

**Westside Elementary PTA Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 7 January 2015, 9:15 am.**

In attendance: Janelle Christensen, Audra McHoes, Brandi Duvall, Jocelyn Child, Athena Hammer, Heather Robinson, Stephanie Christensen, Lisa Smith, Melissa Franklin, Marilyn Boucher, Brooke Jensen, Shannon Arroyo, Kari Kieffer, Karen Ellingson, Jenny Fowler, Mrs. Matis, Annie Burnham

Call to Order: Jenny Fowler

Pledge of Allegiance: Jenny Fowler

VP Principal: Sara Matis

An open house for the proposed boundary changes was at Cherry Creek Elementary Wednesday January 7 from 3-5. There will not be a presentation it was so people can look at maps and ask questions or make suggestions. There was a paper form for attendees to use. The district only reviews written suggestions.

Mrs. Matis explained to us how the boundary changes could affect Westside. It was mentioned that it was surprising that more chunks of area weren't taken out. Mrs. Matis explained that in small areas there can be as many as 150 kids. The district needs to look at potential growth in the areas around the schools. For example landlocked schools don't have a lot of potential for growth. The number of students in a school affects programs the school can have.

How will the boundaries changes affect the dual immersion program? There is no way of knowing we will just have to wait and see. Students who are in special programs that the new boundary changes will affect have the option to stay in the program. If they were a bus student they will no longer have the option to use the bus.

Treasurer: Janelle Christensen

Monthly Treasurer's Report was passed around along with the updated budget vs actual. Things have been slow there has been no money coming in, a couple of small things going out.

VP Teacher: Shannon Arroyo

Was the giving tree successful?

Mrs. Arroyo thought so! Teachers seemed pleased Mrs. Arroyo hasn't heard any complaints. We are always hopeful that every teacher will receive at least one gift!

VP Legislation: Marilyn Boucher

President Elect: Melissa Franklin

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee usually meets in January to help the president elect come up with names to fill the positions on the executive board. Melissa can pick a day, time and place. She could have her meeting at the school or even at her house. If you are on the nomination committee you cannot be on the board. It would be good to have a representative from each of the neighborhoods on the committee. Stephanie Christensen will be on the committee. A few names were mentioned to be on the committee. Janette Weakly, Kelly Thorp, Camille Cope. Melissa mentioned she just needs a treasure. Janelle has been the treasure for 2 years. Although she cannot fill the position she is willing to still be involved with the position.

Teacher Appreciation

Melissa also will need someone to be over Teacher appreciation and teacher birthdays. Natalie is currently over teacher appreciation and teacher birthdays. She would love to still help with teacher appreciation although next year she would like to focus on teacher birthdays.

President: Jenny Fowler

***Penny Wars**

The penny war rose over \$3,000. The funds were donated to the Community in Action. They are located in Provo. A representative from Community in Action came last year and talked to the students about how their donations are used to help families in need. One of the things he mentioned was that they appreciate programs like ours who donate money instead of food. Oftentimes they will receive food from food drives and the food will expire before they can give it to a family in need.

Santa visiting the students

Everything went well when Santa visited the students. Santa loves visiting the students of Westside; he is looking forward to visiting next year!

January

15 SEP dinner #2 - Brooke & Heather

Soup, salad, rolls, dessert will be served at this SEP dinner.

Brooke has sent out an email to those who signed up and to the call me list to help prepare food for the dinner. She will need help with cleaning up after the dinner. The last dinner is around 7:30, cleanup will be around 8:00. Jenny said she can come help with the cleanup. If Brooke needs more help with the food or clean up I can sent an email for help out to the board. She checked after the meeting to see if we need to purchase more paper products.

February

4 Board Meeting; vote on 2015-2016 Executive Board

In February we vote on the executive board for the next year. We need to have as **many** members at our February meeting as possible. Let your friends and neighbors know that we will be voting on the new board. Our meetings are open to everyone. Have your friends come checkout a meeting and see what they are like. PTA really isn't as time consuming as you think. You can pick and choose how involved in PTA you are. We all bring our kids to the meetings they are welcome to bring their kids too!

Teacher Appreciation week

Natalie wants to have the appreciation week the week after spring break instead of in February.

Natalie is thinking about a couple themes for the appreciation week. Super Hero Theme "You are a super hero" or

Map Theme "The best teachers in the world"

March

19 SEP dinner #3

Box top competition

Jenny will contact Katelyn to see when she wants to have the competition.

April

6-10 Spring Break

Book Fair Dates march

Book is scheduled the week before spring break. March 30 - April 3. Audra called to see if we have it that week would still get the bonus and the bogo. She is waiting to her back from them. Yes we want the book fair before spring break! After spring break is when it starts to get really busy.

May

Hershey Track

Hershey Track has discontinued their program. The parks and recreation department asked schools if they still wanted to continue with something like the Hershey Track. They got an overwhelming response that some kind of track program is still wanted. The track day will be the same as well as being at the High School. The only difference is that when a student wins that is it. There is not a next level of to move on to. The PTA will still provide a treat for the students.

The days for each of the grades are scheduled as:

May 7 4th grade track
14 3rd grade track
23 6th grade track
30 5th grade track

Misc.

Marquee

It was mentioned we could include that we will vote on the new committee in February on the marquee. We cannot put PTA news on the marquee. If we did other groups or clubs would want to use the marquee.

Shoe Drive

It was asked is there still a shoe drive! Yes it is sometime in April or May.

Marquee January: Kari

Marquee February: Athena Hammer

*****Reminder about logging hours!**

Remember to log your hours. If someone is babysitting for you, you can log them in when you log in. That way the babysitter will not have to remember to log in her hours!

Volunteer Hours: 71.5

Adjourn until Wednesday, February 4, 9:15 am