Concerts**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert, Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Music and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Spring Choral Concert, Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium

### **STAR Enterprise/Title One Support**

STAR universal testing will take place again from April 20-May 1 in Reading and Math. These reports will be sent home with final report cards. Teachers will once again have scheduled data conversations with our STAR representative on May 5. In addition, Mrs. Reesor will be meeting with parents during our upcoming Family Night for any parents wanting more information about the Title One program.

Monetary Requests:

- *Budgeted requests* – Duck Eggs \$212, McNair Family Night \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip to Movie \$400, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to YMCA \$200, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Wild West Town \$495.
- *Non-Budgeted requests* – Mrs. Waggoner, Internet License for Simon \$79.95. A motion was made to approve by Tracy Ricks and seconded by Alicia Glaser.

Fundraiser Reports:

- Gold Canyon Candles – per Angie Bucey, sold about same as last year

- Box Tops – per Ginnie Cunningham, one more collection in May
- Market Day – per Kristy Provi/Gail Starkey, made \$187 profit for April sale, bonus days in May, pizza and cookie dough
- School Kits – nothing new
- Fall Fundraiser – nothing new
- Mary Kay—per Bonnie Bloomquist set to go out April 20<sup>th</sup> for one week. Money due April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports:

- Family Fun Night – great success
- Basket Raffle – All info is out, basket collections are in classrooms, AG doll coming
- Yearbook – done & ordered, delivering at the end of May, look into another company for next year
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – No date set
- Wish List – presented by Tracy Ricks, motion to approve by Tracy Ricks and seconded by Kristy Provi. \$10,704.80 approved

Old Business:

- Open Officer and Chair positions for 2015-2016
  - President, 2 year term
  - Vice President, 1 year term
  - Market Day, to work side by side with 2 other Chairs
  - Children's Bazaar Co-Chair, assist Inga Danko with shopping and crafting
  - Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair
  - Student Directory, possible Online Resource
  - Art Show/Basket Raffle
  - Staff Appreciation Lunch
  - Head Building Parent – McNair
  - Hot Lunch Coordinator – Simon
- ❖ New Business and Ideas: none at this time
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM

Respectfully submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss