Westfield PTO Meeting

October 9th, 2014

**Call the Meeting to Order Stephanie Humphries**

Present: Chad Buchholz, Stephanie Humphries, Michelle Langston, Kari Whitlow, Dawn Wonick, Nicole Glau, Lisa Comer, Michelle Bovinet, Wendy Fletcher, Sarika Bhakta, Kristi Bell, Colleen Bakker, Angie Trenary, Melissa Tillotson, Michele Infanger, Jackie Thierer, Kim Backen

**Financial Report Dawn Wonick**

September was a big fundraising month for Westfield with 2 big fundraisers, Enjoy the City and Stride for Pride. Money from Target Red Card came in and directories were sold.

For the Period September 10th through October 14th

Beginning Balance: 17,119.28

Income:

ETC Books $6,191.00

Stride for Pride $5,893.75

Back to School Bash $1,767.55

Directories $453.00

Total Income $14,305.30

Back to School Bash Income items were from the sale of pizza, pop and popcorn at the event.

Expenses:

ETC Books $3,470.00

Stride for Pride $598.74

Back to School Bash $2,355.33

Staff Appreciation $300.00

Classroom Funds $533.55

Weekly Reader (4th) $391.88

Open House $110.75

Total Expenses $7,760.25

Stride for Pride expenses – Frisbees, labels and envelopes

Back to School Bash expenses – face painting, inflatables, pizza, pop, popcorn, donations to Families Helping Families and the Canby family.

Staff Appreciation – provided meal from Carlos O’Kelly’s during conference night

Classroom funds – various items for staff

Weekly Reader for the 4th grade

Open House – ice cream purchased through the district

For the Period July 1st through October 14th

Income:

ETC Books $7,276.00

Stride for Pride $6,338.91

Class Packs $1,313.60

Target RED Card $3,003.84

Yearbook Income $1,546.06

Read A Thon $150.00

Directories $453.00

Total Income $20,081.41

Several items were from prior year but we didn’t receive until summer – Class Packs, Yearbook and Read A Thon

Expenses:

ETC Books $3,470.00

Stride for Pride $598.74

Back to School Bash $1,524.56

Staff Appreciation $300.00

Classroom Funds $969.10

Musical Instruments $1,051.49

Volleyball Equipment $1,049.96

Field Trips $493.00

Weekly Reader (4th) $391.88

Open House $242.93

PTO Software $129.00

Stride for Pride Payout $604.48

Volunteer Coordinator $6.89

Misc Expenses $49.28

Read A Thon $27.00

Total Expenses $10,908.31

Stride for Pride expenses – Frisbees, labels and envelopes

Back to School Bash expenses – this is the net amount we paid to have the event it includes face painting, inflatables, pizza, pop, popcorn, donations to Families Helping Families and the Canby family, supplies for games and prizes for the activities

Staff Appreciation – provided meal from Carlos O’Kelly’s during conference night

Classroom funds – various items for staff

Musical Instruments purchased over the summer using prior year surplus

Volleyball equipment purchased over the summer using prior year surplus

Weekly Reader for the 4th grade

Open House – ice cream purchased through the district, ice cream toppings, supplies

PTO Software – online software we use for financial information

Stride for Pride Payout – prior year - additional items for the Autism room purchased over the summer

Ending Balance as of October 14th $23,664.33

Principal’s Report Chad Buchholz, Guest Principal

Thank you to the staff and students for making Mr Buchholz feel so welcome while filling in for Mr. Rogers. Mr Buchholz has really enjoyed being here at Westfield. Mr Rogers will return on Monday with the staff. Mr Buchholz came to the Back to School Bash, he has two girls that attend Westfield. He said that there is such a value in this activity being about fun and not being a fundraiser. He thinks this will be a great new tradition for Westfield. It was so neat to see the teachers as part of the Back to School Bash and feels that says a lot about the Westfield community as a whole.

Conferences went great and attendance was just short of 100%, but there were some going on the remainder of this week. Huge thanks for the conference dinner!

Committee Reports

Stride for Pride Michelle Langston

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and those who donated. There were over 102 volunteers, with $6,300 raised and with possibly another $1,000 with matching donations. There was great weather for the Stride for Pride and the kids had a great time!

Parents did voice they would prefer the cups or waterbottles over the frisbee the students received.

Homecoming Parade

Several families participated in the parade. Westfield was the only school who did not hand out candy. Small coloring books and crayons were donated from a parent at Wal-Mart, so we decided to hand those out instead of candy.

Directories Michelle Langston

If you didn’t get a directory purchased, then you can still get one in the office. The cost is $3. A question was asked about getting email addresses added to the directory, we weren’t sure about that and will see about finding an answer.

Box Tops Angie Trenary

The Box Top Blitz was a success! Congrats to the 1st/3rd group for winning the ice cream party. They brought in 3,847 box tops, 4th/5th brought in 3,519 and K/2nd brought in 2,546. Thank you to everyone who trimmed down the box top and bagged them in groups of 50. So helpful!

The money used for the box tops pays for the field trips that the classes take.

District Report Michelle Langston

Michelle went to the Lunch and Learn with the superintendent. Enrollment is down at Westfield about 28, but up across the district by about 300. The goal with the boundary changes is to make the student numbers at the middle schools equal. In order for a new high school to be built, there needs to be 700 students per grade. Right now there are around 500 per grade. They are working on renovating the high school to include two new entrances and for the classes to be grouped by color to help in finding the way around. The goal is to be done by August 2016 or January 2017, at the latest. The search for a new superintendent has started. A search consultant has been hired and the hope is to announce the new superintendent after Thanksgiving.

PTO Shirts Kari Whitlow

Order forms will go home with students soon. If you are interested in ordering a Westfield PTO shirt, the cost is $10. This just covers the cost of the shirt. We were thinking it would be nice to have them when volunteering at an event.

America Reads Erica Taylor

America Reads is Thursday, October 9th. Erica does have some openings if you are interested in coming in to read. She has 15 teachers and about 50 volunteers right now. She is looking for a new coordinator to take over next year. There was some talk about seeing if Volunteer Spot could be utilized for signing up to be a reader.

Announcements

Next PTO Meeting November 11th

Winter Appreciation Luncheon December 5th

Meeting Adjourned by Stephanie Humphries

Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Glau, Westfield Elementary PTO Secretary