

WES PTA Monthly Meeting
12/6/2011

Beth Satterfield, PTA Pres., called the meeting to order.

Beth asked for old business and the minutes from the previous meeting to be read. Kathy C. made a motion to approve minutes without reading. Catherine S. seconded. The minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

Mr. Chadwick, WES AP, represented Mrs. Wahl, who was helping with the spelling bee this week and could not attend this meeting. He reminded those present that the Chorus will perform on 12/15 at 6:30, and then again the next morning for the students. He mentioned the meeting for sound system training at 11am on 12/9. He and Beth will discuss the meeting details offline.

Mr. Chadwick said there is a company offering to give the school folders with the WES name and photo on the front and advertising on the back. They will be distributed to the teachers to be used as either homework folders or Tuesday folders.

Beth requested that our next monthly meeting be changed from 12/17 to 12/10 so it doesn't fall in the same week as the General PTA Meeting on 12/19. Math and Science night is the same night. The PTA meeting will be at 6pm and M/S Night starts at 6:30pm. The teachers are still organizing the events for M/S Night. Beth would like to work in some sort of demo on the smart boards for the parents that night, if possible. Mathnasium has offered to come as well.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Cawley, WES Treasurer, has a few questions for Beth regarding the Master Plan billing. Also, she has received the smart board invoice and the amount puts us over our budget limit for the year, we will need to revise the budget at the next general meeting to reflect this. Kathy spoke briefly about Boosterthon, saying that online payments have helped to drop the number of bounced checks this year.

Fundraising Report

Catherine Smith, VP Fundraising, told us that Lori Ann Vogel, Chair of Merchant Fundraising, has left WES leaving a need for a new chair for the committee. Leslie Blake may be interested in the position, but would like some assistance.

The 5 Below fundraiser is underway. Kathy C. gave feedback that while she was in the store, most of the clerks didn't know about the program. One clerk did and informed the others. Kathy wanted to get the word out to parents to be sure to ask about the program to get credit while shopping there. Catherine agreed, and said

the info will also be on the announcements at school and will run in the newsletter again next week.

The Original Works fundraiser, being led by Sarah Fitzgibbons (Art Teacher), seems to have netted \$800. Ms. Fitzgibbons will have final numbers soon. She will be offering a second opportunity for parents to order products. This order will ship after the holidays.

The Book Fair cleared a little over \$2,000. More details to be discussed at the PTA Board Meeting.

Sue Reilly reported on the Boosterthon. She says so far it has made \$15,400 and they are still collecting some of the pledges. A discussion began about the possibility of running the Boosterthon with only parent volunteers to save having to pay the company large amounts of money for them to run it. Mr. Chadwick's wife works at Cedar Creek, and they will be doing their BT with only parent volunteers. He will let us know how they do. Most present felt that paying the company was worth the money we raise with the Boosterthon. There was concern that we would not have the same enthusiasm from the students without Kyle and the others. There was also concern that we would not have enough parent help to make it successful on our own.

Sue also spoke about the WEShare holiday drive. They still have need for grocery giftcards for needy families. Sue also reported that the Staff Lunch for December will consist of various appetizers, and asked for volunteers to bring food for the lunch. It will be held on 12/14.

Volunteer Report

Jennifer Ellerbe, VP Volunteers, told us that Gigi Lane is the Spotlight Volunteer for the month of December. Gigi has done an excellent job in her work with the PTA – she is the chair of Cultural Arts.

Jennifer reported that the International Fair is coming up in February, and the plans are still in the works. Also, there is a need for new sound system operators and for those volunteers to be trained on the sound system. Jen said that Michelle Counter had written an article regarding the KITS program for the last newsletter. They need more volunteers to implement the program and hope to kick it off in January.

Communication Report

Kira Wolfe, VP Communications, mentioned concern about false and negative feedback left on web sites like greatschools.com. She asked those with positive feedback to post there. Kira also requested use of the PTA bulletin board in January to use as an advertising place for volunteers for next year. Beth thought this was a great idea.

Committee Reports/New Business

Beth reported on the status of the Master Plan. They had a meeting recently and Beth gave some feedback to them, and the actual phases of implementation still have to be decided. Beth went over a blueprint of the plan with those present. Some of the things included on the plan are: a 5th grade wall out front to put hand prints or something significant on for the graduating classes, a 4th grade literacy/rock garden including a nature trail that cuts through to the playground, a Blackbeard's ship area with shells to identify, an area along the street will feature different sculptures, and an edible garden (Beth would suggest this to be phase 1) which will include rain barrels and a compost area. The MP architects have suggested that the playground equipment that is outdated be removed, but that will wait until next year when Wake Co. will have funds for this purpose. Once the MP is finalized, we will decide what areas will be Phase 1, 2 and so on. Once Phase 1 has been decided, the details will be posted along with a sign up sheet for volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned by Beth.