
WILLARD PTG
Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2010

In attendance: Kate Olney, Amy Mueller, Pam Reed, Pat Fernandes, Christine Evans, Sue Bumpus, Polly Meyer, Aimee Cupp, Kim Patenaude, Debbie Osofsky, Kathi O'Neil, Alex Kuchar

Welcome

Cupp/Olney

Principal Report

Fernandes

- Most Parent Teacher Conferences took place last week and the feedback has been positive
- MCAS Language Arts testing is completed. MCAS Math is scheduled for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades in May. 5th graders will also do the MCAS Science test.
- Mailing is being sent home this week that includes Registration form and Student Information Sheet for next year.
- Science Fair was a success and kids did a great job explaining their projects.
- Kindergarten registration is coming up on Apr. 27th and 29th. There are 83 Kindergartners on the list at this point. The new building could be a factor in terms of drawing in new families. Number of classes is determined by a number of factors including overall enrollment and student to teacher ratio.
- We have preliminary costs for the picnic tables/benches for the shade structure with two different layouts. We are still awaiting some more information on square tables from the Renaissance (recycled) product line. Either layout could be handicap accessible. Number of students that could be seated in each layout varies from 24 (rectangular tables) to 35 (square tables). Questions centered around heat retention, tabletop surface, actual amount of seating. Recommendation was to ask the sales representative to look for a product with all of the features we are hoping for.

Treasurer

O'Neil

- Generally speaking, the budget is as expected.
- Science Fair expenses may be higher due to additional raffle items given away.
- A few Math Night expenses came in.
- No expenses in yet for Talent Show.
- We purchased two dry erase sandwich sign boards. One has arrived.

Events

Meyer

- Volunteer Appreciation Party is June 16th at Debbie Osofsky's.
- Kindergarten Social for incoming Kindergartners will be hosted by Polly Meyer. Tentative date will be set for early June from 1-2:30 p.m.
- Carnival—PTG board members should sign up for volunteer shifts in four hour blocks including either set up or clean up.

Communications

Evans/Waldron

- Room Parents—the committee would like to get the “express your interest in being a room parent” document into the summer mailing packet.
- Presentation at Back to School Nights/K Registration—the committee asked if they could include a presentation of the website at these events to encourage families to use the website more.

President Report

Cupp/Olney

- Cell phone #'s in the Directory—There is some interest in having cell numbers listed in the PTG Directory. A form will be given to families that will ask them to give their permission to have their cell numbers printed if desired.
- Talent Show 2011—Feedback was that the show runs really long. The committee will be asked to look into moving the Talent Show to a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.
- Welcoming New Families—Feedback is that we need better communication and clearer procedures put in place, especially for families who are new mid-year. Ideally, the school’s secretary will contact the New Families Coordinator so that person can welcome them, give them information, and match with a buddy family if appropriate. Welcome packet should include PTG directory.
- Recruitment for new positions is ongoing. Backpack flier will be sent out to recruit new participants. Goal would be to have that information for the May meeting.
- 2010-2011 Budget will be discussed in May.
- PTG Presidents’ meeting—Concern that there is not a lot of buzz about Town Meeting which begins April 26th. There are several articles (7) related to the schools. Most are routine, but the key one is the CCHS master plan. A coffee to share information about the CCHS master plan will be held Apr. 14th at Linda Miller’s, 300 Main Street, at 9 a.m. The e-mail reminder from the PTG must be informational only.
- Other conversation at the PTG Presidents’ meeting centered around cyber-bullying. It was noted that evening presentations put on both Willard and the Middle School have not been well attended.

Next meeting: Monday, May 17th. 12:30 PM