



Friends of **WEAVER**

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August 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order– Francie
 - Present: Francie Ghose, Jeannine Baker (by phone), Christine Ostrander, Kelly Otani, Christine Coxhill, Gina Alderson, Tracy Hageman, Abby Harris, Jackie Aker, Jackie Skeris, Todd Schmidt, Ruthann Kurkjin
2. President's Report – Francie
 - FOW Board reception
 - Works best for board on Tuesday evenings later in the evening.
 - Meeting Dates this Year: Second Monday (see below)
 - Grab Bags
 - Disney grand prize was not drawn at WGG. Dr. Schmidt will draw on Friday at flag ceremony.
 - Treasure's Report – see Jeannine's report and Rosie's report was attached to the agenda. We need to focus on the budget at the next meeting.
3. Secretary's report – Abby
 - *Action: Approval of June meeting minutes: Approved!*
4. Principal's Report Dr. Schmidt
 - Teacher Rep – Mrs. Otani will be the teacher rep for FOW.
 - Media Center Staff
 - New Media Center Teacher – Chantell Ortega – science specialist from Harbor View to replace Mrs. Epps. She will be attending the Project Lead the Way training in January. Working with district science TOSA, Morgan Martin. Miss Claudia is also back and working with her.
 - Teacher Laptop purchases
 - \$11,000 from the IPAD buy-back program was available. The teachers were asked who could wait a year on the computers to spread out the purchases. Computers are here and waiting to be set up by the district. Total was around \$15,000.00 Five teachers asked for PCs and 16 asked for Macbooks so 21 teachers will get new computers this year and the rest will get them next year.
 - Media Center Screen Installation
 - Two big screens have been installed as well as projector and smartboard, and Apple TV's
 - Media Center Schedule and Curriculum plan for year
 - Schedule is similar to last year because it is Monday through Wednesday at %49. Kindergarten is rotating so classes are going every other week.
 - RuthAnn asked about making a different day/time for library checkout instead of using Media time. Parent volunteers would be willing to help check out for the library on Thursdays and Fridays. Dr. Schmidt will sit down with the teachers to develop a schedule that will address that.
 - Curriculum plan – emphasizing the engineering components to start. They need supplies for the lessons.
 - Discussed Project Lead the Way with Mrs. Otani and Mrs. Ortega using the lessons especially because of our financial commitment

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to it but many of the staff are not knowledgeable about it. Dr. Schmidt said we need to get Mrs. Ortega trained and then start looking at the timing of the lessons.

- Dr. Schmidt wants to look at all of the various programs that we have at Weaver and be sure that we are being transparent with teachers about what they need and the timing to also make sure they have enough instruction time. Dr. Schmidt wants the instruction from the media center to bleed into the classroom and blends the STEAM education into the classroom.
- Mrs. Otani will take the library checkout issue to the teachers and Miss Peel for her principal advisory meeting so that we can work out having kids get time separate from STEAM to checkout library books using parent volunteers.
- Giving Tree program was revamped so that they have 10 options and then the kid will get to keep the book.
- Possibility of FOW funding a librarian/literacy aid in the future.
- Dr. Schmidt's vision – The STEAM lab is not functional. The desks are bolted down. Dr. Schmidt would like to remodel the STEAM lab so that the kids can come in at recess and lunch and be able to move the tables and collaborate or read in there so they can have a place to be. We need a multifunctioning environment helps inspire creativity, collaboration, etc.

5. Treasurer's Report Jeannine

- We have about \$188 k in the bank as of today but that does not include a lot of the project lead the way contributions. For project lead the way, we are at \$15,331.00 which is a little behind the \$21k we had last year. We may want to put another communication out there.
- Report includes what we put out for the laptops and steam instructor
- SCRIP – we only netted \$300 last year. We should consider either doing away with it or enhancing it.
- Greatest profit is \$137,212 from the auction, \$20,668.50 from project lead the way, weaver moms - \$541.00 - \$2,824 Family fun night, \$13,586 from matching and other donations.

