December General Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/4/19  
Meeting Time: 7:00pm  
Meeting Location: WLE Media Center

Type of meeting: General Membership Meeting

Called to Order by: Jessica Pope  
Seconded by: Jamie Evans

Note taker: Jamie Evans

Attendees: Jessica Pope, Jamie Evans, Melissa Malesky, Darcell Baxtresser, Jolie Abreu, Rebecca Williams, Julie Amann, Pam Hayes, Sandy Broderick, Barbara Zajdil, Emi Nakanishi, Leigh Shemenski, Eva Mezv, Venecia Habib, Joseph Heuvers, Eunice Heuvers, Colleen Tucker, Brenna Grimmett, Erin Crimmings, Ashleigh Christon, Nancy Kent

Approval of Meeting Minutes: October

Motioned by Melissa Malesky  
Seconded by Jolie Abreu

Presidents Report

1) Jessica motioned to approve our WLE PTA Bylaws, which were posted back in September to allow opportunity for any recommended changes, there had been no recommendations and there were no 'nay' votes so the bylaws have passed and will remain in effect for the next 3 years.

2) Notes from the District PTA Meeting:
   - The Computer Crime Division came in to speak about teens w/new apps.
   - WLCSD's MLK even was mentioned, Mrs. Amann is one of the cochairs, she gave details on what a great opportunity it is to look at diversity in the community. There are displays, speakers, and restaurants, the key note speaker will be Jay Marks. All district PTAs donate to help offset the cost.
   - The next District PTA meeting will be on Jan 27th at WLE.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Williams

Discussion

Line items for the Bookfair and Yearbook Supplies were removed from the budget, as the PTA no longer runs the bookfair and the yearbooks are provided as part of our picture packages. A line item was added to the budget for Assemblies so that it would be easier to identify the cost the PTA pays to assist with educational assemblies. The changes were motioned by Rebecca Williams and seconded by Barbara Zajdil (removed line items) and Jessica Pope (added line items)

Committee Reports: Melissa Malesky

1) Erin Crimmings - Holiday Shop Committee - Holiday Shop starts on Monday, we still need more volunteers or we won't be able to get the classes in and out in the time allotted.

2) Ashleigh Christon - Box Top Committee - Safari Playground has offered us some free playtime to encourage/reward the students for their help in participating in the box top program, looking at a date in April to have some school wide play. It is possible to try to divide the box tops by teacher in the app but it does make it more complicated so this is being treated as a school wide reward. Our current budget amount for box tops is $1,000, we have only brought in $151 as of tonight. We are looking at revising our goal to be $500 to give out the Safari Playground reward to the school. The reduction is due in part to the switch from the physical box tops to the receipt scanning, as well as many products discontinuing their participation in the box tops program, this is causing a lag in our fundraising efforts through box tops. March 2nd is the last deadline for turning in box tops to the program to receive reimbursement for this school year.

3) Ryan Woods - Grounds Crew Committee - Was looking at having one final playground cleanup before the next big snow to get us in shape for going in to the spring. This might not be possible because the next big snow is expected soon. Discussed that the planting of flowers too close to the building during the spring planting would end up being a waste because of the planned construction over the summer.
Current Membership #

120

Discussion

Our membership number has increased from 112 at our October meeting to 120 currently. We are still keeping our goal of 150, this is a very ambitious goal compared to all prior years, last year's recorded membership was 43. So if you're not a member join online or get a form.

1) Eat with the Tigers has been really successful, so far this school year we have raised $343, with no total yet from the Denise's dine out. There will not be one in December, will resume in January.

2) Don't forget to add WLE to your community rewards for you Kroger app. Jolie is going to do a 5 Below gift card raffle w/1 entry per child who brings in a receipt to show their parent has added WLE to their Kroger Rewards.

3) Logistics are being worked out but want to do a fun run indoors in February. The PTA is looking for a/v equipment to help facilitate. A location for p/e would have to be found to run the fun run during student block time.

4) Considering a shoe drive. Families donate new or used shoes during a 0-20 day window and the shoe drive company gives us money. The issue we are facing is that we need approx a 10x10 storage space in which to store the shoes before pick up, as well as how to store them when they're brought to the school. Precise pick up dates are not guaranteed and can be flexible up to 45 days. We would expect to make about $1,000.

5) Yankee candle is being delivered tomorrow, it will be distributed between 4 & 5:30, expecting 35-40 orders to be picked up. The profit to the PTA is between $2,500 - $2,700.

6) Darcell Baxtresser - Cupcake Club - Has raised $530 so far. There will be a new form sent home next month. We will continue to offer the memberships, possibly at reduced rates.

7) There is a fundraiser for the WLE PTA being held at the Walled Lake Masons on Sat Dec 7 & Sun Dec 8 from 1-4. It is a holiday event, $20/family, you get a cookie, hot chocolate, and a picture w/Santa, and they are donating a portion of their proceeds back to the WLE PTA. Darcell and Ashleigh will be there as vendors and there is also a Christmas tree sale.

Membership Committee - Darcell Baxtresser

Discussion

1) There are 3-D coyotes out on the playground now to keep the geese away, so far on day one it's the first day w/out geese.

2) Mrs. Amann was not filled in about the holiday Giving Tree program that normally occurs at WLE each December so it will not be occurring in its full scale for 2019. Instead they're attempting to pair families in need w/individuals who are able to help them. The plan is to bring back the program next year.

3) There is a new dismissal procedure for walking families, the school will be handing out "walker badges" similar to the ones used in for the drive thru line so that parents picking up their walking students can easily be identified. Parents to picking up their children on an ad hoc basis without badges will need to go into the office to sign their child out.

Principal's Report - Julie Amann

Discussion

4) WLE is one of the first four schools that will receive the bond updates. Our school will be shut down over the summer, teachers are being asked to removed everything from their classrooms. There will be walls coming down, there will be painting and new lighting, new furniture, new carpet, and cubbies. All the furniture is coming out and will be replaced with new. It will have a more modern look w/added windows and shades. There will be a new sound system installed in the gym. There will be accessible play equipment, new and additional security cameras, bathroom updates, and the staff will be getting some updated equipment. The cafeteria will also be getting a ramp, which will provide for a second entry and better flow. And a new boiler. Encourage anyone who hasn't had a chance to go check out the new furniture available to review at the ESC by tomorrow.
### Teacher's Report

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<td>1) New teaching initiative being introduced in the classroom called Lucy Calkins, it is a format that combines writing, reading, and phonics on a K-5 basis. So that the program flows all these things together through the years. It involves sight words and snap words. It is not replacing readers and writers workshop but enhancing and combining those elements with the added element of phonics</td>
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<td>2) A second new teaching initiative called Second Step is also being brought in, it is to help increase the social and emotional learning across all grade level. One element is self-talk and being assertive is now introduced in this way that's helping the kids to think before they talk</td>
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<td>3) Assessments are starting up again for mid year</td>
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<td>Discussion: Colleen Tucker - Fundraising idea where the Salvation Army/Goodwill will set up a section of their store to donate to where all purchases from that section will benefit WLE</td>
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<td>Question about how much Kroger Rewards brings in per kid each year, suggesting bringing in an ice cream machine as a possible awareness campaign for the program</td>
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<td>Look into having Salvation Army/Goodwill set up a fundraising section</td>
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### Person Responsible

| Jolie Abreu |
| No Deadline |

### Announcements

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<td>Discussion: Raffle for the door prize, Darcell pulled number 12 of 18 people and Rebecca Williams won a fun Christmas basket</td>
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### Motioned by

| Jessica Pope |
| Darcell Baxtresser |
| 8:05 PM |