

**WILDE PTO MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2011
MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order:** 6:36 p.m.
- II. Members Present:** Bill Hopkins, Jennifer Glant, Stacey Warda, Lisa Jolliffe, Anna Clower, Ann Clark, Lisa St. Aubin-Pantea, Brad Pantea, Christine Stone, Matthew Guinn, Lori Reynhout, Lynn Hemstreet, Jennifer Cooney, David Figurski, Katherine Rozanaski, Diane Golden, Rich Kopas, Nicole Curtis, Jen Moody, AnnMarie Scholfield, Carolyn Edwards, Christa Peraino, Laura Nielsen, Anna Clower
- III. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept by Ann Clark and seconded by Carolyn Edwards.
- ** Before going further into meeting, Bill Hopkins wanted to welcome and thank the four teachers who came to the meeting to show support. Also discussed Detroit Popcorn Company, we recently purchased popcorn cases at a cheaper rate and will take us through the end of the year. Also had samples from the company to try out. There was an inquiry and explanation of the \$3,000 Principal Fund. Mr. Guinn discussed past fundraisers from PTO and what was eliminated.
- IV. Title One:** As a requirement there will be a compact survey to be filled out by parents and may be returned during conferences. A hard copy of such survey will be sent home to students prior to conferences. Conferences are to be in 15 minute intervals. Mr. Guinn stressed that the teacher conferences keep to this timeframe.
- V. Correspondence:** Was informed that Mrs. Roberg had injured her knee and will be out of the library to recover. Will be sending her a get well soon card.
- VI. Addition to Agenda**
- School Movie Fieldtrip
 - Lunch Room Food
 - Recycling
 - Popcorn Machine
 - PTO Closet
 - Committee Chairs
- VII. Old Business**
- a. **Mileage Vote – November 8th:** Was voted down and Mr. Hopkins thanked everyone who came out to support school.
 - b. **Fundraising Committee Report:** Had a prior meeting to discuss what fundraiser would most benefit school and agreed that Great American Savings Gift Card would be perfect. Explained how gift card works, what kind of profit we would receive and how it was going out to students for parents to purchase. Motion to approve the distribution of Savings Gift Card

by Jennifer Cooney and seconded by Ann Clark. Also, the committee has sent out to all teachers and staff a survey inquiring a “wish list” of what they would like to have for their classrooms. The committee will study such surveys and determine at a later date where best we could help out, whether it is fundraising or looking into possible grants, and finding ways to budget for future needs.

- c. **Name Cards:** Vickie wanted everyone who attends a meeting to be able to have a name card so that we may address such person by name. Such name cards were agreed to by all at the last meeting.
- d. **Parent/Teacher Conferences – Student Council Bake Sale:** Mr. Figurski sent home flyers asking for donations for bake sale, requesting adult volunteers to help supervise during conferences. All donations received will go to a family in need. Student council will take the time to price out the baked goods. Mr. Figurski thanked PTO for the Potato Chip donation. FYI student council meetings are every two weeks on a Friday.
- e. **Santa Shop:** Flyers & forms are in teacher mail boxes for distribution. Discussed when Santa Shop will take place: Monday will be preview day, Tues. – Thurs. will be shopping days and Friday will be last chance day. There will be a classroom sign-up sheet for times they wish to shop. There will be reminder stickers sent home to the student regarding when they are shopping at the Santa Shop. Nursery/Preschool students will not be receiving envelopes – parents bring their child themselves to shop.
- f. **Market Day:** Made a profit of \$583.17. We had 34 customers, \$430 in pie profit alone, which was the first time ever we made bonus. One customer alone purchased 41 pies.

