



William Winsor PTO Meeting Minutes October 12, 2016

7:00 pm:

Welcome/Introduction of Board Members (*Tory Trainor*)

Call to order and introduction of PTO Board members

PTA Information: (*Aimee Galipeau*)

Discussed the opportunity to change from a PTO to a PTA. Advocates for all children on State and National levels including on Capital Hill in DC

Provides: Training for board members on laws and education on the responsibilities required; 503C status remains. Additional dues would be required at sign up (\$4.25 per member) along with application.

Differences include national support versus operating as own entity

Vote to change will take place at November meeting,

Principal's Report (*Principal Brian Ackerman*)

Everyone is settling in including our newest members the Kindergarteners. Chromebook distribution taking place October 13th at the high school for our 3rd graders. STAR report will be released tomorrow 10/13. 5th grade NECAP scores are now available. School enrichment team is looking for members of the school to join faculty subcommittees. If interested reach out to Mr. Ackerman to participate. Group meeting will begin in the upcoming weeks. The more connections we have the better for all!

Treasurer's Report (*Jenna Howard*)

Budget: Classroom supply checks of \$100 per teacher have been written; in addition to the \$625 school enrichment donation. Girls' Choice deposit to be written. Walk A thon and Membership drive deposits of \$5000 and \$1500 respectively to be deposited *Budget was approved as presented.*

Vice President's Report (*Andrea Shepard*)

Membership drive: brought in 96 family's and teachers for a total of \$1375 with addition funds to support Classroom supplies (\$15) and the PTO general fund (\$110) for a total of \$1500.

Fundraiser opportunities:

Five Below Partnership: We have teamed up with Five Below in Lincoln to earn 10% of all sales between Black Friday, Nov 25th through Saturday December 3rd. Only requirement is to show participation flier that will be published in November. Recommend giving to the flier to everyone (mother, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, teachers, colleagues, friends and family alike). No limit to the amount we can raise on pre-tax spending!

KidStuff Coupon Book: Opportunity available to sell coupon books (similar to the entertainment books) which provide coupons for kids related activities; shopping and dining experiences (Macys', Dicks', Mystic, Legoland, are among some of the offerings). Coupons are good through 2017. If we decided to pursue we would get 50% of each book sold. Books cost \$25 and there is no obligation or minimum to sell. Request was made to put a hold on it as the 5th grade is about to start their Yankee Candle fundraiser and did not want to overlap the projects. Tabled but available for revisit.

Committee Reports

- Committee chairs; several chairs still remain open, Parents Night Out, Reading Week Any parent interested in chairing or serving on a committee should reach out to Andrea.
- Trunk or Treat: date is set for Saturday, October 29 at Seven Cedars from 4-6pm. 20 cars have been registered Keep sending them in! Committee is looking for celebrity judges.

- Walk-a-thon: brought in \$5000 with envelopes still coming in. Final tally coming soon!
- Movie Night: Set for Sunday November 6th to see Trolls. Proposed time is 4:30. (Won't interfere with the Patriots game!) Suggested to check with theater to confirm it's a slower time of day to avoid long lines at concessions and to ensure ease of check in. Possible tie in with Thanksgiving Food Drive to have donations made.
- Boys Choice: Reviewing notes from previous years to create a fun event. *More details to come.*
- Girls Choice: Secured the Alpine County club with deposit for a dance on February 24th from 6-10pm.
- Breakfast with Santa: December 3rd from 9 – 11am. Partnering with Laura's Diner for pancake breakfast.
- Holiday Shop: December 7th and 9th in the school library. New concept this year: Holiday in a Box. Company ships products selected through a catalog. We only pay for the items sold, we ship all unsold merchandise back.
- End of Year Carnival: June 9th 6-8pm Will be held at St Philips Church. Face painting; games; provided; need volunteer to man stations. Deposit of \$500 to be paid in Spring
- Winsor Garden / Groundskeeping: Mary Kate will be attending a day-long conference at URI about school gardens. She'll bring photos of our property and a site plan to the conference with the goal of coming back with additional plans and insight into moving this important effort forward. We will be submitting requests for grant funding to several organizations in the next month or two. Any parents who would like to assist with solicitations of donations and donated goods--we could use the help. Ideas include sponsorships from farms, orchards, and garden supply outlets (money or event materials such as soil, mulch, plants and seeds). We are working with the Master Gardeners Program at URI to help develop site plans for the garden. More information to report as we move forward.

5th Grade Committee:

Dame Farm Hayride: Thursday, October 6, 6-8pm. Great Success – everyone had a blast.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: Runs October 28 – November 18th. Keep 40% of sales. Deliveries will be ready for pick up at Breakfast with Santa (December 3rd) or Parent teacher Conferences (December 8th)

Winsor's Got Talent to be held on December 7th at Gallagher Middle School

Still looking for chairs for other events / projects.

Secretary's Report (*Tory Trainor covered*)

Minutes from September 14th meeting reviewed. Request to strike the statement within the PTO Event Discussion portion: "It was noted that while we will plan these events, if a female student chose to attend the "Boys" event (or a boy chose to attend the "girls" event), no one would bar them fro participating."

Minutes were then approved.

Teacher Liaison Report (*Kerri Lanzieri*)

Offered to assist Trunk or Treat committee in obtaining Celebrity judges.

Raffle

Next Meeting – Wednesday November 9th

Adjourn 7:47 pm:

In attendance:

PTO Board Members: Tory Trainor, President; Andrea Shepard, Vice President; Principal Brian Ackerman; Jenna Howard, Treasurer;

Deb Bettencourt

Lisa Cardin

Michael Cardin

Gina Conroy

Tayna Cost

Kim Domenico

Polly Prewitt-Freilino

Michelle Kelley

Kerri Lanzieri

Teri Leonard

Jessica Marcaccio

Steven Marcaccio

Maria Marrocco

Kristi Morin

Shannon Roumelis

Carolyn Sanders

Tracey Trudel

Stephanie Vingi