6. Vice President's Report Jackie S.

- Mission Statement and Goal Setting for this year
 - We came up with our new mission statement last year. This year we can maybe shift to focusing on the whole child, collaborating
- PLTW – see above treasurer's report and President's report, we need supplies as Dr. Schmidt mentioned. Gina will discuss with Mrs. Ortega. We will have her put together a list and budget for the supplies. RuthAnn said their budget covers science supplies in the classroom.
- Employee Matching – see treasurer's report and below PR report
- Disney Grant – still being offered this year and we will tie it into the carnival like we did last year to get the 75 volunteers we need for the tickets.

7. PR and Communication Chair Report Jackie A.

- Press Release – Jackie drafted a pitch letter talking about Dr. Schmidt coming on board and highlighting his vision. She talked to a contact at Orange County Register. Will try for local papers.

- Gina – she wants to send out receipts for employee matching. They are going to draft an email for Dr. Schmidt to send out to give a last boost. By giving receipts, and promoting it, we might get more matches.
- Jackie A will work on wording for an email to help generate more support.

8. Events and Logistics Chair

- Family Fun Night August 13 at Chipotle 4-8pm
 - Planning for next one, maybe the 17th or 19th of September. Francie suggested that Christine O work with Wendy to look at the Tuesdays that would work.
- Weaver Sets Sail – see below. Christine O secured same AV company from last year. Francie has a hold on the DJ Jack, auctioneer has the date and Christine O will contact the casino company.
- Mom's Happy Hour – Christine O will coordinate with Leslie Davis about mom's events.
 - Gina's brother is able to help us with steam pressing shirts to sell. Candy has a design logo for Weaver mom's and maybe we can all wear the shirts to the event.

9. Weaver Sets Sail Chair Report Tracy

- Theme/Save the Date
 - Tribute to yacht rock and the iconic loveboat – glamorous 70's/80's, lots of white, sequins, etc.
- Procurement Committee
 - Francie and Tracy started going through the letters from last year and updating them. Starting to look into the procurement committee. If there is anyone who wants to be on the committee, let Tracy know. She wants to start soon and really get that team going with a lead on the big items like vacations, a lead for mid-scale items, and a lead for smaller more local items. They talked to Dr. Schmidt briefly about him dressing up in Captain's hat and gear at the Friday flag ceremonies.
- Grab Bags
 - Doing these again for the auction. She will give us an update next time.

10. Raspberry Pi/Lego WeDo Report Laura Hall

- Dr. Schmidt discussed a program called Piper which uses Minecraft to take students through the process of building computers using a kit.
- Laura described the program from last year including formalizing the lessons by shadowing Mr. Das. There is a parent lead in each 5th grade class who then gets assistants. We have leads for 3 of the classes with a couple of assistants and still need one for Mrs. Kwaks and a separate location because it is a 4/5 split. There will be 10 lessons this year. The kits have been enhanced and includes a computer with a red board, simple electronics, keyboard and mouse. It uses Scratch instead of Python. One of the challenges is the amount of equipment that needs to be brought into the classroom and it would be helpful to be able to use the media center. Dr. Schmidt told Laura that she can set up with Wendy to use the media center on Thursdays or Fridays. Dr. Schmidt said that

Laura should approach Mrs. Ortega about the Lego Wedo Program. We have 53 of the kits.

11. Other Business.

- State of the District breakfast – September 13th; FOW will get a table. Let Francie know if you would like to go.
- Parking – Gina Harbor bought a parking spot and she left the school. Cindy K drew a spot and is allowing Tracy and Francie to use it. Gina gave Jackie her spot. Whoever buys the spot, has the right to that spot and to designate that.
- Shed
 - Lock is not working and roof leaks. Francie will bring it up with Dr. Schmidt. Maybe we can buy a combination lock.

12. Adjourn at 10:00AM PST

Next Meeting: 9/9/19