VIII. New Business

- a. **Red Ribbon Week:** Got great feedback from the students. Some parents had concerns with respect to the dog tags and it being a hazard. Vickie advised that the dog tags will come undone if weight is 5 pounds or more.
- b. **Annual Canned Food Drive:** Flyers went out regarding Wilde vs. Wilkerson food drive. All cans donated go to Goodfellows. The Boy Scouts will be sorting and packing cans. Wilde won last year. We want to keep the plaque at Wilde so asked to put an incentive to students. It was proposed that if students bring in 5 or more cans by 11/30 they will receive a free bag of popcorn. Motion to accept by Jennifer Cooney and seconded by Nikki Curtis.
- c. **Mitten Tree:** Location of tree is in the corner near the teacher’s lounge. Students may bring in hats, scarfs, and mittens to be placed on the tree. On December 20th they will be brought to Goodfellows for distributing. Roughly 220 pieces are collected each year.
- d. **Parking Lot Volunteers:** Requesting acknowledgment for their services, since it is a thankless job. Propose giving a \$15 gift card to the three volunteers. Motion to accept by Nikki Curtis and seconded by Laura Nielsen.
- e. **Technology in the Classroom:** Mr. Figurski would like to have a night in January to give parents an opportunity to see what online programs are available to their child. Giving the parents direction, guidance and what tools are available to such programs. Raz-Kids and Study Island were some

programs recently purchased by the school to help students better themselves in reading and math. Put together a committee of Parents and Teachers to oversee such technology night: Those on this committee are: Rich Kopas, Lori Reynhout, Jen Moody, Anna Clower, Stacy Warda, Carolyn Edwards, Mrs. Rozanski, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Melnechuk and Mr. Figurski.

- f. **PTO Website:** Laura Nielsen asking if anyone would be interested in taking over and running PTO website.
- g. **School Movie Fieldtrip:** In lieu of a Christmas party, Mr. Guinn has put together a fieldtrip for students who have earned the privilege to go to MJR movie theatre to see Alvin and the Chipmunks on Monday, December 19th. Wilde students with their teachers will be the only school at the movie theatre. Looking at a cost of \$10 per student, which would cover the movie ticket, transportation, popcorn and pop. Mr. Guinn asked if PTO would help sponsor, there was discussion on how PTO would help sponsor, is there really any need for such activity, etc. Motion to spend \$500 for bus transportation and overflow was accepted by Nikki Curtis and seconded by Jennifer Cooney. Majority was in favor of such proposal, therefore it was approved.
- h. **Lunch Room Food:** Question was asked regarding unwanted/not used food; can it be collected and given to a food bank? Mr. Guinn advised that all food must be thrown out per regulations.
- i. **Recycling:** Question was raised as to why there appears to be no paper recycling resources. Carolyn Edwards has phone call inquiring such matters. Lisa Jolliffe advised that Mr. Warner, City Councilman, said he would help with project. Black Elem. has an incredible recycling program and should look into how we could replicate.
- j. **Popcorn Machine:** There is an extra machine that works, looking at other schools that may need a machine for their popcorn sales. Motion to sell popcorn machine accepted by Jennifer Cooney and seconded by AnnMarie Scholfield.
- k. **PTO Closet:** Mr. Guinn discussed making closet into an office setting. PTO wishes to have a desk, which Mr. Guinn said he could provide. Asked if there's a location for an alternative storage space if need be.
- l. **Committee Chairs:** There is a sheet of all committee chairs – asked if there was anyone interested in chairing and/or co-chairing activities/events that may be coming up. PTO & staff work together on assemblies.

IX. Principal's Report: Mr. Guinn discussed issues with vehicle violations on and/or near school grounds. Advised that nearby neighbors & school have been calling the police for such violations. It has been reported that smoking has been on the premise, rolling stops, illegal parking. Also, the MEAP data, federal funding cuts and Michigan standards were discussed. A neighborhood church would like to donate 10 meals to a family in need. A flyer will be coming out inquiring such matters. Spirit wear order forms will be coming home for anybody interested in purchasing for the holidays.

X. Adjournment: Motion to accept by Jennifer Cooney and seconded by Jennifer Glant 8:27 p.m.