

Willis Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 2:30 pm

Starting Time: 2:31 pm

Board Members Present: Allison Boccaccio, Lindsay Markun, Mindy Buckley and
Melissa Summerlee

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Summerlee

Agenda: See attached

1. PTO Update

a. Daddy-Daughter Dance

- i. Dance was a huge success. Thank you to Ri Bizarro for chairing the event, the committee and all of the moms that helped. Thank you to the sponsors and to LWR Baptist Church for hosting the event.
- ii. At the last PTO Meeting, school had been notified that the dance would have to be on pause for a bit. Once dance was rescheduled, it became apparent to the committee that too many people wanted to attend and hosting the dance at the school would not be possible. Once the dance became a bigger event, Allison and Lindsay jumped in to help co-chair the committee.
- iii. The committee and Mrs Price received many compliments from dads on the success of the dance.
- iv. Big thanks to Monika Morgan for helping with the décor.
- v. The Observer did a nice write up about the dance.
- vi. Possible tweaks for next year would be to perhaps pull back on some of the candy/sweets.
- vii. The dance is not a moneymaker for the school. Just an event for families to enjoy.

b. Book Fair Night

- i. Book Fair Night was a big hit since it was one of the first times all parents were allowed back on campus
- ii. Carousels was also there to sell frozen treats.
- iii. The Book Fair sales allow teachers and school to earn free books from Scholastic.

c. New Playground Equipment- we are still on track to have the new equipment installed during Spring Break.

d. Kindergarten Round Up

- i. Scheduled for 3/3 from 4 -6 pm.

- ii. Enrollment is all digital now, so this will mainly be an opportunity for new families to be welcomed to Willis and get a tour of the school.
 - iii. Volunteers will be needed to help with the tours.
- e. Honor Roll Breakfasts
 - i. Honor Roll Breakfasts take place after each quarter for 4th and 5th graders.
 - ii. Students must earn A's/B's and E's/S's to qualify.
 - iii. 5th graders were asked to vote on whether to keep the treats as donuts or change to ice cream. They voted to keep donuts as the treat.
- f. Color Run Prize
 - i. Pancakes with Mrs. Price will be tomorrow, 2/25.
 - ii. Wacky Hat Day will also be 2/25. The entire school is eligible to participate.
 - iii. High Tech/High Touch in school field trip will take place on 3/10.
 - iv. Waiting on a date for the Movie Night prize.
- g. PTO Purchased Valentine treats for the staff.
 - i. Trail mix, muffins, Kind Bars, oranges, bananas, chocolates, seltzers and waters were provided.
 - ii. Bundtins were purchased for the front office staff.
- h. Color Run Shirts & Socks
 - i. Socks have been ordered from Manatee Apparel.
 - ii. T-Shirt size forms have been completed and order is being compiled.
- i. Willis "Café"
 - i. Special Edition Willis bling items are being coordinated with proceeds going to the Willis "Café" so that parents can eat lunch with students.
 - ii. Willis will also auction off 3 parking spots each quarter so that parents can park and quickly pick up kids at school dismissal. Proceeds for this will also go to the Willis "Café"
- j. Mother/Son Event
 - i. Carnival Night is being planned
 - ii. There will be food, games, possibly rides and monkey jockeys.
 - iii. Event is in the process of being planned and more details will follow.
- k. Spring Pictures are currently scheduled for 3/8
- l. 5th Grade Committee
 - i. Alternate graduation venue is being sought.
 - 1. The large numbers of families makes it difficult to accommodate everyone if the event is held at Willis.

2. Braden Rive HS has given the ok to use their auditorium, but the committee is waiting to hear something back from LWRHS since it is closer.
 3. Religious houses of worship can't be used for the ceremony.
 - m. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. Looking for a committee coordinator and volunteers to help put this week together.
 - ii. The event has been moved from May to the last week in April so as not to overlap too closely with the end of school.
 - iii. Committee would work with Business Partners PDQ, Michelle's Brown Bag, etc. to coordinate meals for the staff during that week.
 - iv. Committee would also come up with suggested themes for each day of the week.
 2. Financials
 - a. Book Fair money has already cleared.
 - b. Some expenditures for Daddy Daughter Dance. Waiting on ticket sales money to be received.
 - c. Expenditures for treats for teachers, honor roll breakfast and Color Run Prizes.
 3. PTO Board Nominations
 - a. If anyone is interested in running for a position on the board, you can contact Mrs. Mau for more details.
 - b. Nominations are open for 30 days
 - c. Current vacancies- Melissa has held the secretary position for 2 years and by-laws don't allow for additional time in that position.
 - d. Will also be looking for someone to be a Business Partner liaison.
 4. Principal's Update
 - a. Willis TSA groups went to regional competition.
 - b. One group placed 4th and the other in 6th.
 - c. The team that placed 4th will now go on to the World Robotics competition.
 - d. Fundraiser with Little Caesars will be done to help offset the travel costs to the competition. Likely \$2000 needed to help cover the costs.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm