

Wakefield Forest ES - PTA Meeting Minutes
Oct 5, 2010

I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm in the school library.

II. Secretary Report – Ellen Rolan

- a. Mr. D's is retiring in November after 15+ years of service. The PTA will be recognizing his retirement at Halloween bingo on Oct 22nd with a Gift Card and a card. After discussion with the staff, a restaurant card was determined to be the best gift. The PTA secretary takes care of staff retirement gifts, Ellen Rolan will take for action.

III. President's Report – Alison Wright

- a. Twig Review. A copy of the TWIG was provided for review. The legislative input was empty waiting for information from Courtney Collins on the Annandale Regional Planning studies. See b.
- b. Boundary Study Representatives. Kim Wright is the Rep on the Annandale Regional Planning Study regarding overcrowding at Annandale High School and the Opening of the Lacey Center Elementary School. Sheri shared a note from Dean Tistadt, FCPS, about the Planning Study. While WFES is not part of the Planning study, Poe and Frost Middle Schools and Annandale and Woodson High Schools are part of the study, so WFES should keep informed. The TWIG will have website links or check the FCPS website for information.
- c. Spirit Wear/Cinch Sack Sales. We do not yet have a volunteer for next year to do back-up this year.
- d. Directory Status. Adrienne is waiting to get information from the office that is needed to produce the directory. The PTA cannot help with the data input to help speed the process, but we could provide help to cover the office for about one hour in the afternoon to free up the office staff to work on the data. We will put a blurb on blackboard and try to find people willing to do office support once a week. Next year, we should have forms at the Newcomers meeting to help fill in data.
- e. Ice Cream Social. During the meeting, the Ice Cream Social was going to be moved to the Spring. After the meeting, dates were switched and we will have the ice cream social on Thursday, Oct 28th, the night of Book Fair.
- f. October Events
 - a. Silver Diner night Oct 7. Flyer went out in Thursday folder.
 - b. Papa Johns Oct 19.
 - c. Book Fair Oct 25 – 29.
 - d. Bingo Night Oct 29. After the meeting, Bingo was moved to Oct 22nd. Flyer going out in Thursday folder.
- g. November Events
 - a. Bake Sale – Election day bake sale under control.
 - b. Anything else? No.

IV. Principal's Report - Sheri D'Amato. Staff Development days are ongoing.

Upcoming events include Health Screening – volunteers needed, Field Day – volunteers are set, Oct 29th Cultural assembly “The Blues,” Fall Portraits will be Nov 4th. Literacy Night had a great turnout. The Reading Program is getting good volunteers, more are always needed, spread the word. On Oct 18th the “school plan” will be turned into the FCPS Asst. Superintendent. The Sally Foster award luncheon was lovely, and everyone is looking forward to the “Game to You” award celebration on the 25th. Sheri is always interested in topics that would be good for “Principal Coffees”. If several parents are concerned about anything, please bring it up for consideration of a “coffee.”

- V. Assistant Principal's Report - Sharyn Prindle.** 1st and 2nd Grade testing is coming up – the Nagleri and Cogat. K-2 is doing DRA assessments. K-2 is doing math assessments. Grades 3-6 are doing E-cart assessments which are truly for “assessment” purposes, not for grades.
- VI. Faculty Representative's Report - Diana Maggi** is the Faculty representative this year. The teachers were represented by the 6th grade team of Ms. Vitt, Ms. Chinchar, and Ms. Verity. The 6th grade had a wonderful time at their field trip to Hemlock. They also had two science guys give a wonderful presentation to the 6th grade – including the brother of Astronaut Dave Brown who died on the Columbia shuttle. The 6th grade will be going to the National Gallery of Art on the 15th. The PTA would like to ask teachers to let students know if they will be attending PTA events like “restaurant nights” to help get the children excited to attend.
- VII. Treasurer's Report - Vicki Hurlebus.** A copy of the current budget was passed out to all. Sally Foster numbers are not “too bad”. We are currently at about 40% of budget with more money still coming in. There is a plan for having people return entertainment books that they have not purchased.
- VIII. Committee Reports -**
- a. Fundraising – Raquel Bishop & Janice Viola**
1. **Auction update.** Auction is off to a good start, but we still need a Chair-person/people. Almost all of the committee positions are filled, so the chair-person just needs to keep people on schedule. The next meeting will be Oct 17th.
 2. **Bulb Sales.** Orders are still coming in. As of the meeting, we are looking at a profit of over \$200.
 3. **Vendor Night.** The Vendor night will be in the Gym on Nov. 11th. We have 6 vendors signed up to date. We are hoping for 20 tables. The fee is \$25 per table and 25% of sales. Cookie samples from the cookie dough sales will be available that night.
 4. **Cookie Dough.** Cookie dough sales will run from Nov 4th – Nov. 22nd.
 5. **Bingo Night.** After the meeting, the date for BINGO was changed to October 22nd. A flyer went out in the Thursday folder. Some of the prizes will go on display in the lobby.
- b. Academic – Christa Gormley.** Christa was out of town, but she reported that GOTR and Reflections are up and running. The Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb 16th.
- c. Legislative – Courtney Collins.** See President notes regarding Annandale regional planning study.
- d. Volunteer Services – Adrienne Gonzales.** See notes re. directory.
- IX. Adjournment.** The Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.