

Minutes from Friends of Williams-Cone School October 30, 2007

Meeting began at 7 PM. Present: Lisa Furgeson (Secretary), Sue Lawrence (treasurer), Holly Kopp (chair), Otis Thompson, Sue Saucier, Jodi Galvin, Julie Kish, Hannah Beattie, Tracy Laurence

Principal's Report:

- There is a new report card system this year. The report that parents see will be simplified. Teachers will still report the same info to the district. Report that goes home in November will not include Art, Music, and PE. Those will come home after Thanksgiving.
- The theme this year is Mexico. Performers are being investigated. Grants are being looked at for funding.
- Otis will be approaching school board for hiring of Ed Tech III to help with 5th grade (Post note: this has been approved).
- Field trip fund is almost gone. Friends to provide check for \$2000.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted

- Current balance is \$5324.37

Old Business:

- Walk-a-thon: we raised \$2832.33. This event was completely funded through donations. Attendance was about 50 families but was a great time. We would love to see this happen again next year.
- Art fundraiser is set to go home.
- Bus Driver appreciation went well. Next year we need to remind teachers to do something with their classes. There was a bit of miscommunication with this.
- We will once again sponsor a family during the holidays. Amy Wallace will keep us informed.

New Business:

- Rick Charette is fast approaching. Ticket sales are slow. We hope at the door sales will be good. A list of advertising venues was discussed and a few new places were considered. We will need volunteers to take tickets, sell souvenirs, and sell tickets.
- Recycling programs continue. Holly to contact Bridget McAlonan to see if she has followed-up with Topsham Redemption.
- Hannah Beattie will handle the November bulletin board. Rick Charette will be the promo.
- T-shirts have arrived. Unfortunately, they were incorrect. We have decided to keep them at a discount and the corrected version should arrive soon. We will make a large profit on the incorrect order.
- Volunteers are needed to organize Family Fun nights, Ed discussion, open gym. If interested, contact Holly or Lisa. Jodi Galvin to contact a parent about organizing a W-C Pirates hockey night.
- Sue Saucier mentioned the idea of giving each child money to be used at the school book fair. It was pointed out that not every child can purchase a book. Everyone seemed in favor of this and Otis will talk with Priscilla about participation.

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- Jodi Galvin and Lynn Sirois are investigating the possibility of 501c status for the Friends. This would allow us to file for grants. Cyndi Burne has offered her help in filling out paperwork.
- Auction planning is underway. The date is April 5, 2008. Brunswick Country Club is a possible site. The committee is negotiating prices for food and possible sponsors for the evening. Trying to keep ticket price to around \$15. Ideas are needed for auction items. These should be given to Jodi for inclusion on the master list.

Next Meeting: Next meeting November 27, 2007 at 7 pm.