

WINNEBAGO PTO MEETING MINUTES- DECEMBER 8TH, 2015

Sherri Ginger, President Lindsay Ludwig, Vice President Bonnie Bloomquist, Treasurer

Teacher Chairperson, Rhonda Waggoner Angela Schoeneweiss, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:02

Secretary's Report: November 2015 minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Frank Mander and seconded by Rhonda Waggoner.

Treasurer's Report: As of December 8th, 2015, the cash balance is 67,652.16.

Principal's Reports: Mr. Mander-At-Risk Student Update: With the 1st report cards sent home on December 4, we will be meeting with our problem solving teams to assist with students who might need extra assistance. We will be adjusting some of our reading and math intervention groups. We will be starting a teacher/staff social emotional café to discuss student needs in the way of social/emotional needs of a child. We are hoping this assists with student/teacher interactions in dealing with student sensitive issues, which could be affecting academic performance. 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. Music Programs: Mrs. Volkert and 2nd grade did an awesome job with the holiday musical on Monday, December 7 Concerts for Kindergarten and First Grade students will be later in the school year. First Grade concert will be Monday, March 14, 2016. Kindergarten concert/celebration will be Friday, May 27, 2016 (pending on school closing due to weather). Preschool Screening – Winter 2016: Winnebago CUSD #323 will conduct preschool screenings for the 2015-16 school year on Friday, January 15. These children may be eligible to attend the Winnebago School District Preschool for the 2015-16 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. The screening will assess your child's developmental skills in the following areas: academic concepts, gross and fine motor skills, speech and language, social, behavior, self-help skills, and vision and hearing. Screening appointments take approximately one hour. Children have to be three years old at the time of the screening on January 15. The screenings will be held at Dorothy Simon Elementary 309 S. Benton St. Winnebago, IL 61088. Please call 815.335.2318 to make an appointment. Winter Celebration Parties: Teachers are preparing Winter parties and tentatively set the date for December 17.

Mr. Monohan- ***December Classroom Activities:***

There are many different activities taking place in December to replace the traditional classroom party. In 3rd grade, students will be visited once again by the Boone Winnebago County Farm

Bureau to learn about Christmas Trees, they'll be visiting Prairie View Assisted Living to sing Christmas Carols, they'll be decorating cookies to enjoy and make a photo keepsake to take home, as well as enjoy a grade level sing along. 4th graders will be decorating reindeer for Prairie View residents, creating holiday crafts to wrap and take home, participate in an ornament exchange and will be growing Rock Candy to eat, while 5th graders are making handprint wreaths for the residents rooms at Prairie View. They will also be making an ornament to take home while enjoying a holiday cupcake.

Severson Dells

Once again, we won't need to be asking PTO for the funds necessary to cover our annual Severson Dells presentations, as they have received another grant to cover these presentations. Severson Dells will be visiting McNair on the following dates: Wednesday, January 27, Grade 3, with Life is a Competition, Wednesday, February 3, Grade 4, with Mystery of the Woods, and Wednesday, February 10, Grade 5, with Environmental Ethics.

Title One and STAR Enterprise:

Our mid-year STAR testing window is set for January 4 through January 22. Students will be universally screened in the areas of Reading and Math. Once this testing is complete, we'll hold our January data meetings to review student progress and classroom instruction.

PBIS Update:

This month our focus is restroom behavior. These focus areas change monthly and the last two months of the school year we'll turn our focus to all school areas (classroom, hallways, cafeteria, playground, restroom) with reminders and giving the students a chance to show what they know. Our Pride Patrol hats have also arrived and students will be encouraged to wear them on Mondays beginning in January as a reminder to demonstrate McNair Pride throughout the week.

Upcoming Events:

- 4th and 5th Grade Choral Concert, Thursday, December 10, WHS Cafetorium, 6:30pm
- WHS Chorus performs at McNair, Friday, December 11, McNair Gym, 2:15pm
- 5th grade Chorus sings at the Rockford Ice Hogs game, Saturday, December 12, BMO Harris Bank Center, 7:00pm
- Early Dismissal, Friday, December 18, 1pm
- NO SCHOOL, Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1, Winter Break
- Second quarter grading period ends on Friday, January 8, with report cards being sent home on Friday, January 15
- 5th Grade Band Concert, Thursday, February 11, WHS Cafetorium, 6:30pm

Yearbook Committee:

The yearbook committee of nine 5th graders continues to meet every other week in the McNair Computer Lab with Miss Gleason, kindergarten teacher. They are still in need of some photos.

If you have any, they may be uploaded to the free app called ReplayIt, which is available on the iPhone App Store or Android App on Google Play. Just download the app, register the first time and share your photos with the yearbook staff. McNair is providing pizzas for the Yearbook Committee as a holiday treat after school on Thursday, December 17.

Monetary Requests: None at this time.

Fundraiser Reports: World's Finest Chocolates: Lindsay Ludwig- Went over well. Sold 389 boxes. Total profit is around \$11,000.

Spirit Wear: Sherri Ginger- 2nd order went in. We have some leftover spirit wear if anyone is interested.

Committee Reports: DARE: Kristy Provi-Showed a printed copy of what banner would look like. Banners would cost \$101.98.

Children's Bazaar: Inga Danko- Had a nice turnout and it went well.

Yearbook: Jaimie Dimke- Online orders due Dec. 25th at a special sale price of \$16.00. Cash, check cannot be taken until March 5th.

YMCA Night: Tracy Ricks and Abbey Peterson- Date scheduled for Jan 31st. Quoted a price for \$935.00.

Family Fun Night: March 6th or 13th possibly. Checking into a different DJ.

Old Business: Adult Night Out: Lindsay Ludwig- Painting can be done on March 11th or 18th from 6-9. In need of volunteers.

Open Chair Positions:

Children's Bazaar Co- Chair: Still in need of a person.

Take Home Folders: Need a chair for folders.

New Business: New PTO logo to be voted on in Jan.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss