Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 14, 2018

Starting Time: 9:00pm

Board Members Present: Deb Hossenlopp , Valerie Demino, Dawn Barbour, Liz Johnson, Bill Stenger

Other Members Present: Listed seperately

Minutes Submitted by Liz Johnson

**Agenda:**

1. PTO Welcome
2. Financial Overview
3. Upcoming Events
4. Walk-A-Thon
5. Administration Update

**PTO Welcome**

1. Deb welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for joining the PTO for such an important meeting.

**Financial Overview**

1. Dawn shared recent PTO purchases since our last meeting.
2. Fitness Tracker for Coach.
3. Dojiggy website host for Walk-A-Thon.
4. Willis had a successful first Dress Down Day. The fifth grade committee raised approximately $7,000 so far.
5. Dawn and Deb shared both our old and new Business Partners. They are happy with the way things are going and are excited with the new additions!

**Upcoming Events**

1. Book Fair will be held the week of November 5th – November 9th. Mr. Violette and Deb Sharpe will be chairing the event. A sign up genius will become available closer to the Book Fair and volunteers will be needed.
2. Donuts for Dad will be on November 8th. Heather Doyle will be the chair for this event. She is currently working on securing Shipley’s for donuts and has some possible donations for juice.
3. New chairs were introduced and asked to speak a little about their events.
4. Heather Doyle – Donuts for Dad
5. Courtni Darpino & Chisako Spergl – Family Nights
6. Liz Baas spoke about the first Yearbook Committee meeting that was held. It was a success with several new attendees! She reminded everyone to take pictures if you are at an event for Willis and drop box them or e-mail them directly to their teacher or yearbook committee.
7. Renee Eichelberger shared upcoming Spirit Nights.
8. September 21st - Kona
9. October 11th – Chic-Fil-A
10. October 18th – Jumpin’ Fun
11. October 26th – Kona
12. November 11th – Learning Express
13. November 30th – Kona
14. Tami Silver shared some information regarding the Room Parent meeting and answered a few questions.

**Walk-A-Thon**

1. Deb shared information about the upcoming Walk-A-Thon. Mr. Stenger and Mrs. Fintel held the kick off assembly on September 13th. Envelopes were sent home with students to collect donations and participants can register on the Dojiggy website. Updated information will be sent out as the event nears and also a sign up genius will be coming out soon!

**Administration Update**

1. Mr. Stenger addressed the parental concerns regarding the Math/Social Studies situation at Willis.
2. 2018-2019 is a GAP year for the state of Florida for Math. The county has purchased interim textbooks through Curriculum Associates; however no consumable workbooks were purchased.
3. Curriculum is NOT the textbook or resources; it IS the standards provided by the state.
4. Mr. Stenger discussed the pros and cons of the consumable workbooks and assured parents that teachers DO have resources available to them. Mr. Stenger and Mrs. Fintel hope that teachers were differentiate homework more instead of sending every child home with the same exact workbook page.
5. As for Social Studies, the district chose Time for Kids over Florida Weekly.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am