

Willoughby Eastlake School of Innovation

Parent Teacher Organization – General Meeting

October 4, 2016

In attendance: Brian Patrick (Principal), Erin Sikora (Vice President), Steve Adkins (Treasurer), Craig Rowe (Communications Secretary), Dawn Obrenski -Riffle(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Al DiFranco (President), Bill Boxler (Past President)

Members: Julie Compton, Paul Garcia, Katie Runyon, Julie Pattie, Chrissy Brady, Matthew White, Amanda Hiser

6:30 – meeting called to order by Steve Adkins

Minutes from September 6 meeting were approved by Brian and Craig. The only correction is to the meeting time for tonight. It should state 6:30 instead of 7:00.

Old Business

Erin presented the update for Spirit Wear

- Prices have been updated this year
- All orders are to be made online
- There are 5 cut off dates for orders
 - Order by October 28 for November 8 delivery
 - Order by November 25 delivery before the Holidays

There are two upcoming events for the PTO.

Halloween Bonanza at Patterson's Farm is this Friday, October 7.

- Presale ticket sales closed out yesterday.
- Approximately 243 people are registered to participate.
- There will be food sales available at the event.

Adult Only Fundraiser at Willoughby Brewing Company is November 4. Last year's event went beyond expectation for participation so this year:

- Tickets are online presale only, no children please
- There will be food included in ticket price, and a cash bar
- There will not be a Chinese Auction this year, but there will be a 50/50 raffle, smaller raffle items, and a raffle for a set of tickets to the Spring fundraiser
- To reiterate, this is an ADULT ONLY event. Do not bring children.

Steve delivered the Treasurer's Report.

- Current balance is \$7394.52
- Scholastic Book Fair grossed \$4700, which profited PTO \$1216.10
- \$1216.10 was directly paid into the Principal's Discretionary Fund
- Brian explained that this fund is used for things like cost of transportation for field trips.
- Steve has a tax exempt form that can be used at stores (Target, GFS, etc) for purchasing event supplies, volunteers can reach out to him prior to shopping.

Brian presented the Principal's Report.

- The beginning of the year for SOI 2.0 is much smoother than 1.0 was
- 3rd grade is on board with the curriculum, have adjusted to the changes from home schools
- 6th grade are now giving tours to visitors, and are doing great
- 4th grade did a program on clean up of the building. With so many people moving amongst areas in the building, the 4th grade saw a need and volunteered to pick up left items throughout the day to help keep the school neat.
- SOI received exceptional school ratings last year.
- We are welcoming many school districts to visit and see our school in action.
- SOI 2.0 Parent/Teacher/Student survey will be out soon...look for it!

NEW BUSINESS

- Member had a question about how the school is going to handle Halloween parties this year. Brian answered that they are dressing up, but nothing else has been decided. He stated that they still have the catapult, so there will be some "pumpkin launching" and he will contact the Funraising committee to get plans in motion. There will be a call for volunteers to help with the event. In order to be considerate of allergies, there will be no outside food, but if parents want to send in non-food favors in, it is okay to "take care of your grade", which means supply 75 favors.
- Brian is in talks with the school board about sending the 6th graders to Camp Fitch each year as a "Welcome to Middle School" event. This year's 6th graders would hopefully go in the Spring, 2017, and next year's 6th graders would go at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. More info will be made available when Brian gets approval to move forward. This may require some fund raising assistance.
- The next Marco's Pizza night is October 13.
- The next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 1 @6:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50.