

January 15, 2019

Board Members

Cindy Hutcheson, President /Katie Felmlee, 1st Vice President (absent) /Siobhan Hummel, 2nd Vice President (absent) /Alan Scholl, Treasurer/Misty Cebry, Corresponding Secretary/ Anne Strawbridge, Recording Secretary/ Ed Smith, Principal

Call to Order /Welcome & Introductions/Last Meeting's Minutes Cindy Hutcheson

The Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

December's minutes were corrected to read: On behalf of Lyn Noon, Anne Strawbridge reported that entries are out for judging. Minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report: Cindy Hutcheson

Cindy Hutcheson reported that the PTA has a lot of great stuff going on which will be covered in further detail under Committee Reports.

Principal's Report Ed Smith

Ed Smith reported on the PA Index which is a tool to compare school performance and district facts. It's color coded: blue is great, green is good, and orange needs attention. WV does very well, sometimes so much so that there is not much room for improvement! The PA Index measures ELA/Math/ and Science for 4 & 8th grades. There is a great deal of information on this site. It is recommended to compare our school to other K – 6 grade schools so as not to get skewed data. One area of improvement for WV is grammar and sentence formation.

Mr. Smith referenced Dr. Lloyd's note sent over the weekend about Safe 2 Say Something, the new anonymous tip line which was unveiled by the state of PA. Download the ap on your phone. 5 team members including Dr. Lloyd, Brandon Daniels our Head of Security, and Dr. Marchini review all tips, and there are multiple layers of accountability. The national average of this type of program has 12 tips/month, half of which are actionable. On January 24 at 7:00 pm in the Middle School, there will be a parent information night about how Safe 2 Say Something works.

On the academic front, staff is finishing up their mid year data collection of every student by January 25. The following week there will be meetings with staff to go over every single student in the building. Are they meeting benchmark? If not, why? If above, what are they doing for enrichment? By February 15, they will implement the plans for the rest of the year. PSSA schedule is rough this year with spring break.

Mr. Smith talked a little about his Friday Focus, and he asked the membership to let him know if there is a subject that people would like to have him cover.

Mr. Smith is looking into developing a 3 year plan for playground equipment.

The PTA Project: Artist in Residence is up and running with Bailey Cypress. The mural is focusing on the 3rd graders' participation, and it's off to a great start!

Treasurer's Report

Alan Scholl

Alan Scholl reported that the finances have been reconciled. There are now two statements to reconcile as funds have been moved into an interest bearing money market fund. In half a month we earned more interest than was budgeted for the whole year! Quickbooks Online was offline, so the furnished report was pulled from January 10, 2019. Since our last meeting, we had income of roughly \$1,000 (Amazon, Box Tops, interest, and a Wildcat Donor), and our largest expenses were the Annual Quickbooks expense of \$683 (a savings over a monthly payment system), Bingo for \$660, and Directory for \$650.

Alan presented the motion from December's meeting for a vote. The motion was to increase our Annual PTA project \$3,275 to \$5,000 from our Opening Balance Equity to cover the expense for the wall mural. The motion was approved unanimously.

Alan shared with the membership about his recent discovery through Quickbooks that Book Fair is listed in our budget only as income. There needs to be a Book Fair expense line as well. The Executive Board is meeting to discuss this update, and any necessary adjustments they propose.

Correspondence:

Misty Cebry

Misty Cebry read a very nice thank you from Erin Flexner about Science Fair. Kate Day thanked the PTA for the gift card and for allowing her to participate in Bingo Night.

Old Business

Science Fair: Thanks to Jamie Williams for arranging for and setting up breakfast and lunch for our Science Fair judges.

Publishing Center: Rita Pederson reported that the computers are ordered and the printer is in. Based on their time line, they will be publishing 2nd and 6th grade. 4th grade is not going to be published because of the downtime from the flood. 3rd Grade poetry may be published. 2 new volunteers are coming in. If they need more volunteers, they will let membership know.

Bingo: Misty reported that Tara Solomon did a great job. They had over 260 attendees! Mr. Vogel, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Feldman were our guest callers, and the North Coventry Food Pantry received a huge donation of non-perishables from the event.

New Business

Talent Show: Preview Night showcased roughly 64 acts with 90 children. Kathleen Reitmeyer is doing the lineups. Peter Reitmeyer is the MC. Volunteers are needed. Concessions will be for sale. Chris Howell went over the sound system with Mr. Smith who just had it updated. Dress Rehearsal is on February 1. The show starts on February 8 at 6:00.

Sing-A-Long Movie Night: Will also take advantage of the sound system's recent update. On January 25, there will be free popcorn and drinks. Movie candy will be available for purchase. Sign up to volunteer at the concession, and please RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

After School Programs: Mixed Media Art for Grades 1 – 3. World Martial Arts will be offered for Grades 4 – 6. Registration will go live Tuesday January 22 at 7:00 pm. Mastermind's Chair Jay

Pederson is looking for an assistant to help cover when he can't get there. This program runs 6 – 8 weeks long and is very popular. Please consider helping Jay out.

Committee Reports

Membership and Unfundraiser: There were 2 new members and a Wildcat donor!

All Pro Dads: Come! Bring a friend! This is a great program with a great message. Only two left this year.

Reflections: Last heard, the entries were out for judging.

Yearbook: Sales are underway! This year they will be hardcover and free to 6th graders.

Download the Balfour App to upload photos or use your computer if you have a lot to share.

Backpack: North Coventry loves the donations that have been coming in from our PTA events. Sing-A-Long Movie night will be our next opportunity to collect shelf stable items.

Reading Incentive: Miss Hetzog's class won again. Some of the prizes have included Palace

Bowling. Don't miss out on the fun! Download the reading log form from the PTA website.

Cindy Hutcheson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Upcoming 2019 Dates to Remember:

1/21/19 No School – MLK Day

1/22/19 After School Program online Registration for Mixed Media Gr. 1 – 3, Martial Arts Gr. 4 - 6

1/25/19 Sing-A-Long Movie Night 6:00 doors open 6:30 showtime @ gym

1/28/19 School Board Meeting 7 – 9 pm at HS

1/31/19 All Pro Dad Breakfast 7:00 am @ gym

2/1/19 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 5:00 – 7:00 @ gym

2/6/19 After School Program begins: Mixed Media Art Class Grades 1 – 3, 3:15 – 4:15 pm

2/6/19 After School Program begins: World Martial Arts Grades 4 – 6, 3:15 – 4:15 pm

2/7/19 All Pro Dad Snow Date

2/8/19 Talent Show 6:00 – 8:30 pm @ gym

2/14/19 Talent Show Snow Date

2/15/19 No School – Professional Development

2/18/19 No School – President's Day

2/25/19 PTA General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm @ school library (rescheduled from 2/11/19)

