PTO Meeting: September 19, 2022, 7:00pm

Introductions for people around the room and for the people on zoom.

The meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month.

Principals Report- Mr. Kling

* Currently, 491 students attending WFE. Opened the door with 500 and some have made the move.
* Inside the building, things have been going well. Outside the building, transportation has been an issue. Just wanted to give an update- bussing has been challenging and they have continued to make changes on what they can control. The transportation dept has added some busses... as of today, only 2 buses are not in service.
* Had some feedback on BTS night- since back in person- did everyone seem to like it? We put a new system in play- i.e. playing the video beforehand to give more teacher time. People appreciated the online option.
  + There is one suggestion; for parents to be more aware that children were not recommended to come.
  + Another suggestion was to have it last 5 or so minutes more, for more conversation with the parents and teachers.
  + Another suggestion to have a separate session for just 5th grade since it’s so much more information
* Academically, we are going to be focusing on small group instruction for K-5, to plan and to program, specifically for catch up from covid if some students are behind who are below level in literacy and math. One of the tools we will be using is the i-ready program. We are using it in a more beefed-up way this year. The paths will be catered to the individual learning level. Teachers will use the iready lessons, based on the diagnostic assessments given to the students. For those students who are at or above grade level- first in math will be used as the digital tool to add to the learning in the classroom.
  + Question from a parent- how much time are kids expected to be online (iready, etc).. they are looking for students to pass 2 lessons per week- about 15 min. 4x a week.
* Last thing- room parents and how we want to approach room parents this year. Last year the teachers chose room parents and later in the year- it was a challenge logistically. There are pros and cons to each way- having the teachers choose or having the PTO choose. Sounds like the preference would be for the PTO to assign room moms- to take the heat off the teacher.
* Talking about the challenges of communicating with parents via email, parents could really use email addresses for room parent events, gift collections, etc.

Teachers Report- Mrs. Turner

* Good evening, everyone- to piggy back on what the PTO said- the teachers did send something out. If the PTO can send something to families- that would help teachers with a lottery for room parents.
* Mrs. Turner is asking if there any restrictions for volunteers to come in and help. Mr. Kling said there are no restrictions except for parents coming to have lunch with their kids- as far as other restrictions- there are none. As long as they watch the video and do background checks- should be sufficient.
* Thank you so much for the welcome breakfast on the teachers first day back to school- all of the staff appreciated it! Nice planning and good work to the PTO.

Treasurers Report- Jenny Brandt

* The current budget is through August 31st.
* We have 2 accounts- one General Operating (GO) which is for yearbooks, use for day to day things for the school, each teacher gets $100 allowance for supplies each school year, etc. and one Special Purpose (SP).. which is for bigger ticket items throughout the year to benefit the school.. i.e.. water coolers, smart boards, etc. SP fund is run more like a business budget.
* We have $8300 in GO fund and $48,000 in SP fund.
* Race for Education money goes into SP fund and for this year is going to refurbish the media center. The goal for Race for Ed is $25-30k.
* Big costs for the year are 5th grade field trip, promotion, etc.
* Spirit wear sale is going on right now- through September 30th. We expect the gear to come home in a 3 week turn around.

PTO President- Charlotte Byrd

* Spizzico spirit night was a great success, $660. It was busy and a great evening!
* Registration/ joining the PTO (website, FB page, links). If you haven’t registered- please do so and pay the $15 if you can. Windsor farm PTO website has a wealth of information.
* We have a new FB page for Windsor Farm. We try to keep it updated as much as possible.
* PTOffice is our email communication- check your make sure it’s not going to spam. Please add to your contacts list.
* Volunteer requirements: background checks have to be done every 2 years- for any face to face contact at the school and you must watch the video (can be found on volunteer tab on the website; view and sign).
* There is a sign up genius on the website- to sign up for volunteers- it will be updated.
* Race for Education- we are experiencing a low return rate- but we hope to still make our goal for refurbing the media center.
* Elections- 3 open spots for next year due to mid term age outs- VP and Treasurer. President elections are also this year. Anyone interested in shadowing- please reach out. Elections are typically in May.
* The PTO creates the yearbook- we need some volunteers. Please use photo post to upload your pics. You can put the photos in and drop them in the right folder.
* Amazon smile and box tops, you can go through our website- choose Windsor Farm PTO- 10% of your shopping goes to PTO. For box tops- download the app.
* October 13th is Hispanic Family Night at Broadneck High School from 6-8pm.

Update on Planned Events

* Beautification committee- off and running- anyone can join. There will be a grounds walk on Friday, to keep the grounds looking nice.
* Race for Ed volunteer needs- more slots to be added.
* Movie night 10/7 show time 7:30pm. There will be concessions. The Humphreys will take care of all the technology and move show indoors if it rains.
* Picture day is 10/10; PTO accepts volunteers to help the kids.
* Spirit night @ Senors Chile on Wednesday, 10/12. 10% back on all orders all day, kitchen closes at 9pm… live music on the patio. Manager said he would up the percentage to 15 if it’s a good turnout.

Planning for Future events

* PJ Day, 11/4. Bring $1 if able
* Boo Grams- what they are.. distro on 10/21.

Next Meeting is 10/17/2022

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Attendees- Mr. Kling, Charlotte Byrd, Jenny Brandt, Abbie Finamore, Allison Turner, Amanda Kelly, Catherine Konopka, Alexandra Bennof, Camille Brown, Austin Cypher, Patrick Flynn, Regina Flynn, AH, Lauren Haines, Michele Houston, Mary Johnson, Rebecca Lowe, John Newlin, Mattie Weems, Laura Wood, Missi Smith, Reanne Petrullo, Sarah Frenun, Carolina Jacobs, Maggie Odigie, Jessica Hartom, Nathalie Monterola, James Levine