



## Weller PTO Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, February 16, 2021

- I. Welcome Robyn Bueltel
  - Meeting began at 7:01pm
  
- II. Officer Reports
  - A. Secretary – January Minutes Shelley Buch
    - Minutes approved at 7:02pm
  - B. Treasurer Report Ema Lam
    - Outgoing
      - Grade Allotments
        - 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$17.16 – Thermal Energy Demo
      - Teacher Allotments
        - Jackie Scott – teacher allowance for math tools (\$200)
        - Amy Ward – classroom supplies (\$101.01)
        - Wentz – supplies for a project and her integrated arts allotment (\$164.87 from Amazon and \$29.65 from Walmart)
    - Incoming
      - \$500 from Noon Optimist for Reading Challenge
      - \$602.67 from Jersey Mike's Restaurant Takeover
    - Motion to amend the budget to add an additional retirement gift for this year. Motion was approved.
    - Budget Approved at 7:06pm
  - C. Vice President/Principal Report Andrew Boeke
    - Testing
      - MAP testing is still going on; remote kids are coming in on Wednesdays
        - Helps guide teachers' instruction
        - Window for testing closes February 25
        - Will try to get kids who missed to make the test up
        - Paper copies of results will come home about a week after conferences.
      - Ohio State Test (starts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
        - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee is exempt this year, but the state is still expecting the testing to be completed.
        - Planning on it to be in April but waiting to hear more direction due to a bill waiting to pass through the legislature
      - CogAT
        - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

- Group administered IQ test; required by state of Ohio
  - Plan is to do this in March (traditionally, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade would be in January, 5<sup>th</sup> grade in October)
  - Timed test via pencil and paper
- Picture Day
  - This Friday, February 19. If it gets cancelled, we will reschedule.
  - Will be using classroom space (Zink, Felsburg, and photobooth area for family night)
  - Remote learners are 3:00-5:00 pm
  - No paper order forms; everything is online
- Conferences
  - Next week via Zoom
  - Communication should have come from teachers
  - Next Wednesday is round 2 vaccines for staff so there will be no live teaching next Wednesday; no school next Thursday or Friday
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Intervention Specialist, Mary Lynn Scaglione, is retiring this year.
- We hired a new tech teacher, Christina Frasca
- New Quarantine Rules
  - Question: Were more kids in quarantine testing positive?
  - Answer: Not kid-to-kid at Weller. Since January, in at least 3 buildings, there was an increase in kid-to-kid spread based on kids that were fully masked within 6 feet but outside of 3 feet.
- Kicking Off Otis Spunkmeyer on Tuesday
  - Will be kicked off virtually via a video link in the classrooms
  - Andrew and Nick will also talk to kids about it in the lunchroom
  - Prizes – using the company's prize poster; \$50 raffle; name on the sign outside for top boy and girl; extra recess monitored by Andrew for the top-selling class from each grade

D. President

Robyn Bueltel

- Thank you to Karen Gruenberg for organizing the Valentine's Day bags and assembling bags for the remote learners.
- Scholarship
  - Student applications are due April 7 and recipient's name is due May 7
  - Eliminating in person scholarship event and creating an electronic presentation that will highlight the community organizations the programs the winner was part of. This will be released via the CHS website and social media in May.
- Kroger Rewards
  - For November – January, we earned almost \$1500 from 244 households, which is down about 15 from the last period.
- Raising Cane's will be the next takeover and they are doubling the donation to 30% through March. Date will be released soon.

### III. Committee Reports

#### A. Conference Meal

Brenda Silverman / Karen Gruenberg

- Lunch moved to Tuesday, February 23 due to COVID vaccine schedule.
- Subs from Jimmy John's with donations of drinks, snacks, fruit, etc. from families

#### B. Box Tops/Coke Codes Spring Collection

April Whitehead

- Box Tops Deadline to be submitted is March 1
- Collected 138 physical Box Tops (\$13.80) and we have about \$30 in scans, so we are anticipating under \$50
- Coke Codes – estimating 2000-3000 caps/codes to be scanned; will have final amount at the next meeting.

#### C. Reading Challenge

Rachel Casey

- March 2-16; Theme is "Reading is Magical"
- Prizes
  - Raffle will be paperless to keep traffic out of the hallway. No raffle tickets; instead, it will be based on total number of minutes read on the reading log. We will enter it in a spreadsheet and input that many entries in based on minutes they turn in. They choose which prize they want their raffle tickets to go towards and we will choose winners of raffle prizes from there via a website.
    - \$25 to Archers
    - \$25 to Amazon
    - Kids are Tops Gift Basket (Donated)
    - \$25 to Target
    - \$25 to Barnes and Noble
  - School-wide goal will be 120,000 minutes – all students will get a small treat such as a sucker.
  - Eliminating library visit contest this year
  - We will acknowledge the top 1 or 2 readers per grade by having them pick a book in the school library with a dedication sticker as a top reader (similar to the birthday book process). This is pending confirmation of feasibility with Mrs. Rieger.
  - Secondary Prizes (donated)
    - Raising Cane's bookmarks for a free kids meal (for all students) – staple it to the reading packet to kick off the event
    - Philly Pretzel Factory – 300 coupons for a free pretzel (give to the teachers to use as rewards in their classrooms)
    - BJ's Brewhouse – coupons for around 120 free kids meals (give to the teachers to use as rewards in their classrooms)
- Virtual Magic Show as a family event
  - Perry Yan, based out of San Francisco.
  - Good use of funds if it is something we think families will be interested in.

- We discussed evening vs in school event due to a concern about evening attendance. Andrew will survey the staff to get their opinion. We discussed possibly having it held after remote learning on a Wednesday at 11:15.
  - It is live streamed with audience participation for either 30 or 45 minutes and he can handle up to 500 devices being signed on.
- Bulletin Board
  - No staff photos this year to avoid congregation and prop sharing. We still want to use the space to promote the reading challenge.
  - Need a volunteer to help Rachel design the bulletin board. Please contact Rachel if you are interested, [rachelcasey@me.com](mailto:rachelcasey@me.com)
- Dress Up Days
  - Elk Spirit, Wear PJs, Dress Up as Favorite Book Character
- Collecting Books for Hannah's Treasure Chest
  - Box on Stage
- D. School Directory Colette Steiger
  - Not going to happen this year due to low percentage of families completing the online forms.
- E. Curriculum Advisory Council (February) Colette Steiger
  - Guidance Counselors were there to talk about different programs that are available for kids.
  - Applied for a grant to do an emotional/social well-being survey for grades 3 and up. Parents will be given the option as to whether they want their child to participate. More details will be available in March.

#### IV. Open Forum / Announcements

- Karen Gruenberg
  - Academic Volunteer Program would like to resume in March
    - Surveyed teachers and only 2 are comfortable with this
  - Homeroom Parents
    - \$76.15 spent for remote learning bags
- Next PTO meeting March 16 at 7pm via Zoom

#### V. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm



## **Calendar of Events – 2020-2021**

February 19 – Picture Day

February 23 – Otis Spunkmeyer fundraiser kick-off

February 25-26 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)

March 2-16 – Reading Challenge

March 16 – PTO Meeting

March 19 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

March 26 – Professional In-service Day (No School)

March 29-April 2 – Spring Break (No School)

April 16 – Professional In-service Day (No School)

April 20 – PTO Meeting

May 3-7 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 31 – Memorial Day (No School)

June 3 – Last Day for Students

*\*\*Dates/Activities Subject to change*