



## WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

### Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 1, 2020

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Location:** WHE Media Center

**Attendance:** Kristen Wenger, Kelly Meyer, Emily Dunlevy, Ali Shinnick, Lyn Briggs, Lauren Davis, Melissa Marshall, Sherrie Comitz, Lisa Cox, Alyssa Berglund, Kristie Spenner, Jessica Shaffer, Tiffany Botkins, Madelyn Huyler, Hannah Nimblett, Kirsten Smith, Stephanie Coggins, Cristy Wagner, Gina Constantine, Roxanne Keith, Danielle Walker, Joanne Kubera, Brooke Klausmier, Lacie Coleman, Valerie Landers, Rob Murphy, Megan M, Heather Berge, Kristine Cabral, Lisa, Tracy P, Vanloo Family, Chris Robinson, Karen Carter, Tiffany Tamminen, DJ Ewan.

*Note: 22 people attended in-person (Board Members & Staff) while 26 people attended via Zoom. This was the first PTO meeting ever held in this manner.*

**1. Principal Update.** Kristie Spenner introduced the staff that was attending the meeting. She appreciates everyone following the safety guidelines. Yearbook was awesome. Thanks to Card My Yard Mooresville for donating their sign for the first week of school, that was a great surprise for students. Kristie Spenner thanked everyone for their tremendous support through this hard time. She also discussed the available position for a parent representative on the SIT Team. SIT Team is similar to the PTO, but more staff focused. They want two parent reps on the team for a well-rounded representation of our school body. Ali Shinnick talked about potential goals for fundraising. We are planning to ask the students for their input about what they would like to see added to the school. Some ideas: more swings, obstacle course, charging stations, video equipment, etc. Mrs. Constantine suggested that this could be a persuasive writing exercise for the students. Kristie Spenner announced that the 225 Chromebooks we ordered are not expected in until October or November. They will be for in-school use only. The Chromebooks cannot be sent home with students because if they are broken, the district will not cover repairs, since they were purchased by the PTO.

**2. Teacher Update.** Teachers unanimously agreed that the classroom experience has been super positive so far this year. The students have been doing very well with their masks. Seems like the masks bother the teachers more than the students, even in kindergarten. Recess is the only thing that has been a struggle, because of not being able to use equipment. Mrs. Constantine said that one way

the PTO can support teachers is by coming up with non-contact outdoor activities that the students can enjoy during recess.

**3. Yearbook Update.** 509 yearbooks were sold before distribution day, with several more sold since. We're still selling the yearbooks in the office for \$30.00. Thermal cover with sunglasses was very cool for the kids. All positive feedback from staff and students.

**4. Attractions Guide Update.** Sales are severely behind this year, compared to the last 3 years. We have only sold 109 so far, with just three days left of the sale. This was our first fundraiser for the year. \$25 Lebos gift card to the first 5 people to sell 10 books. Board will be meeting September 9 at 2:00 in the Media Center to distribute Attraction Guides for students to take home next week. A time will be arranged for virtual students to pick up their books.

**5. Spirit Night Update.** There were a total of \$1480.00 in sales at Marcos that mentioned WHE for our Spirit Night last week. We earned \$222 dollars of that but the owner of Marco's rounded up to \$300 to give to the school. Next spirit night is at Chipotle on September 23, 33% back to school. October 21st- Brooklyn Boys, 15% back to school. We'll be campaigning to remind families to link their shopper cards at Lowes, Publix, and Harris Teeter so WHE can get credit towards the school from your grocery purchases.

**6. Supply Kit Update.** Lauren Davis gave an update on our school supply kits. This year, \$11,818.14 was sold, and WHE profited a total of \$1241.68. PTO voted last night to sign a contract with SchoolKidz for next year, in which we will earn 10% of sales. We will continue with home delivery of kits, as it was far less work for volunteers. It was mentioned that some people were posting negative things online about having purchased the kits in the spring and then having too many supplies once those lists were modified last month. Lauren said that the supply lists were submitted in early March, before anyone could have anticipated the situation we would be in come August. Once the hybrid/virtual situation came to light, Kristie Spenner and Ali Shinnick discussed that the existing supply lists would be excessive with students attending school only 2 days a week or not at all. It was agreed that the most prudent decision would be to have grade levels modify their lists to reflect the present situation, even though some families had already purchased their kits in the spring. Ali Shinnick thanked the parents who understood the predicament we were in and appreciated their graciousness. Alyssa Berglund suggested that families could donate their excess supplies to the school or save them for next year.

**7. Sign Update.** Ali Shinnick said that the Woodland Heights sign on Forest Lake Blvd and Brawley School Rd is in pretty bad condition. It is peeling, faded, and needs attention. She posted to the PTO Facebook page, looking for a volunteer to re-paint the sign. Heidi and Joel Sugarman responded, saying that they would be glad to donate their resources to have the sign professionally painted. Dr. Sugarman owns Lake Norman Dermatology and the renovated sign will be a gift from them. The sign will be painted red with white letters and our hawk logo will be applied to the top. Dr. Sugarman shared that their son has had an excellent experience at WHE and they want to help the

school have the best public image possible, so they are happy to contribute in this way. We are grateful to the Sugarmans and Lake Norman Dermatology for their generosity! Work is scheduled to begin on the sign at the end of this week.

**Next PTO Meeting-** October 6, 2020 at 3:00 pm.