

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Start Time: 8:30am

Board Members Present: Deb Hossenlopp, Valerie Demino, Dawn Barbour, Liz Johnson, Bill Stenger, Billie-Jo Fintel

Other Members Present: Listed separately

Minutes submitted by Liz Johnson

Agenda:

1. PTO Welcome
2. Financial Overview
 - WAT
 - Purchases
3. Administration Update
4. Kindness Initiative
5. Upcoming Events

PTO Welcome

1. Deb welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for attending the PTO meeting.

Financial Overview – WAT

1. Once again, the Walk-A-Thon was a huge success!
2. The PTO Board is working on prize letters to go home with students.
3. WAT t-shirts are in the process of being designed.
4. The PTO Board is working with administration of how funds will be invested.

Financial Overview – Purchases

1. Willis raised close to \$85,000 for Walk-A-Thon this year.
 - a. Dawn is still waiting on some corporate matches and checks to come in.
2. PTO purchases so far include “Being A Writer” staff training and additional “Becoming A Reader” materials for Ms. Whitenight’s classroom.
3. Florida Studies Weekly has also been purchased by the PTO and was delivered to classrooms October 16th.
4. Business Partners is going well and Willis is still bringing in NEW sponsors!

Administration Update

1. Mr. Stenger thanked parents for another successful Walk-A-Thon.
2. Mr. Stenger and Mrs. Fintel are looking into instructional material and will notify PTO with any purchases they feel may be necessary to enhance the education at Willis.

Kindness Initiative

1. Willis will continue to have an ongoing uniform donation drive. Our first collection was successful. Dawn helped organize the PTO closet and also delivered used uniforms to Moody Elementary, a local Manatee County school in need.
2. The PTO is looking into creating a “Kindness Wall” sometime in November. More details to come!
3. Mr. Stenger mentioned the idea of helping a local organization called “Dream Fund.” Mr. Stenger, along with Courtni Darpino and Chisako Spergl will look into this organization and gather more information.

Upcoming Events

1. Valerie went over the upcoming events listed on the agenda.
2. Liz Baas spoke for the yearbook committee and reminded parents to take pictures when at events and to upload WAT pictures to Dropbox.

Parent Questions

1. Due to a recent tornado threat, Mr. Stenger answered questions regarding the shelter in place procedures.
2. Lockdown procedures were also discussed to clarify any parent concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am