

Willis Elementary 1st PTO Meeting 2014-2015

Meeting Minutes



September 5, 2014

1:30pm

Present: Michele Danowski, Yazzie Bruss, Tara Bergstrom, Bianca Lawrence, Shannon McCoy, and Ashley Henderson

Minutes submitted by: Ashley Henderson

1. Introduction of New Board/Operating Committee:
 - Principal: Bill Stenger
 - Vice Principal: Michelle Danowski
 - President: Yazzie Bruss yazziebruss@gmail.com
 - Vice Presidents: Bianca Lawrence richandbianca@verizon.net
Shannon McCoy smccoy@att.net
 - Treasurer: Tara Bergstrom tara.bergstrom@yahoo.com
 - Secretary: Ashley Henderson ashenderson321@yahoo.com
 - Communication Coordinator: Elizabeth Pearce ecpearce@yahoo.com
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Kristin Culliton kristinculliton@hotmail.com
 - Room Parent Coordinator: Laura Crawford laura.crawford@tampabay.rr.com
2. PTO Financial Report (TB)
 - \$10 K Balance after Project Retrofit \$15K and P.E. Commitment \$1K.
 - The need is \$200K to be able to supplement and help teachers.
 - Making your and teachers vision a reality. What is priority?
3. PTO's Update & Projected Plan for 2014-2015 (SM & YB)
 - Mimio Update
Mimios were purchased from the money raised from the 2014 Gecko Gala and is the property of Willis PTO. Mimios provides classrooms with an interactive whiteboard. Each Mimio has been labeled and has been passed out to teachers. A 2-hour teacher training is scheduled for September 25th from 3:30-5:30
 - Projector retro-fit update
The summer 2014 projector retro-fit was paid for the money raised from the 2013 Walk-a-thon. The retro-fit included raising projectors and their cords from the floor to the ceiling of all upstairs classrooms.
 - September 2014 Teacher Survey
Shannon McCoy who is our PTO Teacher Liaison emailed teachers a survey regarding their classroom needs and wants.
 - What are the teachers requesting?
 1. Construction paper
 2. Ink printers*A "Giving Tree" with teacher requests for parents "to pick a flower" will be on display in the school entrance. Teacher requests will also be posted on Willis PTO Website.*
4. Report on August Events (YB)
 - Uniform Fair, Back to School Night
 - Kindergarten Playdate
 - Boohoo Coffee

5. New Things Happening (YB)
- Giving Geckos-*Alleviating financial burden on teachers, helping others, food banks, raising money for secret Santa.*
 - Grade Level Playdates
*1st Playdate for K/1st grades was on Aug 28th @ Jumpin Fun-turn out was great! About 90 Willis students.
2nd Playdate for 2nd/3rd grades is @ Jumpin Fun in October 9th from 4:30-5:30pm. \$9*
 - Mom's Night Out- *Get to know one another-Saturday, September 13th, 7-10pm @ Let's Create Art \$45 (includes art material, wine and sushi) Please sign up on the PTO website.*
7. Upcoming Events & Announcements from our Chairs
- Room Parents- *1st Room Parent Meeting Training for room parents is on Thursday, September 11th @ 7pm and Friday, September 12th @ 2pm. Dates will be listed online and a sign up genius will be emailed. If you are a room parent and have not been contacted by Laura, please email her at: laura.crawford@tampabay.rr.com
NOTE: All room parents for should attend one of the dates.*
 - PIE (SS)-Partners in Education. *If you are interested in becoming a business partner with Willis Elementary, please contact Shelly Steiner @ shellyrsteiner@yahoo.com and fill out an application form on www.williselementrypto.com website and see the different ways to contribute to become a Platinum, Gold, and Silver Partners in Education.*
 - Year Book-Looking for help pls contact Jillanne Conelias @ jillanne67@verizon.net
 - Welcome Committee-New to the area or school? *Any questions pls contact our Welcome Committee Chair, Jillanne Conelias @ jillanne67@verizon.net*
 - Monthly Newsletter-Christine Shaklik is our Newsletter Chair. *This month and last year's newsletters are on the PTO website.*
 - Spirt Nights-*are a combination of where tickets are offered at a lower price, to make it affordable or the prices stay the same and Willis makes a small percentage of sales. 1st Spirt Night is Sept 29th @ Freddy's, 5-11pm*
 - Walk-A-Thon-*is on October 24th and Kick off is October 9th. 1st brainstorming meeting is on September 9th @ 1:30pm. They need volunteers! Interested? Pls contact Lupe Garcia @ garciakids04@gmail.com*
 - Holiday Fair-Saturday, December 6th. *1st Brainstorm Meeting TBD.*
 - Gecko Gala-*1st Brainstorm Meeting TBD.*
 - Dress Down Day-*The first dress down day is on Sept., 10th. Attire must meet the Manatee County School Dress Code. \$2 Donation will go to support the 5th Grade Class Recognition Ceremony & End of the Year Class Party.*
8. Old Business Reminders
- Volunteers Needed
-Jeff, Cafeteria Manager is looking for volunteers to help serve in the cafeteria. Please let send us an email if you are interested and fill out volunteer form each year. Forms are found on PTO website or at front desk.
 - Target card, Box Tops, Prang, Tyson Labels, Campbell Soup Labels-*First collection date is September 11th. The 3 top classes that turn in the most box tops wins a popcorn party!*
 - Be the 1st to know!
*-“Like us” on Willis PTO Facebook Page
-Make sure you are signed up to receive emails from Willis PTO*

9. Introduction & Summary of Recent SAC Meeting (KS, BS, MD)
 - *1st (SAC) Student Advisory Council Meeting was held Monday, Aug 25th, 2014. This year's president is Kristen Schwab. SAC is the advisory board to the principal and vice principal that includes 15 members containing parents and teachers. SAC handles such things as the school improvement program, safety, and other such things like whether we are a uniform school. Next meeting is Monday September 22nd @ 6pm in the media center. Everyone is welcome!*

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.