

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Starting Time: 8:45am

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

Other Members Present: Listed separately

Minutes Submitted by Liz Johnson

Agenda:

1. Upcoming Events
2. Financial Overview
 - a. WAT
 - b. Being A Reader
 - c. Teacher Incentives
3. Administration Update
4. Kindness Initiative

Upcoming Events

1. **Father/Daughter Dance**
 - a. Denise West shared information about the upcoming dance. She discussed the list of donations/sponsors that have been received to make the event successful.
 - Hello Gorgeous Photobooth (photo booth)
 - Sights and Sounds AV Inc (lights)
 - Sarasota Ford (Cotton Candy)
 - SRQ Property Law (DJ)
 - Morrish Stewart Orthodontics (Craft Table)
 - Johnson Family (Paper Flower Display)
 - SmileWorks Kids Denistry (Flowers)
 - Publix (Candy/Sweets)
 - Dunkin' Donuts; SR 70/Lorraine Location (donuts)
 - Zarghami Group (party favors)
 - b. Willis is partnering with The Modern Girl Party & Co., Pure Imagination Studio, and DJ IronMike.
2. **Mother/Son Outing**

- a. Asya Stolz shared information regarding the Mother/Son Outing. The event will be held at Dave & Busters in Brandon on Sunday, May 5th from 1-4pm.
 - b. The event is being held on a Sunday because the venue will donate all three private event spaces on that particular day. This will allow for unlimited space, as the capacity is 160 people at one time. If necessary, people can rotate in and out of these event spaces.
- 3. Family Nights**
- a. Cournti Darpino shared information about the first Family Night event, which will be a Bradenton Marauders baseball game. The game is on Saturday, April 20th and is an evening game.
 - b. This particular evening is also Nickelodeon night with Paw Patrol characters, an Easter egg hunt, and fireworks!
 - c. The cost will be \$10 per child and includes a free hat and drink.
- 4. Muffins for Mom**
- a. Pia and Renee Speight are excited to chair this event and have started solitacating donations and are gathering insight from Valerie Demino. More information will be coming in the next month!
- 5. Other upcoming events include Casino Night, WAT prize events, and Field Day!**
More information to come!

Financial Overview

1. WAT

- a. WAT financials are done! Final corporate matches have been received. Dawn Barbour reminded attendees what parent support can do for our school.
 - Being A Reader has been purchased.
 - Teacher Incentives were much appreciated by the teachers and staff. They were each given the opportunity to spend up to \$100 at a pre-approved website, bringing even more resources into the classroom for them and their students.

2. Other Financial Reports

- a. Bricks are currently for sale and flyers will be sent home with students.
- b. Keep clipping box tops! Willis received \$1,000 for our December collection.

Administration Update

1. Mr. Stenger thanked parents for their continued support to parents. The support has been outstanding and the staff development and resources/ materials have been an important asset to our school.
2. The entry buzzer system is being installed this week. Once administration knows more and is “trained” on the system, they will pass along more information to parents.
3. A detached addition has been approved for Willis. The construction firm has been selected, although the location of the addition has yet to be decided.
4. SAC has been working hard to find answers as to why the sod on the playground has yet to be completed and as to when the fencing around the PE area will be installed.

Kindness Initiative

1. Liz Johnson shared some information about the ongoing PTO “Kindness Initiative.” For Earth Day, the PTO would like the students to plant a tree on campus. Liz has been in contact with Mariposa about possibly donating a tree. It would be great to see all students get involved, whether it’s helping to plant the tree or maybe just connecting it all with the use of the wall space behind the stairwell. (similar to the confetti wall we did in November) More logistics to come as the planning process has just begun.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am